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

OFFICIAL REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2017
ST. LOUIS, MO

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 above date for their regular business meeting. The meeting was held at the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO. Those in attendance were Mr. Rick Sullivan, Mrs. Darnetta Clinkscale, Mr. Richard K. Gaines, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams, Ms. Ruth Lewis and the District's legal counsel, Mr. Jeffrey St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, LLC.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:05PM on the following roll call.

AYE: Mrs. Darnetta Clinkscale, Mr. Richard K. Gaines, Mr. Rick Sullivan

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The 8th Annual Kevin Coyne Safety Art Contest presented 12 student winners. The theme for 2017 was *End Bullying and Begin Acts of Kindness*. The student awardees were Ida Simone Casmier, Allona Williams, Shyla Granberry, Bana Sultan, Nadiya Cody, Dina Al Nasani, Kaitlyn Woodley-Roberts, Rocio Mejia Rodriquez, Lucia Baldeon, Yaman Alnabki, Samiyah Womack and Sheabdi Abdullahi.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Joan McGinn, SLPS teacher read a prepared statement why rigor does not work for Pre-K and Kindergarten students. Ms. McGinn believes most developing children can learn to read. But, reading skills are independently achieved at different levels for each student. The focus should not be on rigor, but on fostering language opportunities that will increase basic reading vocabulary and the development of gross and fine motor skills by way of cooperative play.

Mr. Danny Flowers appeared for the 13th time before the Board retelling his position in response to the District's 11-9-16 final decision letter denying his claim for financial reimbursement for damages sustained to his vehicle as a result of a theft while parked outside in front of Beaumont High School. Under Board policy Mr. Flowers' claim was ineligible.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the October 17, 2017 regular meeting minutes. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr.

Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the October 17, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan
NAY: None

The motion carried.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the October 27, 2017 regular meeting minutes. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the October 27, 2017 open teleconference meeting minutes.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan
NAY: None

The motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Cheryl VanNoy and Dr. Paula Knight gave the Annual Performance Report (APR).

Below are APR results over a 4-year progression period with and without hold harmless points. Hold harmless began during the 2015-2016 school year. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education provides the higher of the achievement subgroup points in ELA and Math only. The total available points are 140 divided over the five standards.

Points **WITHOUT**

Hold Harmless	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Total	60.5	106.5	97.5	80.5
Percentage	43.2%	76.1%	69.6%	57.5%

Points **WITH**

Hold Harmless	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Total	60.5	106.5	104.5	95.5
Percentage	43.2%	76.1%	74.6%	68.2%

District administration continues to vigorously evaluates and modify as needed, its instructional applications for best practices in the classroom for both students and teachers. Strong emphasis will be placed on “Re-teaching” for Math and Science in preparation for 2018-2019 testing.

Mrs. Rachel Seward, Deputy Superintendent of Institutional Advancement reported on Student Recruitment and Marketing.

The SAB at its September 19, 2016 meeting heard the Superintendent’s report about realigning the Recruitment and Placement Office. Over a five year period, District enrollment dramatically declined due to population trends and Charter

schools. At the September 19th meeting member agreed to invest additional funding for marketing and created the Student Recruitment Division for the sole purpose of recruiting students. The office is headed by a coordinator who was hired during the summer of 2017. The coordinator and staff conducted door-to-door canvasses resulting in 151 new students for the 2017-2018 school year. The schools Clay, Hodgen, Laclede, Long, and Walbridge each shifted to *Re-themed Schools*. A high school recruitment plan is in the works for next school year.

Dr. Elizabeth Bender, Associate Superintendent of College and Career Readiness reported on the Proposed Athletics Changes for 2018-2019.

Dr. Bender conducted a review of the Athletics Program to determine budget requirements applicable to operations and controls for the 2018-2019 school year. Per that review, the District does not have an adequate pool of Athletic Directors and Coaches to cover every middle and high school athletic event. The reason is because these are extra-service positions that comes with low pay. The Payroll Division also has a concern with the appearance of “double dipping”. Another noted budget challenge was the forfeit /cancellation of games where an official is required and the District is obligated to pay that official(s) in lieu of the forfeit/cancellation. Dr. Bender presented several recommendations to off-set cost for next year’s budget. An excerpt of those recommendations included to co-op specific sports with specifics high schools, eliminate Junior Varsity (JV) football programs for those schools who cannot field both JV and Varsity teams and one coach per school for both girls and boys cross country programs. To view the full proposed recommendation visit the District website under SAB Presentations.

Members entertained questions and comments after each report. The reports in their entirety can be viewed on the District’s website.

BUSINESS ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 11-21-17-01 through 11-21-17-07, excluding 11-21-17-03 that presents a conflict for Mr. Gaines. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 11-21-17-01 through 11-21-17-07, excluding 11-21-17-03 that presents a conflict for Mr. Gaines.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(11-21-17-01) To approve the Monthly Transaction Report for September 2017.

(11-21-17-02) To approve the authorization for sale of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds for Series 2011B and 2010B Bonds.

(11-21-17-04) To approve the renewal of a sole source contract with the Missouri Botanical Garden to provide courses in math and science to students attending Columbia, Monroe and Hamilton Elementary Schools and Gateway Middle School for the period November 22, 2017 through May 4, 2018 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$24,000.00.

(11-21-17-05) To approve the renewal of a sole source contract with the St. Louis Science Center to provide skill building activities in math and science to students attending Columbia, Monroe and Hamilton Elementary Schools and Gateway Middle School for the period November 22, 2017 through May 4, 2018 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$24,000.00.

(11-21-17-06) To approve the renewal of a sole source contract with the St. Louis Zoo to provide courses in math and science to students attending Columbia, Monroe and Hamilton Elementary Schools and Gateway Middle School for the period November 22, 2017 through May 4, 2018 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$24,000.00.

(11-21-17-07) To approve a contract with Jezreel Consulting for on-call grant writing and consultant services for the period November 22, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 11-21-17-03. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 11-21-17-03.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Sullivan
ABSTAIN: Mr. Gaines
NAY: None

The motion passed.

(11-21-17-03) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution Number 06-08-17-50, a renewal of the Automobile Liability and Physical Damage Insurance with State Farm Insurance Company, to increase the amount by \$7,289.00 to cover the cost of 8 additional vehicles. If approved, the total coverage cost will be \$176,308.00 for 108 vehicles. The renewal period remains the same, July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 11-21-17-08 and 11-21-17-09. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 11-21-17-08 and 11-21-17-09.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan
NAY: None

The motion passed.

(11-21-17-08) To approve the acceptance of grant funding from Ranken Technical College in the amount of \$321,223 for the 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 grant years to support the City Career College (C3) project.

(11-21-17-09) To approve the Ranken Technical College City Career College (C3) Subgrant Agreement to provide personnel, academic tutoring, transportation, and material and supplies for the period November 22, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$103,367. This is the first year of a 3-year agreement. Funds under this grant are provided for 3-years of the grant application. This agreement will be submitted annually for review and approval.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

Mr. Gaines gave an update on the School Board Governance Model. Three (3) Public Meetings were held. The first meeting held at Vashon High School addressed the Elected Board form of Governance with an audience of over 260 people. The second meeting was held a Central VPA with 159 attendees and the model discussed was an Appointed Board Governance. The 3rd meeting held at Northwest Academy of Law spoke to the Hybrid Board of Governance to an audience of over 100. All three Public Meetings were lived streamed with over 1500 views for Vashon, 300+ for Central VPA and 1500 for Northwest Academy of Law. There were 3,300 views of the online survey, 900 views with comments and 500 submitted their respective choice of governance for the SLPS. The online survey will end at midnight on November 28, 2017. The SAB is currently working on an extension to secure more public input.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:56PM.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.