
**CIXI
TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF THE
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

OFFICIAL REPORT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ST. LOUIS, MO
FEBRUARY 11, 2015
(MEETING MOVED FROM 2-12-15)**

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.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00PM on the following roll call.

AYE: Dr. Melanie Adams, Mr. Rick Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Richard Gaines

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the January 22, 2015 minutes. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the January 22, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Gaines

The motion carried.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Jerome Smith, a 7th grade student at the Academy of Environmental Science and Mathematics Middle School and Cleveland NJROTC Academy and its principal, Susan Viviano were recognized this meeting.

Jerome is a member of The Olympic Lifters at the Lift for Life Gym. In June 2014, Jerome was one of seven who went to the USA Youth National Championship where he became a Silver medalist for the second time. Following his success at Nationals, Jerome was one of four who qualified for the first international meet that was hosted in Colorado on October 16 - 20, 2014 at the Olympic Training Center. There Jerome won silver in all three lifts and currently ranks #3 in the country of Junior lifters 20U in the 56kg weight class. Jerome is now preparing for the Juniors National Championships.

Cleveland NJROTC Academy was selected by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as a National Title I Distinguished School. The National Title I Distinguished Schools Program is a project of the National Title I Association which publicly recognizes schools for their positive educational advances. Each state may name two schools to receive this special designation per year that rank in 1 of 2 categories; *Category 1: A school that has exceeded its adequate yearly progress for two or more years* or *Category 2: A school that has significantly closed the achievement gap between student groups*. Cleveland ranked in Category 2. Cleveland is also a fully accredited magnet school. Cleveland NJROTC and all other selected distinguished schools throughout the country were recognized at a parade at the opening of the National Title I Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 5 - 8.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams presented the Transformation Plan 2.0 (the Plan) and the Building Revitalization Collaborative reports.

- The Transformation Plan 2.0: The inception of the Transformation Plan was first presented March 14, 2014, and after modifications per community forums and stakeholders, the SAB received the Plan at its May 1, 2014 meeting. Transformation Plan 2.0 will act as the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan as required by DESE. The Plan will also serve as the District's blueprint of targeted goals towards achieving full accreditation. Financial challenges were noted in the Plan so to achieve the desired results. Transformation Plan 2.0 has six (6) components focusing on cohesion that emphasis capacity, curriculum and communication. The six components are 1) all schools will be academically successful and the District will be financial strong (*cohesion*); 2) every school will sustain an excellent leadership team (*capacity*); 3) all teachers will be empowered and supported to create environments for sustained academic progress (*capacity*); 4) all students will read to learn (*curriculum*); 5) all seniors will be prepared for the college and/or career of their choice (*curriculum*); and 6) successful partnerships with families and the community will be fostered (*communication*). This Plan will take on a segmented approach in providing the appropriate resources to the targeted schools. Twenty-seven (27) schools are unaccredited (Superintendent Zone), 15 are provisionally accredited (Focus Schools), 17 are accredited (Cluster Schools) and 8 are accredited with distinction or fully accredited (Autonomous Schools).

Town Hall meetings will be held for community and stakeholders feedback. A link will also be set-up via the District's web site for input. A summary of the Transformation Plan 2.0 will be presented at DESE's March 2015 Board Meeting.

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- **Building Revitalization Collaborative:** The Building Revitalization Collaborative was introduced as a joint endeavor for the development of a community driven revitalization plan concerning the District's closed schools/buildings. The District has experienced enrollment decline since 1996. The proposal is to develop a public facing platform engaging community stakeholders and to create a Technical Advisory Committee with specific expertise to determine the best use of a building in terms of preservation, development, architect, safety, financial, etc. The building revitalization process will occur in four phases – site tours, community forums, action plan development concluding with action plan implementation. Each phase will have established timelines. The District will expand its website to add surplus properties to include the mission/guiding principles, page for every closed school, a closed school action plan, the progress of each school and a community feedback function.

Members entertained questions and comments at the conclusion of the report. The reports can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website.

BUSINESS ITEM(S) - CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 02-12-15-01 through 02-12-15-17. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 02-12-15-01 through 02-12-15-17.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Gaines

The motion carried.

(02-12-15-01) To accept the funds for the School Age Community Grant in the amount of \$71,756.00 from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to operate the after school programs at Bryan Hill and Clay Elementary Schools

(02-12-15-02) To approve the November and December 2014 Monthly Transaction Reports.

(02-12-15-03) To approve a contract renewal with Math Solutions to provide professional development services for the period March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$78,260.00.

(02-12-15-04) To approve a sole source contract renewal with Rachel Kryah for the Evaluation of the 21st Century Learning Programs for the period February 13, 2015 through June 15, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$25,200.00.

(02-12-15-05) To approve a sole source contract renewal with the University of Missouri, Columbia AR to assess the After School Program using the Program Quality Assessment (PQA) tool for the period February 13, 2015 through June 15, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$7,800.00.

(02-12-15-06) To approve an Agency Partnership Agreement with Grace Hill to operate the afterschool programs at Bryan Hill and Clay Elementary Schools for the period February 13, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$59,926.00.

(02-12-15-07) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Mike Williams, Licensed Professional Counselor, to provide therapeutic counseling services to students at Long Middle CEC and Oak Hill Elementary School for the period February 13, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

(02-12-15-08) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Sherri Lyss, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, to provide therapeutic counseling services to students addressing such areas as self-esteem at Long Middle CEC and Oak Hill Elementary Schools for the period February 13, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

(02-12-15-09) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the School and Family Counseling Center to provide therapeutic counseling services to students at Long Middle CEC and Oak Hill Elementary School for the period February 13, 2015 through November 30, 2015.

(02-12-15-10) To approve the purchase of hygienic and school supplies from Backpack Gear Inc. for the 2014-2015 school-year at a total combined cost not to exceed \$49,459.60.

(02-12-15-11) To approve the purchase of fitness supplies from Gopher Sports, Universal Business Supply, Polar, Inc. and US Games (BSN Sports) for the Aim to Fitness Program at a total combined cost not to exceed \$120,612.00.

(02-12-15-12) To approve the payment of \$35,710.00 to the International Baccalaureate Organization for the registration of 63 Metro High School students who will take a total of 233 individual I.B. exams and submit for I.B. grading 21 Extended Essays and 21 Theory of Knowledge essays in the May 2015 I.B. examination session.

(02-12-15-13) To approve and ratify a contract renewal with Concentra Medical Centers to provide pre-employment medical screenings, TB skin tests, fit-for-duty exams, and for cause drug testing as needed for District new hires for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$55,000.00.

(02-12-15-14) To approve and ratify the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with StoryCorps U to conduct the StoryCorpsU College Readiness curriculum at Gateway STEM Academy for the period August 11, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

(02-12-15-15) To approve and ratify a sole source purchase of 70 Discovering French Today Level 1 textbooks with the Hybrid Value Basic Bundle from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt at a cost not to exceed \$6,845.48.

(02-12-15-16) To approve and ratify an emergency approval of a contract with Rottler Pest Control to cover the remaining 2014-15 maintenance contract originally approved for McCann Pest Control to provide pest control services for all District schools and buildings, beginning January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$18,703.00.

(02-12-15-17) To approve and ratify a payment of \$8,750.00 to Grant Thornton in accordance with the four (4) year agreement for the GASB 45 benefits actuarial services for the Full Valuation Report for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. The period of services were conducted August 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-02-12-15-18. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-12-15-18.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan **ABSENT:** Mr. Gaines

The motion carried.

(02-12-15-18) To approve the acceptance of two (2) donated salad bars stations from the Let's Move Salad Bar to Schools Initiative. The salad bars are a gift to St. Louis Public Schools from Mann Packing Company and Schnucks Markets Inc.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to **amend** Resolution Number **02-12-15-19**, to include "*the approval is subject to the reimbursement as called for in the pending agreement between the District and KIPP*". On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to **approve the amendment** to Resolution Number 02-12-15-19, to include the approval is subject to the reimbursement as called for in the pending agreement between the District and KIPP.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan **ABSENT:** Mr. Gaines

The motion carried.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-02-12-15-19 **inclusive of the approved amendment**. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-12-15-19 inclusive of the approved amendment.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan **ABSENT:** Mr. Gaines

The motion carried.

(02-12-15-19) To approve a contract with Hankins Construction for renovation costs to re-commission Pruitt Middle School for KIPP for the 2015-16 school year. The work is scheduled to begin on February 12, 2015 and be completed by July 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$2,245,676.40, which includes a 10% contingency of \$204,152.40. The approval of this item is subject to the reimbursement as called for in the pending agreement between the District and KIPP. This resolution is in response to RFP #028-1415.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to **amend Resolution Number 02-12-15-20**, to include “*the approval is subject to the reimbursement and funding as called for in the pending agreement between the District and KIPP*”. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the amendment to Resolution Number 02-12-15-19, to include the approval is subject to the reimbursement and funding as called for in the pending agreement between the District and KIPP.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan **ABSENT:** Mr. Gaines

The motion carried.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-02-12-15-20 inclusive of the approved amendment. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-12-15-20 inclusive of the approved amendment.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan **ABSENT:** Mr. Gaines

The motion carried.

(02-12-15-20) To approve a contract with Advanced Environmental Services to provide lead paint stabilization and asbestos abatement for re-commissioning of Pruitt Middle School. The work is scheduled to begin on February 12, 2015 and be completed by July 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$421,054.70, which includes a 10% contingency of \$38,277.70. The approval of this item is subject to the reimbursement and funding as called for in the pending agreement between the District and KIPP. This resolution is in response to RFP #031-1415.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board in open session, on a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:02PM.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan **ABSENT:** Mr. Gaines

The motion passed.

Per the Missouri Sunshine Law, recordings are public record and therefore are available for public inspection.