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

OFFICIAL REPORT

2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR MEETING

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ST. LOUIS, MO

MARCH 10, 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 above to hear public comments on the 2016-2017 School Calendar and to conduct the regular business meeting of the District. The calendar meeting convened at 5:50PM followed by the regular business meeting. Both meetings were open to the public and posted as such. The meetings were held at the Academy of Environmental Science and Math@ L'Ouverture School, 3021 Hickory Street, St. Louis, MO 63104.

2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

(At the conclusion of closed session the Board voted to adjourn the close session meeting and move into the calendar meeting on an all "AYE" vote).

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to convene the 2016-2017 School Calendar meeting. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to convene the 2016-2017 School Calendar meeting.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Sullivan called for public comments. There were no comments from the audience. Mr. Gaines offered a request on behalf of the Board of Election of the City of St. Louis. The Board of Election asked if the District would consider closing school on Election Day, November 8th. Mr. Gaines concurs with the request. Superintendent Adams did consider Election Day when developing the 2016-2017 School Calendar by building in a late start time for those schools. At Mr. Gaines' request, Superintendent Adams will take the request under consideration and report back at the next scheduled meeting or before.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to close the 2016-2017 School Calendar meeting. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn the 2016-2017 School Calendar meeting and move into the regular business meeting at 6PM.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The art work of Kelly Sykes, a 12th grader at Central VPA made the all-galleries arts showcase *Printmaking in St. Louis Now*, at Sheldon Art Galleries. Kelly's work entitled *Possum*; a linoleum cut on fused papers will be featured in the Gallery's exhibit in the "AT & T Gallery of Children's Art" for Pre-K through 12th grade. The exhibit began March 4th and will continue through May 7th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. William "Bill" Monroe a member of the Elected Board made comments about when will the SAB and the elected board meet to collaborate about the future of the District and made comments about Proposition 1. He directed a specific comment to Mr. Gaines and Mr. Sullivan. To Mr. Gaines he asked why the elected board wasn't notified or asked their opinion about Proposition 1 and to Mr. Sullivan when will a meeting with both boards occur to discuss transition plans from the SAB to the elected board since DESE had not moved forward in this process.

Mr. David Jackson again brought fourth comments concerning item 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.*) He stated an elected board member was an employee of inspireSTL and if the SAB moved forward with approval, "we" will proceed with action by way of the Missouri State Attorney General and the Secretary of State.

Parent Corey Butler on behalf of the After School for All Partnership provided comments concerning transportation services for the afterschool program at Froebel Elementary School, Neighborhood House. He gave thankful and supportive remarks about the services being delivered, but transportation was a concern. Mr. Butler stated transportation services are scheduled to stop in April 2016 and asked if transportation could continue through the end of the year. Mr. Butler further requested the continuation of transportation during the 2016-2017 school year starting the day after Labor Day or an equivalent start date. He further requested the services be extended to 5 days a week instead of 4 and that the services be approved for the whole school year instead of a partial time frame.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the January 12, 2016 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 January 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the January 26, 2016 teleconference meeting minutes. On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the January 26, 2016 teleconference meeting minutes.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan
ABSTAINED: Dr. M. Adams (WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT THE 1/26/16 MEETING)
NAY: None

The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT(S)

Informational Items

Mr. David Hardy, Deputy Superintendent of Academics gave the report on Summer School 2016. It is projected some 6000 students will participate in summer school at 19 school locations - 8 elementary schools; 3 middle schools; 3 special needs sites; 1 alternative site; and 4 high schools. Student applications for enrollment into summer school is scheduled for Monday, 3/10 and conclude on Friday, 4/8. Summer school employment of interest applications started in February 2016 and expected to be completed sometime in April.

Mrs. Rachel Seward, Deputy Superintendent of Institutional Advancement gave a report on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Process Improvements. The goal is to maximize relationships in an effort to bring tangible measurable alignments and structure within the prospective non-profit partnership that will define individual expectations of the school(s) and the community partner(s) prior to formalizing the partnership. The proposed adjustments to the MOU process are:

- To assure the prospective partnership(s) are in line with the Transformation Plan.
- To stress the quantitative indicators for the implementation of an effective program.
- To stress the qualitative indicators of a high quality partnership.
- To move to a standardized cycle development for all MOU partnerships starting as early as February/March to start in August/September.

Mrs. Mary Houlihan, Chief Operating Office reported the results of the 2016-2017 School Calendar.

- 94 comments disagreed with the length of Winter Break.
- 68 comments disagreed with the additional 4 days at the beginning of the school year that was added to Professional Development (PD).
- 107 comments to changing the bell time back to 20 minutes. The results were split.
- 35 comments disagreed with May 19th date as being the last day of school.
- 45 comments disagreed with the early dismissal days.
- 13 respondents suggest cancelling school on Election Day, 11/8.
- 18 comments disagreed with the proposed dates for Spring Break.

Based on the feedback, adjustment to the 2016-2017 School Calendar were proposed.

- 10 month staff report on August 8 for 7 days of back to school preparations.
- First day of school for students is August 17th
- Change early dismissal PD days (2) to full no school days.
- Move Spring Parent Conference to be adjacent to Spring Break
- Last day of school for students is May 25th.
- 210 day calendar for 10 month staff.

Superintendent Adams gave the Gifted and Talented report and presented the 2016-2017 Superintendent Recommendations for approval consideration.

The District will augment its Gifted and Talented program to capture those unidentified and underserved students starting spring 2016. Parent and community forums were held for feedback. An advisory committee was developed consisting of parents, community members, teachers, and administrators. An excerpt of those recommendations presented was:

- To create a gifted framework.
- To test all students in KG and 2nd grade for eligibility.
- To re-define the definition of gifted to 90 or above from 95 or above.
- To increase the number of examiners for testing students.
- To incorporate non-assessment criteria to validate gifted identification.

- Teachers in the gifted program must either be certified or actively pursuing certification.
- Teachers must commit to participating in professional development towards building and implementing the common gifted framework.
- To open a third gifted school on the North side of St. Louis.
- To create a transition plan for those students going in and out of gifted schools.

The following 2016-2017 Superintendent Recommendations were presented for consideration for approval.

<u>ACADEMIC INITIATIVES</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ School Innovation Proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Sumner High School ▶ Vashon High School ▶ AESM @ L'Ouverture ▶ Bertha Gilkey Pamoja Prep 	APPROVE 4 PROPOSALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Gifted & Talented Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Curriculum Identification & Assessment Expansion 	APPROVE PROPOSAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Technology Expansion in Classrooms 	APPROVE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF DESKTOPS AND/OR LAPTOPS FOR CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Values Clarification & Character Education 	APPROVE PROPOSAL

OTHER INITIATIVES

- ◆ Operations Reorganization

- ◆ Bell Times

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE BRING FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

APPROVE SHIFTING ALL TIERS 20 MINUTES EARLIER EXPLORE CHANGING 1-2 HIGH SCHOOLS TO LATER TIER TO PROVIDE OPTIONS

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

BUSINESS ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

After discussion, on a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Dr. M. Adams on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to remove and table with special orders pending legal review, Resolution Number 03-10-16-08 (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.)

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 03-10-16-01, 03-10-16-02, 03-10-16-03, 03-10-16-05, 03-10-16-07, 03-10-16-09, and 03-10-16-10.

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 03-10-16-01, 03-10-16-02, 03-10-16-03, 03-10-16-05, 03-10-16-07, 03-10-16-09, and 03-10-16-10.

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

(03-10-16-01) To ratify and approve the *Emergency Purchase Request* with American Boiler & Mechanical, Inc. for replacement of the boilers at Woodward Elementary School due to flooding in the boiler room that put the existing boilers under water at a cost not to exceed \$63,570. The work was performed January 4, 2016 through January 6, 2016

(03-10-16-02) To ratify and approve a contract renewal with the University of Missouri - St. Louis to provide Reading Specialist Certifications for teachers in the lowest performing schools within the District for the period January 21, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$350,000. This contract has an option to renew up to two (2) more additional years.

(03-10-16-03) To approve the amendment of Board Resolution Number 05-21-15-19, a contract renewal with Ricoh USA, Inc., to increase the cost by \$250,000 to cover the anticipated printing expenditures for the Engage NY open source curriculum and assessments. If approved, the total cost of the contract will now be \$1,150,000 for the 2015-2016 school year.

(03-10-16-05) To approve a sole source contract with Venture Café St. Louis, Inc. to facilitate and coordinate job-embedded professional development for up to 30 proven or promising District educators for the period March 11, 2016 through June 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

(03-10-16-07) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Center for Parents as Teachers to provide personal visits and group connections to St. Louis City teen mothers and teen fathers for the period March 14, 2016 through June 30, 2016. This is the first year of a five (5) year grant agreement which will be submitted annually for review.

(03-10-16-09) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Grace Hill Settlement House to establish three (3) family support professionals who will provide a continuity of family support (employment, housing, financial planning) as well as leveraging partners to focus on child mental health and social and emotional development at Clay and Bryan Hill Elementary Schools for the period March 11, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

(03-10-16-10) To approve a sole source purchase from Cengage Learning for instructional materials for the English Language Learners at a total cost not to exceed \$36,573.61.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 03-10-16-04.

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 03-10-16-04.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan
ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaines (CONFLICT OF INTEREST)
NAY: None

The motion passed.

(03-10-16-04) To approve a contract with Marsh USA to provide insurance broker services for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$75,000, pending funding availability. The \$75,000 fee will be offset by the commission savings on the insurance policies. This will be a one year contract with options to renew annually for four (4) more years. This request replaces Resolution Number 12-15-15-07 which was withdrawn at the December 15, 2015 SAB meeting.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 03-10-16-06.

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 03-10-16-06.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan
ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaines
NAY: None

The motion passed.

(03-10-16-06) To approve a contract renewal with State Technical College of Missouri (formerly Linn State Technical College) to provide a Technical Scholars Academy for twelve (12) District high school students for the period June 6, 2016 through June 23, 2016 at cost not to exceed \$44,830.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 03-10-16-11.

On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution 03-10-16-11.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan
ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaines (SEE COMMENTS PAGE 1, 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR MEETING)
NAY: None

(03-10-16-11) To approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 School Calendar.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 03-10-16-12.

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 03-10-16-12.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan
NAY: None

The motion carried.

(03-10-16-12) To approve the purchase of the 2015-2016 Action Plans items from selected vendors (4imprint, Burke Premiere Playground Equipment, Crescent Plumbing, GOPHER Sports, GoNoodle Plus, Hummert, Peaceful Playgrounds, School Specialty, US Games, Lowes and Home Depot) for the Schools as the Hub sites - Adams, Carr Lane VPA, Cote Brilliante, Gateway Elementary, Gateway Michael, Gateway MS, Hickey, Lyon Academy @ Blow, Mullanphy, Oak Hill and Woodward at a total combined cost not to exceed \$160,221.00. This purchase will be expended from year 1 (2015-2016) of a 4 year grant award agreement for the Schools as a Hub Program from the Missouri Foundation for Health.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 03-10-16-13.

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 03-10-16-13.

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

(03-10-16-13) To approve a contract with School Dude for the implementation and annual license fees for work order and utility tracking software for the period March 11, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000, pending funding availability.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

Mr. Gaines acknowledged Ms. Ollie Stewart and the Southside Senior Citizens Organization for being the catalyst and working with District administration for the reopening and rededication of the L'Ouverture School, as it is today.

Mr. Gaines suggested the SAB periodically consider holding board meetings at District school sites throughout the St. Louis community. This may afford some citizens who may have mitigating factors that prevent them from traveling to the downtown location the chance to attend a meeting. It was a practice in years past when board meetings were held at the former 911 Street administrative building location.

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 7:30PM.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.