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TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF THE  
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

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**OFFICIAL REPORT**

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
ST. LOUIS, MO  
MARCH 10, 2015  
(MEETING MOVED FROM 3-5-15)**

**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. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO 63101.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:10PM on the following roll call.

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

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the February 11, 2015 regular meeting minutes. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the February 11, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

Metro Academic and Classical High School students Brennan Dizdar and Leah Haynes were recognized this meeting. Brennan and Leah were selected for the ALL STATE Orchestra; Brennan as a clarinet player and Leah as a violinist. Brennan and Leah represented SLPS at the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference held January 28<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Lake of the Ozarks, MO. Brennan and Leah gave a music selection of their respective talents before the Board, Superintendent and audience.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments presented at this meeting. Mr. Joey Hollins, School Board candidate and member of the committee to reopen L'Ouverture School presented a request relative to Transformation Plan 2.0. A written response will be forwarded to Mr. Hollins.

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- Dr. Edmond Heatley, Chief Human Resources Officer gave a report on the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 School Calendars. The two year school calendars are in response to ongoing parent comments so to better prepare for family/personal vacations, alternative care for their children and scheduling extra curricula activities when school is not in session.

The proposed first class day for the 2015-2016 school year is Monday, August 10th with the final day being Friday, May 20, 2016. Total instructional days are 176 and total teacher days are 210. The proposed 2016-2017 first class day is Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and ending Friday, March 19, 2017. The total instructional days and total teacher days are the same as the proposed 2015-2016 calendar. The public may provide comments to the calendars via [www.slps.org/calendarcomments](http://www.slps.org/calendarcomments) or by calling 314/345-4636. Two robo-calls will be made. The Board will also hear the public at its April 2, 2015 meeting.

- Mrs. Cheryl VanNoy, Deputy of Technology Services and Accountability 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. Recently, the FCC modified the allowable projects and limited costs for projects it previously covered. As of the 15/16 school year, the District will be 100% financially responsible for its telephone system, telephone maintenance and web hosting. Local and cell phone funding will be reduced each year up to 2017-18. The FCC will also limit allowances for WAN/LAN maintenance, new cabling, repair cabling and WiFi infrastructure. The District is now taking proactive steps in reviewing all phone line extensions in an effort to minimize potential budget constraints.
- Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams presented reports on the 2008-2014 Suspension Data and the Transformation Plan 2.0 Update.

2008-2014 Suspension Data: The total student population for out of school suspensions showed a decline across the District for school years 08/09 through 13/14. Numbers for in-school suspensions for the same years fluctuated from high to low. Numbers for African American male and female students for in-school and out of school suspensions showed the same scale. The disciplinary incidents are reviewed weekly to see what infractions places a student in a position that could determine a recommendation for suspension. The top three (3) incidents were disorder/disruption, fighting and insubordination/disrespect. It was found that the insubordination/disrespect indicator was largely applied but this could possibly be attached to an unintentional biased evaluation. The District will review its discipline policies/student code of conduct to ascertain how it identifies and disciplines its students and make the appropriate modifications and/or removals. The District did find that it was on target with the hiring of the in-school suspension monitors. Two schools were recognized state and nationally for their

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Character of Education program. District schools are required to have a positive behavior intervention support plan in place.

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

Transformation Plan 2.0: Public engagements and community forums began February 11<sup>th</sup> and concluded March 7<sup>th</sup> for feedback on Transformation Plan 2.0 (The Plan). Staff compiled and grouped the results into four categories. The categories were goal specific feedback (39%), teacher compensation (31%), parental involvement (15%) and resource equity (15%). The goals of The Plan were reduced from 6 to 4 based on feedback from the community, stakeholders, parents, teachers and others. The revised goals are 1) the District operates a system of excellent school options for students (Cohesion); 2) the District cultivates and sustains transformational teachers and leaders (Capacity); 3) all students will read their way to college and career success (Curriculum) and 4) partnerships support the whole child (Communication). The updated Plan is expected to be finalized and published sometime in April 2015. Members entertained questions and comments relative to the updated report. The updated report can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website.

With that, on a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to receive the 2015-2016 UPDATED Transformation Plan 2.0 inclusive of the budget.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEM(S) -CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers **03-05-15-01** through **03-05-15-20**. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers **03-05-15-01** through **03-05-15-20**.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**(03-05-15-01)** To approve and ratify a membership renewal with EducationPlus for the 2014-2015 School Year at cost not to exceed \$100,002.

**(03-05-15-02)** To approve and ratify a membership renewal for CharacterPlus with EducationPlus for the 2014-2015 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$6,900.

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**(03-05-15-03)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest Foodservice Excellence to provide a paid work experience program at the Gateway Complex, Carr Lane Middle and the 801 Café for special education student interns for the period March 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

**(03-05-15-04)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Job Corps Center to provide students with disabilities the opportunity to shadow a student to enhance their knowledge of vocational opportunities for the period March 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

**(03-05-15-05)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel to provide students with disabilities the opportunity to shadow Renaissance's employees and participate in mock interview sessions to enhance knowledge and interviewing skill sets of vocational opportunities for the period March 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

**(03-05-15-06)** To approve a contract renewal with Blue Bird Network to provide High Speed Internet Access for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$79,536 (pre-discount). The cost reflected is the total cost of the contract, pending receipt of the 2015 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$7,954.00 (10% SLPS match based on the Free and Reduced Rate).

**(03-05-15-07)** To approve a contract renewal with AT&T to provide a Fiber Wide Area Network (WAN) infrastructure ASE to support high speed data access for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$76,268 (SLPS match after E-Rate approval for the 2015 funding time period). The total value of this contract is \$762,684.00.

**(03-05-15-08)** To approve a contract with AT&T for long distance telephone service for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$9,300.00 (pre-discount) pending receipt of the 2015 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The discounted cost to SLPS will be \$2,790 after receipt of the E-Rate funding. This was posted through the E-Rate 470 process.

**(03-05-15-09)** To approve a contract with AT&T for cellular/wireless telephone service for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$138,000.00 (SLPS match-based on Free and Reduced rate) pending receipt of the 2015 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The total value of the contract is \$210,000.00 (pre-discount). This was posted through the E-Rate 470 process and the increase is due to changes in E-Rate.

**(03-05-15-10)** To approve a contract with IPNS, LLC for CISCO network equipment end-of-life maintenance services at all eligible locations for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$10,083 (SLPS match based on the Free & Reduced Rate), pending receipt of the 2015-16 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The total value of this contract is \$67,220. This represents a reduction of 38% over the 2014-15 school year.

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**(03-05-15-11)** To approve a contract with IPNS, LLC for CISCO network monitoring services for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.

**(03-05-15-12)** To approve a contract with IPNS, LLC for Wide Area Network (WAN) and Local Area Network (LAN) maintenance services for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$740,000.00 (pre-discount). The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$111,000.

**(03-05-15-13)** To approve a contract IPNS, LLC for UPS equipment for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$13,428 after E-Rate funding. This contract will be at a cost of \$89,620, before E-Rate.

**(03-05-15-14)** To approve a contract with IPNS, LLC for Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) maintenance services for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$5,640 (pre-discount) pending receipt of the 2015-16 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The discounted cost to SLPS will be \$36,400 after receipt of the E-Rate funding. This represents a 48% reduction in the 2014-15 amount.

**(03-05-15-15)** To approve a contract with IPNS, LLC for network upgrade on four (4) schools for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$33,705 after E-Rate funding. The contract will be at a cost of \$224,100 before E-Rate reimbursement.

**(03-05-15-16)** To approve a contract with TSI, Inc. for cable maintenance services for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016 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 2015-16 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The total value of the contract is \$423,730.00

**(03-05-15-17)** To approve a contract with TSI, Inc. to upgrade our current PBX telephone system for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$295,723.00 that includes licensing of 250 soft phone applications. The cost reflected is the total cost of the contract since this amount is no longer covered by E-Rate. The current system is over 19 years old.

**(03-05-15-18)** To approve a contract with TSI, Inc. to provide PBX telephone maintenance for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$410,000. The cost reflected is the total cost of the contract since this amount is no longer covered by E-Rate. The cost reflects a 16% decrease over the 2014-15 school year.

**(03-05-15-19)** To approve a contract with Charter Business Solutions for local telephone service for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 (SLPS Match-based on Free and Reduced rate), pending receipt of the 2015 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The total cost of the contract is \$200,000.00 (pre-discount). The increase is due to the change in E-Rate funding.

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**(03-05-15-20)** To approve a contract with Charter to provide Smart trunks to support the SLPS telephone system for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$7,056 (SLPS match after E-Rate approval for the 2015 funding time period). The total value of the contract is \$23,520 (pre-discount). This was posted on the E-Rate 470.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **03-05-15-21**. 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 **03-05-15-21**.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**(03-05-15-21)** To approve a contract with RICOH USA to provide imaging production services for the period March 11, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$237,000.00, pending funding availability.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **03-05-15-22**. 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 **03-05-15-22**.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**(03-05-15-22)** To approve Summer School 2015 for identified SLPS students for the period June 1, 2015 through June 25, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$3,000,000.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **03-05-15-23**. 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 **03-05-15-23**.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**(03-05-15-23)** To approve the purchase of newly adopted and replacement textbooks from various vendors for students in Pre-school through 12th grade at a total combined cost not to exceed \$1,350,000.00, pending funding availability.

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Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **03-05-15-24**. 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 **03-05-15-24**.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**(03-05-15-24)** To approve the renewal of the purchase of services from Riddell All-American through Education Plus to provide reconditioning and sanitation services for the football helmets and shoulder pads for the period April 24, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$22,799.93.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **03-05-15-25**. 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 **03-05-15-25**.

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

**ABSTAINED:** Mr. Gaines

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**(03-05-15-25)** To approve an agreement between the District and KIPP-STL to form a partnership at the Pruitt School site at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **03-05-15-26**. 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 **03-05-15-26**.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**(03-05-15-26)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Better Family Life (BFL) and affiliated partners to support a 5 year grant with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Adolescent Health focusing on the area of Teen Pregnancy Prevention, and providing medically accurate, evidence-based comprehensive health curriculum to participating SLPS schools for the period March 15, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at no cost to the District, pending receipt of grant funds.

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**BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board in open session, on a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Dr. Adams on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:17PM.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion passed.

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