

**CIX
TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

OFFICIAL REPORT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ST. LOUIS, MO
OCTOBER 18, 2012**

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. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. The meeting was called to order at 6PM by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Adams and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the September 26, 2012 minutes.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION(S)

There were no recognitions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ The US Department of Education has awarded St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) \$710,097 to implement the first year of a two year literacy grant entitled, *We Love Reading* Book Club. The grant will be implemented into 16 of the District's lowest performing schools serving grades KG through 2nd grade.
- ♦ Likewise, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has awarded SLPS \$1,575,093 to implement *Connections for Youth 2012*. This five year grant will service Soldan International Studies High School and Washington Montessori Elementary School with afterschool programming.

INFORMATION ITEMS

(The Food Services report was listed on the Consent Agenda but not presented. It will be presented at another date.)

- ♦ Ms. Angie Banks, Director of Finance gave a brief report on the FY 2012-2013 First Quarter Financials Budget Amendment #1. This report addresses an increase in projected revenues and expenses. In June 2012, the Board adopted a budget of \$264.8M. But because of the additional students from the Imagine Charter Schools, on July 10th, the Board approved an additional \$7.1M in expenses in anticipation of some 1700 students. In September 2012, there was an increase in State funding due to elevated enrollment of approximately 800 students. The Board approved a higher tax at a September 26th Tax Rate meeting. Increases in expenditures are determined largely by higher enrollment thereby higher expenses are evident resulting in the need for a budget amendment, which will be presented at the November 15, 2012 meeting.
- ♦ Dr. James Henderson reported on Human Resources Staffing Update. He presented a staff comparison for the school years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. With the increased student enrollment some categories of employees increased. Vacancies remain at the elementary and secondary levels while still preserving highly qualified teachers at those locations. It is the intent to put in place a certification officer who will assure all teachers are certified and are teaching within their respective certification areas.
- ♦ Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams provided an update on student enrollment, a comparison of the school year 2011-2012 verse the 2012-2013 year; the first thirty-eight days. An increase was noted at the elementary and middle school levels for the current year as opposed to last school year. High school numbers for this school year showed a slight decrease. In 2012-2013 more high school students were enrolled at alternative education programs, Fresh Start and the New American School. Nearly 90% of the former Imagine School students are now enrolled at SLPS.

At the conclusion of each report, members entertained questions and comments. These reports can be viewed in their entirety on the District's website.

BUSINESS ITEM(S):

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 10-18-12-01 through 10-18-12-18. On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 10-18-12-01 through 10-18-12-18.

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10-18-12-01 To rescind Board Resolution Number 08-23-12-06, a contract with the Black Alliance for Educational Options (Missouri Chapter) and to ratify a contract with the Alliance of Parents and Children for Educational Empowerment (APCEE), Inc. As of June 30, 2012, The Missouri Chapter of the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) ceased operations. The District is entering into this contract with APCEE as the new provider of services. The period for these services as well as the total combined cost for the services will be the same – to provide

parent resource centers at Columbia, Walbridge and Langston Schools for the period August 13, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at total combined cost not to exceed \$260,460.30.

- 10-18-12-02** To ratify a contract with the University of Missouri-St. Louis for the dual credit program to be provided for the period September 14, 2012 through May 24, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.
- 10-18-12-03** To approve the amendment of Board Policy 4847 – Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Procedures.
- 10-18-12-04** To approve the August 2012 Monthly Transaction Report.
- 10-18-12-05** To approve the fall bus routes for the 2012-2013 school year.
- 10-18-12-06** To approve the *Notification of Assurances* for A+ High Schools to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the College Preparatory High School and the St. Louis Medical and Bio Science High School.
09-27-12-06
Was listed incorrectly under the
October 18, 2012 Items for
Consideration.
- 10-18-12-07** To approve an Agency Service Agreement with BJC School Outreach and Youth Development to provide nutrition education programs for the period September 28, 2012 through July 31, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$20,354.
- 10-18-12-08** To approve an Agency Service Agreement with Washington University to provide fitness education programs for the period September 28, 2012 through July 31, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$148,723.
- 10-18-12-09** To approve a sole source contract with Career Cruising to provide consulting and software services for middle and high school students for the period October 19, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$31,055.
- 10-18-12-10** To approve a sole source contract with The Missouri Reading Initiative Program to obtain the services of a consultant to provide Froebel staff assistance with the research-based writing strategies to support implementation of the District's literacy model for the period October 19, 2012 through January 31, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$8,800.
- 10-18-12-11** To approve a sole source contract with the Missouri SAM Innovation Program to develop time management abilities and instructional leadership performances that will increase student achievement for the period October 19, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$101,200.
- 10-18-12-12** To approve a sole source contract with Meredith Vesoulis to collect quantitative data for the purpose of evaluating the Math Success for ELLs Math-Science partnership for the period

October 19, 2012 through September 30, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.

- 10-18-12-13** To approve a sole source contract with Dr. Joseph G. Tillman for evaluation, revision and implementation of a comprehensive assessment plan for the Math Success for ELLs for the period October 19, 2012 through September 30, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$48,000.
- 10-18-12-14** To approve a sole source contract renewal with Writing Works for grant writing services for the period October 19, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.
- 10-18-12-15** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the St. Louis Science Center to provide math and science courses to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students of Gateway Elementary and Washington Montessori Schools and all high school students at Gateway STEM and Soldan International Studies Schools for the period October 1, 2012 through May 15, 2013 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$23,350.
- 10-18-12-16** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the St. Louis Zoo to provide science courses to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students of Gateway Elementary and Washington Montessori Schools and all high school students at Gateway STEM and Soldan International Studies Schools for the period October 1, 2012 through May 15, 2013 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$22,590.
- 10-18-12-17** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the Missouri Botanical Garden to provide math and science courses to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students of Gateway Elementary and Washington Montessori Schools and all high school students at Gateway STEM and Soldan International Studies Schools for the period October 1, 2012 through May 15, 2013 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$26,320.
- 10-18-12-18** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired to collaborate with the community service project for the period October 1, 2012 through May 15, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 10-18-12-19. On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 10-18-12-19.

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- 10-18-12-19** To authorize the Superintendent to act on behalf of the Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District regarding the proposed five (5) year extension of new student transfers

under the voluntary student transfer program through the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 10-18-12-20. On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 10-18-12-20.

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10-18-12-20 To approve the amendment of Board Resolution Number 06-26-12-47, a contract renewal with TALX Corporation in the amount of \$10,000, pending funding availability. The additional cost is for the electronic W-2 information for employees and to enable them to enter their demographic information through the TALX website. If this request is approved the total amount of the contract renewal will be \$37,720.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

Mr. Gaines provided a brief statement regarding the 3PM meeting today, subject matter being the Tax Increment Finance Commissioners. For this school year, the Board appointed two newly individuals to serve as the District's representatives on the Tax Increment Finance Committee of the St. Louis Development Corporation. Outgoing commissioners attended providing an open transitional dialogue. Mr. Gaines opened the floor to the public for a question and comment period. The meeting proved to be very informative for members and the public.

Regarding the District securing provisional accreditation status, Mr. Sullivan extended thanks to the students, Superintendent Adams, teachers, principals, staff and others for their persistent collaborative efforts in achieving this milestone. He continued, we are not yet at full accreditation, but we can be with the same ongoing concerted efforts as it took to obtain provisional accreditation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board in open session, on a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:38PM.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan