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

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**ST. LOUIS, MO**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

**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 at Carr Lane Middle School, 1004 North Jefferson, St. Louis, MO 63106.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:24PM on the following roll call.

**AYE:** Dr. Melanie Adams, Mr. Richard Gaines, Mr. Rick Sullivan

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

Fifteen (15) St. Louis Public Schools' (SLPS) teachers were recognized for receiving the 2015 Teacher of the Year award. An administrator and a professional colleague must nominate the individual as a prospective recipient. The nominee must describe their teaching philosophy, their approach to teaching and provide examples of classroom lesson plans.

<b><u>TEACHER</u></b>	<b><u>AWARD</u></b>
Annette Silver-Betts Kennard CJA	Webster University Leigh Gerdine College of Fine Arts Elementary Performing Arts Teacher of the Year
Matthew Brayfield Mason Elementary	Middle/High Math Teacher of the Year
Zoe Childress Nahed Chapman New American Academy	Craft Alliance Middle/High Visual Arts Teacher of the Year
Laura Craig Roosevelt High	Follett School Solutions Library Media Specialist of the Year
Kara Dalton Gateway STEM High School	John F. McDonnell Gateway STEM Teacher of the Year
Michael Loveless Gateway Elementary School	AIM for Fitness Physical Education Teacher of the Year
Samantha Lurie Vashon High School	Dorothy R. Moog Special Education Teacher of the Year
Alexandria Mueller Buder Elementary School	Early Childhood Special Education Teacher of the Year

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<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
Matthew Pace Central Visual and Performing Arts High School	Middle/High Math Teacher of the Year
Raymond Parks Central Visual and Performing Arts High School	Webster University Leigh Gerdine College of Fine Arts Elementary Performing Arts Teacher of the Year
Belinda Quimby Busch Middle School of Character	Dr. Gerald L. Early Middle/High Communication Arts Teacher of the Year
Leslie Rahn Dewey International Studies Elementary School	Dr. Susan Rava World Language Teacher of the Year
Timothy Reedy Soldan International Studies High School	St. Louis Science Center Science Teacher of the Year
Ellen Trinity Kennard CJA	Dolores B. Malcolm/Follett School Solutions 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Reading Teacher of the Year
Amanda Wallace Parents as Teachers	Adelaide M. Schlafly Parents as Teachers Parent Educator of the Year

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. William “Bill” Monroe, Elected Board member provided the following comments.

I stand before you tonight and I don't feel real good about the treatment that this Board and black people in particular in this town been given by you Mr. Sullivan, the Czar of this school board. And I believe I've been before this board for seven years asking that we sit down as a board - the Elected Board and the SAB and collaborate and come to a plan for success for the children of our city and you have refused. And now all of a sudden I get an email from the president of our board about a half hour ago that she wants to form a meeting with you, a couple of people up there, Dr. Adams, and I see it as being an insult. Because we've asked you for eight years let's sit down, let's talk, and you refused – one man! Perhaps it's the tax levy that's bringing this about – perhaps that's the reason you want to meet. Well let's sit down Mr. Sullivan, both boards and let's meet and talk about this tax levy if you want my support. And I said it, and it's hard for me to say it, but black children ain't for sale in this town – slavery is over. And you should have set down eight months ago. And 6 months from now it's a scheduled transition from the SAB back to the Elected Board - barring any tricks and deception, and I feel it coming. And you could have avoided that years ago but you chose not to – one man! – a suit salesman that come into our community – one man! It's horrible. Thank you.

Mr. Gaines noted the following for the record as a point of clarity to the public audience.

I have chaired two joint meeting of the Elected Board and this Board where we have discussed in two separate areas different interest. The first one was done within our first year as being in panel and the last one was done two years ago at the St. Louis Public Library. So I think we need to set that clear in terms of whether or not there has been any public communication between the bodies. And there has also been at least one non-public meeting of both bodies. And as the chairman of this tax campaign, what we're intending to do is talk about what has happened for the last eight years, how we believe this school system has become demonstrable better in the last eight years and asking the public to support the progress that most people see having been done in the last eight years. Now anyone in this City knows me and knows as well that I do not have a history at all of selling out black folks.

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Mr. David Jackson provided comments relative to the March 10, 2016 Items for Consideration Agenda, Resolution Number 03-10-16-07 (*A Memorandum of Understanding with Wyman Center, Inc. for the inspireSTL program that will provide students at Carnahan High School, Collegiate Medical and Bioscience, Metro Academic and Classical High School, Gateway STEM Academy, McKinley Leadership Academy, Compton-Drew ILC, Busch School of Character and Athletics, Fanning Middle School, Lyon Academy@ Blow, and Gateway Middle School with academic and social support, college access, college completion support, and leadership development for the period March 11, 2016 through June 30, 2016.*)

Dr. Angele Theard-Lewis a parent of two students who attends Metro High School provided comments about how the administration at Metro High School handled the administrative logistics of viewing a movie with a sensitive subject matter by the student body of Metro High School.

Ms. Susan Turk provided comments relative to the Metro High School matter.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**

- Superintendent Adams presented the 2016-2017 Superintendent's Recommendations and Budget. Below is a snapshot of the report.
  - ~ The District has shown steady improvement under MSIP V. For the first time since 2000, the District earned the required points to qualify for full accreditation.
  - ~ The Federal Government will replace the "*No Child Left Behind Act*" with the "*Every Student Succeed Act*". Under the replacement act, Pre-K will become an emphasized category; wrap-around services will be encouraged; and multiple measurers will be considered when weighing academic performance of schools. The replacement act is under review by DESE to define its application to area districts.
  - ~ The Transformation Plan is moving forward strengthening modifications as they become apparent.
  - ~ Additional specialized schools such as the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience are in the making.
  - ~ *Thinking out of the box* to redefine alternative education to better meet the individual need of each student at each grade level.
  - ~ All District teachers will receive new laptops/desktop.
  - ~ Comments to the 2016-2017 School Calendar will be taken through March 4<sup>th</sup> at [www.slps.org/calendar](http://www.slps.org/calendar). The SAB will hear the public at its March 10, 2016 SAB meeting.
  - ~ A parent committee will work with the District to create the 2016-2017 Bell times.
  - ~ The District will host its first of a kind Open House of all neighborhood elementary schools.

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- ~ Facilities management services to return in-house.
  - ~ The detailed and final 2016-2017 Budget will be presented at the June 16, 2016 SAB meeting.
  - Mrs. Angie Banks, CFO/Treasurer gave the 2014-2015 Audited Results and the 2015-2016 Second Quarter Financial Update report.
    - ~ The 2014-2015 amended budget noted \$294.8 in revenues, expenditures at \$301.7, a deficit at \$-7.0M and an ending fund balance at \$20.0M.
    - ~ The FY2015 audited results noted \$293.7 in revenues, expenditures at \$200.8M; a \$-6.1M deficit and an ending fund balance of \$20.8M.
    - ~ The 2015-2016 Second Quarter Financials noted \$80.8M in revenues and \$84.5M in expenditures. Repair and maintenance may require additional dollars.

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

#### BUSINESS ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-11-16-01. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-11-16-01.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**(02-11-16-01)** To approve a payment of \$30,519 to International Baccalaureate (IB) for the registration of 60 Metro Academic and Classical High School students to take a total of 183 individual IB exams and for the submission of IB grading of 14 Extended Essays and 14 Theory of Knowledge essays for the May 2016 IB examination session.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-11-16-02. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-11-16-02.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**(02-11-16-02)** To ratify and approve a contract renewal with Armstrong Teasdale to provide legislative representation for the District for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$81,000.

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Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-11-16-03. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-11-16-03.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**(02-11-16-03)** To approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds to refund for savings the Series 2006A Bonds (\$1,015,000 - call date April 1, 2016) and Series 2009 Bonds (\$23,120,000 - callable April 1, 2018) that are currently outstanding.

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, on a motion by Dr. M. Adams and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:26PM.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion passed.