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

OFFICIAL REPORT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 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 date noted above in Room 108 of the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. 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, Jeffrey St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, LLC.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM on the following roll call.

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

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The Spirit of Excellence Award was presented to Angelia Word a 9th grade student at McKinley Classical Leadership Academy. Angelia was nominated by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to attend and be recognized as one of America's highest achieving high school students at the 2017 Congress of Future Medical Leaders to be held in Boston, MA June 25-27, 2017. This invitation is by academic nomination only with a 3.5 GPA. The Congress of Future Medical Leaders was created by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientist to help students who aspire to go into the medical field but couldn't because of the lack of resources, direction, self-confidence or guidance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Mary Armstrong, President of AFT St. Louis, Local 420 spoke on three issues – 1) competitive salary increases for teachers and staff; 2) HB619 and SB409; and 3) the 2017-2018 School Calendar.

Regarding salary increases, President Armstrong reminded the Board Local 420 voted to support Proposition 1. Many discussions have occurred between Local 420 and SLPS with some progress being made. However, at the time of these comments progression was at a stand-still.

Concerning HB619 and SB409, after some additional research, AFT St. Louis, Local 420 cannot continue to support HB619 and SB409.

Regarding the 2017-2018 School Calendar, Local 420 presented a proposal to SLPS' administration. The 2017-2018 School Calendar as shown in the "*draft*" version indicates continued collaboration is needed between SLPS' administration and Local 420.

Dr. Antra Arms, President of AFT Missouri Locals, Mr. Sharad Hutchins, Secretary to Local 420's Executive Board and Soldan Int'l High School's Union Building Representative, Teachers Ms. Margo Tzadok, Jan Ward, Dr. Lauren Preston and Ms. Lynn Weiss all provided personal well-spoken comments relative to competitive wages for teachers and adding "Steps" to the teachers' salary scale.

Mr. Kaylan Holloway, a teacher at Central Visual and Performing Arts shared his remarkable journey from a student of SLPS to a teacher employed by SLPS. As he thought about his journey, the word "purpose" came to mind. The word has a direct parallel from having the option to attend a private school system to attending a public school system where many challenges were imminent. But he prevailed. Now as a teacher, he knows his journey laid the foundation to share as a blueprint to show students they can make a difference and foresee their individual purpose, even in an urban school district with many, many unique challenges.

Elected Board member Mr. William "Bill" Monroe spoke to the homeless population, of the City of St. Louis. He offered a passionate challenge to the SAB to consider donating and/or deeding a SLPS vacant school building for this purpose or consider a partnership with a non-for-profit entity.

Mr. Monroe also thanked the SAB for the planning it took for members of the Elected Board to attend the MSBA Legislative Forum held in Jefferson City, MO on February 14, 2017. Mr. Monroe stated he and his fellow board member learned a great deal.

Ms. Coffee Wright, CEO of St. Louis Inner City Cultural Enterprise and founder of Missing in Missouri asked the Board to consider instituting the National Juneteenth Anthem that she authored in the District schools. Juneteenth, also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day, is a holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, and more generally the emancipation of African-American slaves throughout the Confederate South. Celebrated on June 19, the word is a combination of "June" and "nineteenth". Juneteenth is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in most states.

Mr. Danny Flowers appeared a 4th 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 December 20, 2016 open session minutes. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the December 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the January 10, 2017 open session minutes. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the January 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Food and Nutrition Services report was given by Mrs. Althea Albert-Santiago, Director of Food and Nutrition Services. As of this report, mid-year percentages for breakfast participation rates were at 60% and lunch participation rates were at 87%. Numbers remain steady from prior years due to continued nutritional educational programs, grant incentives programs and a continued focus on new menu concepts. Actual fiscal performance numbers and rational of same for 2015-2016 school year noted an increase in cost as indicated under Resolution Number 02-16-17-11 of these minutes. Projected numbers for the 2016-2017 school year are 5.9M meals, revenues at \$17.1M, expenditures at \$16.7M with a surplus of \$0.4M. These figures reflect a projected 3% decline in student enrollment.

The 2017 Summer Learning Program was presented by Claire Crapo, Coordinator of School Intervention Programs. The goals for this year’s program are 1) all students will grow .2 years on the STAR reading program and 2) all students will demonstrate growth on a standards based pre (taken at the start of the program) and post-tests (taken at the end of the program). The 2017 Summer Learning Program will be held at 19 District locations - 8 elementary schools; 3 middle schools; 3 high schools; 3 special needs sites; 1 ESOL; and 1 alternative site. Below are the programs to be offered.

| PROGRAMS | DESCRIPTION |
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| Literacy Academy | SB 319 students, retained (1-8), students 1+ years behind in reading (P4s-8). |
| Extended School Year | Students with IEPs who are eligible for an extension of special education services. |
| Credit Recovery | High school students who need to earn course credit and/or who need academic intervention support for End of Course exams. |
| Gifted and Enrichment | Gifted students and students who are on grade level (P4s-8th) |
| Pre-Advance Placement (AP) Camp | Students who plan to take AP course in the fall for elective credit |
| English Language Learner (ELL) | Newcomers (K-10) ELL (K-8) students from ELL center schools ELL High School students with 3.00 or lower on ACCESS Literacy |

David Hardy, Deputy Superintendent of Academics gave the report on the 2017-2018 School Year Calendar recommendations. Below is a summary of the proposed key dates for 2017-2018. Public feedback to the 2017-2018 School Year Calendar in its entirety will be taken via the District's websites. Public comments to the calendar will be heard at the March 16, 2017 SAB meeting.

| DESCRIPTION | PROPOSED 2017-2018 RECOMMENDATIONS |
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| ➤ Start of the school year (for 10 month employees) | August 3, 2017 |
| ➤ Start of the school year (for students) | August 14, 2017 |
| ➤ Start of winter break | December 22, 2017 |
| ➤ Last day of winter break | January 1, 2018 |
| ➤ Length of winter break | 6 work days, 10 calendar days |
| ➤ School Resumes from winter break (for 10 month employees) | January 2, 2018 |
| ➤ School Resumes from winter break (for students) | January 3, 2018 |
| ➤ Last day of school for students | May 24, 2018 |
| ➤ Last day of school (10 month employees) | May 25, 2018 |

BUSINESS ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 02-16-17-01 through 02-16-17-12. On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 02-16-17-01 through 02-16-17-12.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(02-16-17-01) To ratify and approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) to establish *The Workforce High School*, a satellite location for St. Louis Public Schools' (SLPS) Virtual School at SLATE's downtown American Job Center for the period January 3, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

(02-16-17-02) To ratify and approve a sole source contract with the National SAM Innovation Project to provide Time/Task Analysis professional development and support for Ashland and Hamilton Elementary Schools and Langston Middle School for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$17,370.00.

(02-16-17-03) To ratify and approve a contract with TNT Enterprises to refinish the gym floor at Soldan Int'l Studies High School. The work began on November 21, 2016 and completed on December 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$28,380.00, which includes a 10% contingency of \$2,580.00.

(02-16-17-04) To ratify and approve an emergency purchase of service with BV Diversified Consultants for repairs on the 2nd and 3rd floors of Gallaudet School. The work began on October 19, 2016 and completed on December 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$37,786.00.

(02-16-17-05) To ratify and approve an emergency purchase of service with Flooring Systems, Inc. for carpet removal and replacement in two classrooms at Gallaudet School. The work began on October 19, 2016 and completed on November 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$5,265.00.

(02-16-17-06) To ratify and approve a purchase of site licenses and professional services from Achieve3000 to support student literacy instruction for the period August 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$200,000.00. The schools that received the services were Adams, Ford, Jefferson, and Monroe Elementary Schools, Fanning and Langston Middle Schools and Gateway STEM High School.

(02-16-17-07) To approve a contract with Kammerlen Facility Solutions to replace the HVAC system at Stix School. The work will begin on February 17, 2017 and will be completed no later than April 30, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$283,221.40, which includes a 10% contingency of \$25,747.40. This resolution is in response to RFP #016-1617.

(02-16-17-08) To approve a contract with Entegriy Energy to furnish and install lighting upgrades in designated District-wide schools and buildings. The work will begin on February 17, 2017 and will be completed no later than August 31, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$1,345,773.04. This resolution is in response to RFP #010-1617.

(02-16-17-09) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Wyman Center for the inspireSTL program which encompasses the Scholars Emerging Leaders Program and College Access Program for the period February 17, 2017 through June 30, 2017. The programs will be implemented at Metro Academic and Classical High School and McKinley Leadership Academy.

(02-16-17-10) To approve a payment to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization in the amount of \$37,824.00 for the registration of 76 Metro Academic and Classical High School students to take a total of 216 individual IB exams and submit for IB grading 12 Extended Essays and 12 Theory of Knowledge essays for the May 2017 IB examination session.

¹**(02-16-17-11)** To approve an amendment to Board Resolution Number 04-23-15-22, a contract renewal with Southwest Foodservices Excellence to increase the cost by \$472,082.68. Fewer meals were needed and served due to the later school start times and low District enrollment. Food cost also increased because of the cost of poultry. There was also an increase in labor, in wages and benefit costs. If approved the total cost of this contract renewal for the 15-16 school year will be \$16,931,674.52.

¹ Item moved from the January 10, 2017 meeting (Under Resolution Number 01-10-17-01)

²(02-16-17-12) To approve and adopt the 2017 Legislative Platform/Items for the St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS).

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

Mr. Richard Gaines invited Mrs. Regina Sykes to address the audience.

Mrs. Regina Sykes, parent of a missing daughter shared the unimaginable lack of resources available to those of missing children/family members. Police departments in St. Louis City and St. Louis County are also faced with the lack of available resources to help them to assist the public. In her quest to locate her daughter, Mrs. Sykes found that the City of St. Louis ranked in the top 20's of those cities faced with human trafficking. The targeted ages for females are 15 to 25. Males are also targeted but in small numbers. With this knowledge, Mrs. Sykes felt compelled to bring this issue about human trafficking before the Board. At the conclusion of her presentation, the following motion was put forth by Mr. Gaines.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to direct administration to develop a summative narrative about Human Trafficking along with helpful *how to and what you should do* to be posted throughout District schools. This same information is to be posted on the District's website for a period of six (6) months. Furthermore, administration is to develop processes for its schools to request, if they so desire, Mrs. Regina Sykes to speak at their respective schools on the topic of Human Trafficking.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn open session at 7:40PM and reconvene the executive session meeting.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

² Item moved from the January 10, 2017 meeting (Under **Resolution Number 01-10-17-11**)