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

OFFICIAL REPORT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ST. LOUIS, MO
FEBRUARY 24, 2014
(MEETING RESCHEDULED FROM 2/5/14)**

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.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:15PM on the following 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 December 19, 2014 90 Day Audit meeting minutes and the December 19, 2014 regular meeting open minutes.

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

The motion passed.

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the January 14, 2014 regular meeting open minutes.

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

The motion passed.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Seven (7) students were recognized for being chosen as members of the St. Louis Metro 8 Elementary Honor Choir. Those students were Chase Cappello, Aaliya Martin, A'Onne Watson, Luciana Burke, Elsada McKenzie, Danieyah Price and Kristofer Robertson. The honor's choir features some of the most talented vocalists in the metropolitan area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Sam Forman, President of Books and Basketball and an education studies major at Washington University shared comments relative to Board Resolution Number 02-05-14-29 (This Resolution Number is part of these minutes) and the impact the action would have on the Books and Basketball program if approved. The program has partnered with St. Louis Public Schools for seven (7) years serving students at community education centers housed at Shaw VPA, Mullanphy and Hamilton Schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Announcements

- Dr. Adams called for a moment of silence in memoriam of Mr. Ralph "Frank" Richter, a long time labor field representative for the American Federation of Teachers in the St. Louis Public Schools. Mr. Richter passed on Sunday, February 23rd after a courageous fight against cancer.
- St. Louis Public Schools' (SLPS) new short film entitled "PARENTS" will debut Friday night at 7PM. The two and half minute film features real SLPS' parents speaking about the District and its schools.
- The Saturday morning tutoring sessions are continuing at Central Baptist Church, Friendly Temple, New Covenant Methodist Church and Westside Missionary Church serving some 75 to 100 students providing support outside of the school day in reading and comprehension.

Informational Items

- Ms. Deanna Anderson, Executive Director of Transportation provided the report on the 2014-2015 School Calendar. The 2014-2015 School Calendar will be brought before the Board at its March 13th meeting where the public will be heard. Prior to the March 13th meeting, the public can offer comments by three means; one via www.slps.org/calendarcomments, by phone at 314/345-4636 and by two designated robo-calls. All comments will be tallied and presented to members prior to the March 13th meeting.
- Mrs. Angie Banks gave an updated report on the FY2013-2014 Second Quarter Financials. She gave an overview of the year over year Quarter2 comparisons. Fiscal Year 2013-2014 projections noted revenues at \$286.2M with an end of year projection of \$286.4M. Expenditures are currently budgeted at \$286.2M with an end of year projection of \$286.4M. Mrs. Banks still expects to end the 2013-2014 school year with a balanced budget.
- Mrs. Cheryl VanNoy, Executive Director of Instructional Technology gave an updated report on E-Rate. The E-Rate Program was launched in 1996 providing discounts for schools and libraries in the areas of telecommunication, internet access, internal connections and basic maintenance of internal connections. Discounts are also based on the free/reduced lunch percentages that can range from 20% to 90%. Funding awards from 2007 to December 31, 2013 totaled \$34.1M. Current initiatives for the 2014 funding applications are local phone services, cell phones

services, upgrades for internet access and internal connections, cabling, network maintenance and upgrade of the current network for school access.

- Mr. Stacy Clay, Deputy Superintendent for Student Support Services provided the updated report on the 2014-2015 Magnet and Choice Schools Application and Placement. As of February 5, 2014 elementary schools has 375 opening with a waiting list of 840, middle school has 274 opening and a waiting list of 157 and high schools has a waiting list of 1795 with 35 openings. Additional slots for gifted elementary will be added at some sites.

Mr. Clay also addressed the Shenandoah Community efforts. Shenandoah along with Mann School was being considered for closure. However, in many collaborative efforts with the community, constituents, and parents, both schools are open and in full operation. The Office of Institutional Advancement is working with Shenandoah's staff on a community engagement strategy to increase enrollment. The first meeting was held on January 22nd with 21 persons in attendance. The second meeting held on February 19th produced less than 10 participants. Some suggestions that were noted on how to make Shenandoah a more vital role to the community and an ideal school were to make the school a choice program, host community events, start a community garden, and establish mentoring, tutoring or counseling support programs.

- Dr. Cleopatra Figgures, Deputy Superintendent of Accountability and Interim Academic Officer and Mrs. Sheila Smith-Anderson, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction provided an update on the Promotion and Retention Process. This process was implemented in response to the State audit. Some of the findings that were completed are the development and implementation of the Individual Academic Plan (IAP) for students in 1st through 8th grades who were one or more levels below in reading, administered the STAR reading assessment to students in 1st through 8th grades, monitored the progress of the IAP grade levels and for those students who were not progressing in reading, a list was forwarded to the Associate Superintendent.

Some expansions in instructions included the introduction of a new in-school tutoring as part of the 120 minute reading block, more emphasis on instructional support and additional support beyond the teacher was created.

- Dr. Kelvin Adams, Superintendent concluded the information items of the meeting giving an update on the Superintendent's Zone. The Superintendent's Zone (The Zone) consists of 18 schools that are under the School Improvement Grant (SIG). This report provides an update from the September 5th reporting. The SIG schools are supervised by the Superintendent and other staff. The Zone has an enrollment of 6,346 students with intense instructional coaching and support, greater accountability and oversight and access to in-school high-dosage tutoring programs. Lessons learned to date are the importance of effective leadership. Building leadership capacity is a top priority. A sense of urgency must be experienced school building wide. Increasing rigor and engagement will take hard work and focus. More teacher

training and hands-on activities on how to interpret and use data to improve instruction is essential and multiple school intervention must be aligned and coordinated. The next steps to address these to the highest maximization are in progress.

Members entertained questions and comments at the conclusion of each report. These reports can be reviewed 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 02-05-14-01 through 02-05-14-28.

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 02-05-14-01 through 02-05-14-28.

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

The motion passed.

(02-05-14-01) To approve the amendment of Board Resolution 06-27-13-61, to increase the approved membership dues for Cooperating School Districts (CSD) for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. The requested increase is \$18,527 which will bring the total membership dues to \$81,474.00. Please note CSD has changed its name to EducationPlus.

(02-05-14-02) To approve the acceptance of up to \$6,440 from The Missouri Arts Council for the 2013-2014 Arts Education Program. The grant provides matching funds up to \$6,440 and is for the period February 6, 2014 to June 30, 2014. The District will be responsible for the teacher extra service costs for the program and will be reimbursed up to the amount of the grant.

(02-05-14-03) To approve the acceptance of thirty Dell Latitude 5530 computers from the Susan R. Buder Fund. The computers are a gift to Buder Elementary School. The total value of the gift is \$17,910.00.

(02-05-14-04) To approve the December 2013 Monthly Transaction Report

(02-05-14-05) To approve the St. Louis Public Schools A+ Schools Program Partnership Plan, and Acceptance of the A+ Schools Annual Report, for the School Year 2013-2014. There is no cost to the District.

(02-05-14-06) To approve the change of the current school name of the new Americans Preparatory Academy to The Dr. Nahed Chapman New American School.

(02-05-14-07) To approve a contract with the Department of the Air Force for the establishment of an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at Soldan International Studies High School. This contract is to provide the terms

under which the program will be administered for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. There is no cost to the District.

(02-05-14-08) To approve a contract with the Department of the Air Force for the establishment of an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at Gateway STEM High School. This contract is to provide the terms under which the program will be administered for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. There is no cost to the District.

(02-05-14-09) To approve a contract with Rachel Kryah for the evaluation of the 21st Century Learning Programs for services to be provided February 6, 2014 through June 15, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.00.

(02-05-14-10) To approve a contract with Schoolwires, Inc. to provide website hosting services and software licenses for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$74,132.68 (pre-discount). The cost reflected is the total cost of the contract, pending receipt of the 2013-14 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter.

(02-05-14-11) To approve a contract renewal with Charter Business Solutions for local telephone service for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$30,100.00 (SLPS Match-based on Free and Reduced rate), pending receipt of the 2014 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The total cost of the contract is \$200,000.00 (pre-discount).

(02-05-14-12) To approve a contract renewal with AT&T for long distance telephone service for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$9,300.00 (pre-discount) pending receipt of the 2014 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The discounted cost to SLPS will be \$1,023.00 after receipt of the E-Rate funding.

(02-05-14-13) To approve a contract renewal with IPNS, LLC for CISCO network equipment end-of-life maintenance services for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$109,103 (SLPS match based on the Free & Reduced Rate) for maintenance at all eligible locations pending receipt of the 2014 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The total value of the contract is \$839,250.

(02-05-14-14) To approve a contract renewal with A T & T provide Smart trunks to support the SLPS telephone system for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$5,957.00 (SLPS match after E-Rate approval for the 2014 funding time period). The total value of the contract is \$45,822.00 (pre-discount).

(02-05-14-15) To approve a contract renewal with IPNS, LLC for Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) maintenance services for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.00 (pre-discount) pending receipt of the 2014 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The discounted cost to SLPS will be \$9,100 after receipt of the E-Rate funding.

(02-05-14-16) To approve a contract renewal with IPNS, LLC for CISCO network monitoring services for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.

(02-05-14-17) To approve a contract renewal with IPNS, LLC for UPS equipment for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$86,184 (pre-discount). The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$11,204. (13% SLPS match based on the Free & Reduced Lunch Rate) pending receipt of the 2014 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter.

(02-05-14-18) To approve a contract renewal with IPNS, LLC for Wide Area Network (WAN) and Local Area Network (LAN) maintenance services for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$740,000.00 (pre-discount). The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$96,200. (13% SLPS match based on the Free & Reduced Lunch Rate) after receipt of the 2014 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter.

(02-05-14-19) To approve a contract renewal with TSI, Inc. for cable maintenance services for the period July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$59,783 (SLPS match based on the free and reduced rate) for local area network cabling maintenance at all eligible locations. This is pending on the receipt of the 2014 E-Rate funding commitment decision letter. The total value of the contract is \$459,870.00.

(02-05-14-20) To approve a contract renewal with TSI, Inc. to support and maintain the PBX telephone system for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$490,370.00 (pre-discount). The cost reflected is the total cost of the contract. The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$63,748.10 (13% SLPS match based on the Free & Reduced Rate) after receipt of the 2014 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter.

(02-05-14-21) To approve a sole source contract renewal with Linhardt Consulting Services (Frederick Linhardt) for the development of a program effectiveness review system, plus guidance in the development of the Enhancement Grant and the Federal/State funding issues for Career and Technical Education to be provided February 6, 2014 through June 30, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$8,100.00.

(02-05-14-22) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Breckinridge School of Nursing for services at Gateway Michael for the period February 6, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at no cost to the District.

(02-05-14-23) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Assisting Children of Prison Parents "Heard" (ACOPP) to teach children how to focus, pay attention and correct their own behavior through structured worksheets. The program is for Clay Elementary Community Education Full Service School students and surrounding neighborhood youth for the period February 6, 2014 through June 30, 2014 at no cost to the District.

(02-05-14-24) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Demetrious Johnson Charitable Foundation to implement the Demetrious Johnson Charitable Foundation Academic & Athletic Student Development Program which will provide a co-ed tutoring, mentoring and sports program to Mullanphy CEFSS 3rd through 5th grade students. The period of the agreement is February 6, 2014 through June 30, 2014 at no cost to the District.

(02-05-14-25) To approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Teach For America to provide a summer school program to St. Louis Public Schools students in conjunction with the training of a regional cohort of Teach For America corps members for the period June 2, 2014 to July 18, 2014.

(02-05-14-26) To approve the Partnership Agreement with Teach For America to begin a School Systems Leaders Fellowship program at St. Louis Public Schools. Under this Partnership Agreement, SLPS will provide one senior Fellow an opportunity to learn the core management, political, and instructional skills needed to be an effective systems leader for the period February 5, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

(02-05-14-27) To approve a sole source purchase of equipment (2 MOJO 3D Printers) from DEPCO, LLC, for the Project Lead the Way Program at Carnahan. The cost will not exceed \$20,200.00.

(02-05-14-28) To approve a sole source purchase of Assisted Technology Devices and accessories from Saltillo Corporation to be used for students who have limited communication skills. The cost of the Assisted Technology Devices will not exceed \$29,975.00. The entire cost of this purchase will be reimbursed by the Missouri Assisted Technology Reimbursement Program.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-05-14-29.

Resolution Number 02-05-14-29 **died for lack of a motion.**

Mr. Gaines requested his comments be noted for the record regarding this item. They are so noted below.

Start comments. *This school system has continually funded the Community Education Program to the degree that it could. It is important for people to understand the public schools (SLPS) have a directive that it must spend a certain percentage or all of its funds for KG through 12 grades - what we call the normal school process. Community Education is not a part of that process at this point. However, it's something we believe in. We have not reduced our funding, but continue to invest in Community Education. The sense of this "non-motion" is that Community Education Centers remain open with total District funds through June 2014. But we cannot take this into next year. So it becomes imperative that our funding partners, and in the case primarily the City of St. Louis where we have not received funding consistent within the last two (2), understand that we alone cannot carry the full financial burden for*

Community Education. We would hope people will come with other resources to assist us with this effort. But we've taken the position with a "non-vote", that we would continue these schools through June 2014.

End of comments.

(02-05-14-29) To adopt and approve the findings and recommendations of the Administration to begin a reduction in force process to reduce positions in the Community Education Centers (CEC) due to insufficient Community Development Funds from the City of St. Louis.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second for discussion of Resolution Number 02-05-14-30. Ms. Adams moved and Mr. Sullivan second.

After considerable discussion, on a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to **withdraw** Resolution Number 02-05-14-30 from the Consent Agenda.

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

The motion passed.

(02-05-14-30) To approve a contract with UNICOM-ARC to conduct an internet panel survey for the purpose of establishing a baseline of public perception of the St. Louis Public School District, to be used to determine the success of a subsequent marketing campaign on impacting that perception. The survey and report will be conducted between February 25 through March 25, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$15,210.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-05-14-31.

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-05-14-31.

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

The motion passed.

(02-05-14-31) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation from April 11, 2014 to June 30, 2015 to support the District in securing private funding for 3-4 key strategic priorities and to administer school and organizational funds on behalf of donors.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-05-14-32.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Ms. Adams on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-05-14-32.

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

The motion passed.

(02-05-14-32) To approve the Agency Partnership Agreement with Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) College Readiness System for six (6) "dropout factory" high schools in St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) in order to decrease the number of students dropping out, to increase student academic achievement, and to promote school-wide college-going cultures at no cost to the district for the period of May 1, 2014 through December 30, 2015.

Dr. Adams requested the approval of Resolution Number 03-13-14-04 from the March 13, 2014 Items for Consideration. He further requested that the "effective date" be amended from April 1, 2014 to March 1, 2014.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 03-13-14-04.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Ms. Adams on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 03-13-14-04 from the March 13, 2014 Items for Consideration and to amend the "effective date" from April 1, 2014 to March 1, 2014.

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

The motion passed.

(03-13-14-04) To approve a change in the employee benefits eligibility rules to allow coverage for same sex marriage spouses. If approved, the change in the rules will become effective ~~April 1, 2014~~ **March 1, 2014**.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

There were no board member updates.

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 8:13PM.

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

The motion passed.