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**TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**ST. LOUIS, MO**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2015**

**M I N U T E S**

The Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis met on the date noted in Room 108 of the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO 63101.

**<sup>1</sup>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM on the following roll call.

**AYE:** Mr. Richard Gaines, Mr. Rick Sullivan

**ABSENT:** Dr. Melanie Adams

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

Daela Gray, a fifth grade student at Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning posted the highest scores(880) on the online mathematic game contest *Sumdog*, for the contest activation period of September 11-17, 2015. Sumdog's free mathematics games are designed to improve mental math fluency for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Teachers and students can participate in a Sumdog contest by signing up anytime during a contest week. Most of the games are multiplayer where students around the world practice against one another.

Alexis Gordon a senior at Metro Academic and Classical High School was accepted to serve on the First Congressional District Youth Cabinet. The First Congressional District Youth Cabinet, established by Congressman Lacy Clay in 2012, is a student led organization that functions to educate students about the issues concerning the First Congressional District. Students gain awareness of events and movements that may affect their community. This honor also exposes students in how to serve their neighbors by working together as a viable neighborhood.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ten (10) speakers again shared zealous comments about the lack of a raise for teachers since 2008 and about the ongoing changes in the teaching curriculum any time there's a new chief academic person at the helm and the lack of support that accompanies the revolving position. Speakers were Teachers Evelyn Hines, Janet Vezeau, LeJuan Stidmon, Kendra McGregory, Sally Topping, Sabrina

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<sup>1</sup> While Dr. Melanie Adams participated via teleconference in the closed session meeting of October 8, 2015, she had a conflict in scheduling and was not able to participate in the open session. Likewise, Mr. Gaines experienced a conflict and was not able to attendor participate in the closed session meeting of October 8, 2015, he did attend and participated in the open session.

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Bonnett, Isaac Dozier, Kimberly Swenson and Jan Ward. Social Worker Margo Tzadok also spoke.

Mr. Ray Cummings of Local 420 St. Louis acknowledged and supports the comments by the previous speakers. He went on to share comments regarding the Ferguson Report, specifically the part of the report that addressed the need to spend more dollars on education starting at Pre-K. Evidence suggests the child who begins their education in Early Childhood programs is less likely to become a victim of the environment such as criminal activity, unemployment rate and teen pregnancies. Research also shows that seven to twenty dollars goes back to the institution with every dollar spent on Pre-K. Mr. Cummings stated the report also cited other noteworthy points such as the need to continue and expand services for special needs; the need to continue and expand full service community schools; the need to reform school discipline and in-school suspension programs, and the need to continue and expand in-school suspension programs with certified and paraprofessional staff. Mr. Cummings closed with emphasis on the need to create a funding stream to undertake these endeavors.

Parent Kathleen Carson shared comments about an added standardized test for District students. Ms. Carson has two children who attend Mallinckrodt School. Ms. Carson believes students need quality classroom time with well-trained and well supported teachers. She feels the District's continued investment in testing is a woeful misuse of resources. The reasons being is the added test are redundant which robs teachers and students of valuable instruction; the need to do well creates test anxiety; and the possibility of losing well trained teachers because of the rigidity of the test that does not allow one to go beyond the hands-on connection of meeting the student's individual need.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams gave the 2015-2016 School Enrollment and the Back-to-School Update reports.

2015-2016 School Enrollment: As of September 30, 2015, the District's official student enrollment numbers for the 2015-2016 school year was 24,707. Likewise, official enrollment numbers for elementary school was 14,304; middle was at 3,571; high school was at 6,234; alternative 517 and contractual at 81. Student enrollment decreased 6% over the prior year. The greatest loss was in kindergarten, first, second and ninth grades. With the decline in student enrollment, the District does foresee adjustment in all areas in terms of operation. The District previously anticipated a budget of \$295M but now projects a budget of \$285M. Impacted areas going forward will include revenues, food services, transportation, support services, staffing, pension cost and utilities and maintenance. This is the second year the District has endured a decline in student enrollment.

Back-to-School Update: While enrollment numbers decreased, student transportation bus services were not affected. Any adjustments to the number of busses and/or routes at the middle of a school year for all purposes would not be practicable for parents, students or the District. On-time performance during the morning hours was at 95% and PM hours at 94% as the school year moved

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forward. PM on-time performance is down slightly as compared to last school year in part because the late dismissal times enter traffic at its highest peak. Transportation call-in's such as complaints, address changes, bus status, etc., remain the same. The breakfast participation numbers were also down slightly because of the later school start time. The lunch participation numbers increased.

District facilities projects varied during this period. Most notable was the completion of Wyman and L'Ouverture Schools' recommissioning that included the installation of portable science labs at the Wyman School.

The number of staff vacancies at the school level was reported at 115. The hard to fill vacancies were in Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, Gifted, ESOL, PE, Science, Foreign Language, Math, Vocal Music, and Cross Categories.

Members entertained questions/comments at the conclusion of each report. These reports can be viewed in their entirety on the District's website.

**BUSINESS ITEM(S):**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board **withdrew** Resolution Number 10-08-15-12 from the October 8, 2015 Consent Agenda.

**(10-08-15-12)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with INSPIRE STL to provide students at Carnahan, Collegiate Medical and Bioscience, Metro, McKinley, Gateway STEM, Compton-Drew, Busch, Fanning, Lyon @ Blow, and Gateway Middle School with academic and social support, college access, college completion support, and leadership development for the period October 9, 2015 through June 30, 2016.  
**WITHDREW**

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 10-08-15-01 through 10-08-15-15. Items 10-08-15-05 and 10-08-15-16 will be taken up separately for consideration prior to a vote.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 10-08-15-01 through 10-08-15-15. Items 10-08-15-05 and 10-08-15-16 will be taken up separately for consideration prior to a vote.

**AYE:** Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan  
**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dr. M. Adams

The motion passed.

**(10-08-15-01)** To approve the August 2015 Monthly Transaction Report.

**(10-08-15-02)** To approve the fall bus routes for the FY15-16 school year. The report detailing the bus routes is available in the Transportation Office.

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- (10-08-15-03)** To ratify and approve a membership renewal with the International Baccalaureate Organization for the Metro Academic and Classical High School's students to help prepare them for admission to universities throughout the world through integrated curriculum, assessments in multiple formats, and rigorous externally moderated exams with published global standards for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$11,090.
- (10-08-15-04)** To ratify and approve the renewal of an Agency Service Agreement with Confluence Preparatory (Confluence) for the period August 24, 2015 through June 30, 2016, to allow Confluence students to enroll in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at a rate of \$2,500 per student. The programs will be at Beaumont Technical High School. There is no cost to the District.
- (10-08-15-06)** To approve a contract with Kronos to provide an upgrade to the District's current time-clock software application for the period October 9, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$61,000.
- (10-08-15-07)** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the Missouri Botanical Gardens to provide skill building activities in math and science to students attending after school programming at Columbia, Monroe, Gateway Elementary, Gateway STEM High School, Washington Montessori and Soldan High School for the period October 9, 2015 through May 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.
- (10-08-15-08)** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the St. Louis Science Center to provide skill building activities in math and science to students attending after school programming at Columbia, Monroe, Gateway Elementary, Gateway STEM High School, Washington Montessori and Soldan High School for the period October 9, 2015 through May 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.
- (10-08-15-09)** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the St. Louis Zoo to provide skill building activities in math and science to students attending after school programming at Columbia, Monroe, Gateway Elementary, Gateway STEM High School, Washington Montessori and Soldan High School for the period October 9, 2015 through May 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.
- (10-08-15-10)** To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Special School District of St. Louis County ("Agency/Partner Districts") to maximize the use of available local resources in providing early childhood special education and related services to young children and families for the period October 9, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- (10-08-15-11)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with BJC HealthCare for the period October 9, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to implement the *Raising St. Louis Program* (RSTL) at Northwest, Vashon, Sumner and Soldan High Schools and make health care services available to pregnant SLPS students, their partners, and their offspring.

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- (10-08-15-13)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Missouri Connections to provide career and college planning for all middle and high school students for the period October 9, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- (10-08-15-14)** To approve a sole source purchase of testing materials from NOCTI for the Career and Technical Education course evaluations at a total combined cost not to exceed \$6,916.
- (10-08-15-15)** To approve a sole source purchase of Assisted Technology Devices and accessories from Saltillo Corporation to be used with students who have severe communication disorder at a total combined cost not to exceed \$19,980. The entire cost of this purchase will be reimbursed under the Missouri Assisted Technology Reimbursement Program.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 10-08-15-05.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 10-08-15-05

**AYE:** Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan  
**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dr. M. Adams

The motion passed.

- (10-08-15-05)** To ratify and approve a contract renewal with Ranken Technical College for the FULL YEAR Dual Enrollment Program for eligible students who plan to pursue careers in Career and Technical Education Programs for the period August 24, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$7,746.63. This amount is one half of the tuition and fees for the FULL YEAR of college courses at Ranken Technical College.

After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 10-08-15-16.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 10-08-15-16

**AYE:** Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan  
**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dr. M. Adams

The motion passed.

- <sup>2</sup>(10-08-15-16)** To approve the acceptance of a reimbursable energy Loan Agreement with the State of Missouri Division of Energy, Department of Economic Development Energy Loan Program in the amount of \$1,829,460.19 with a calculated annual energy savings of \$212,402. The loan includes interest costs of 2.5% and a 1% loan origination fee and will be paid back over nine (9) years.

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<sup>2</sup> Item was originally listed on the 9-24-15 SAB Meeting under Resolution Number 09-24-15-13. Item was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

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Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 10-08-15-17.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 10-08-15-17

**AYE:** Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan  
**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dr. M. Adams

The motion passed.

**(10-08-15-17)** To approve a contract with T.N.T. Enterprises to refinish the gym floors at Clyde C. Miller and Vashon High Schools. The work will begin on October 9, 2015 and be completed no later than October 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$59,867.50, which includes a 10% contingency of \$5,442.50. This resolution is in response to RFP #017-1516.

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Dr. M. Adams on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:41PM.

**AYE:** Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan  
**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dr. M. Adams

The motion carried.