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

OFFICIAL REPORT

**2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR MEETING
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ST. LOUIS, MO
APRIL 2, 2015**

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 2015-2016 School Calendar and to conduct the regular business meeting of the District. The calendar meeting convened at 6PM followed by the regular business meeting. Both meetings were open to the public and posted as such. The meetings were held 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 6:00PM on the following roll call.

AYE: Dr. Melanie Adams, Mr. Rick Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Richard Gaines

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Sullivan called for public comments; none were offered. With no comments being presented, Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to close the 2015-2016 School Calendar meeting. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to close the 2015-2016 School Calendar meeting.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gaines

The motion passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

At 6:03PM, Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to move into the regular business meeting. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to move into the regular business meeting.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gaines

The motion passed.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The student winners of this year's Famous African-American Portrait contest were recognized this meeting. Students conducted research of their respective African-American person so to experience an ambiance of knowing that individual and the character of that person before crafting the portrait. The honorees were Emma Simpson, 5th place - \$50 gift card; Michael Olive, 4th place - \$100 gift card; Isak Rai 3rd place - \$200 gift card; Jeremy C. Lamear, 2nd place - \$500 gift card and Tessa Dehart, 1st place - \$1000 gift card. The Kwame Group and ARMARK sponsored the gift cards.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ray Cummings, Local 420 offered comments about out of school suspensions. He stated the Superintendent spoke publicly about the possibility of extending the school year or the school day at some of the District's low performing schools. Instead of moving forward with this concept, he stated a plan should be crafted to protect precious instructional time by increasing the use of in-school suspension to minimize time lost to disruptive behavior. The data could cover the specific level of behaviors at a particular school thereby determining if the school could benefit from an in-school suspension room and monitor and not by an autonomous decision of the principal.

Mr. Bill Monroe, member of the Elected Board brought forth a prepared statement concerning specific items on the April 2nd Consent Agenda and other matters of concern. At the conclusion of his statements, he requested a response from the Board. A copy Mr. Monroe's prepared statement is attached to these minutes.

Mr. David Jackson, President of the Elected Board reminded the audience of the upcoming April 7th elections in which two members of the Elected Board are up for re-election. He shared comments of the importance of the school board election.

Mr. Bill Miller thanked the Superintendent for his comments presented at the March 2015 State board meeting and was in agreement with those comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the March 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the March 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

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

The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Associate Superintendent, Dr. Dan Edwards gave a report on the St. Louis Urban Debate League (The League). An average of 10 to 12 high schools have been in constant participation since the 2011-2012 school year. Middle school participation began this current year. The League hosts 6 tournaments per academic year. A national competition will be held at the University of Southern California in Los

Angeles, April 9-12, 2015 where four District students and two teacher/coaches will attend. The students, who all attend Metro Academic and Classical High School are Mary Blair (SENIOR), Richard Omoniyi-Shoyoola (SENIOR), Clair Rosentreter (SENIOR) and Alexis Gordon (JUNIOR). The coaches who will accompany the students to the competition are Warren Detjen and Laura Trieschmann, also of Metro High School. The League provides direct and indirect support. It regularly provides assistance during practices for students, professional development for coaches and manages and directs workshops for the students and coaches. The District has been in partnership with the St. Louis Urban Debate League since 2008/2009. Mr. Steven Smith is the Executive Director.

- Ms. Leanne White, Project Director provided a report on the Academics In Movement (AIM) for Fitness Project. The AIM for Fitness Project is a three year grant under the US Department of Education's Carol M. White - Physical Education Program. The program is designed to promote physical education and nutrition education programs that will give students the knowledge of how to improve fitness and how to choose healthy nutritional meals/snacks as a lifestyle. The District embraced the program in 2012 with a grant award of \$2.2M targeting 4th and 5th graders in forty-five elementary schools. Some of the components of the program are curriculum development and alignment (polar activity watch), activity and nutrition tracking (FITNESSGRAM), professional development (74 hours attained) and sustainable infrastructure (recommended policy changes). The District's Fruits and Vegetable program was also incorporated into the AIM for Fitness Project. The AIM for Fitness Project is in its last year.
- Deputy Superintendent of Academics, David Hardy gave an update on the High School Initiative Grant. The High School Graduation Initiative is a five year grant funded at \$1.4M yearly through the US Department of Education. St. Louis Public Schools is one of twenty-nine districts across the country to receive this grant and has been ranked number one for its successful results of the Initiative. The grant concludes September 2015 affecting roughly 18 positions. Programs serviced under the grant are the A+ Program (college readiness), Check and Connect program (monitors/mentors to potential high risk 8th and 9th graders), Transition Summer School (teachers assist for transition) and the Drop-Out program (identifies students who left District 60 or more days and assist in returning). In an effort to maintain services with limited funding, organizational alignments will be restructured and roles and responsibilities will be adjusted.
- Mrs. Rachel Seward, Deputy Superintendent of Institutional Advancement gave a report on how a *Memorandum of Understanding* (MOU) is developed. In response to a report conducted by the St. Louis Regional Business Council and the Greater St. Louis Community Foundation, the SAB established the *Memorandum of Understanding* in 2009 as a formal document for entering into partnerships with interested community organizations. The MOU outlines the performance standard(s) that defines the need and/or value of the services and the expected outcomes. The evaluation of the expected outcomes determines a renewal for the ensuing year. With the Board's acceptance of the Transformation Plan at its March 10, 2015 meeting, the District will re-evaluate its current MOU and the process to assure alignment with the Transformation Plan. New partnership may experience a break in services until the review and updates are completed.

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- Mrs. Althea Albert-Santiago, Director of Food and Nutrition Services and Mrs. Mary Houlihan, Chief Operating Officer gave an updated report on the Food and Nutrition Program. The meal participation rate showed a steady increase because of the concerted focus on new food concepts for high schools and the Community Eligibility program where students receive free breakfast and lunch. Expenditures increased due to higher participation rates, increased costs per meal, higher food costs and the costs for equipment and other repairs. Nutritional guidelines for the 2014-2015 school year are in progress. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program serviced thirty-one schools with an additional five schools to be included next school year. The next review of the program is during the 2015-2016 school year. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conduct the reviews.

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.

BUSINESS ITEM(S) -CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-01**. 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 **04-02-15-01**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-01) To ratify and approve a contract renewal with Ranken Technical College for the Dual Enrollment Program with eligible, selected Career and Technical Education students at a cost not to exceed \$77,895.00 for the period January 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-02**. 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 **04-02-15-02**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-02) To ratify and approve a contract with Armstrong Teasdale to provided legislative representation for the District for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$81,000.00

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-03**. 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 **04-02-15-03**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-03) To ratify and approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) renewal with TJX Companies, Inc. to implement the Youth Business Institute (YBI) Program for students at Roosevelt and Vashon High Schools. The MOU will be for the period February 10, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-04**. 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 **04-02-15-04**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-04) To approve the amendment of Board Resolution 05-29-14-29, a contract with Southwest Foodservice Excellence to increase the dollar amount by **\$900,000.00** ~~\$1,600,000.00~~ for higher participation from the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), more meals served and increased food purchases and costs. The Board originally approved a dollar amount of \$15,467,435 per the above referenced resolution number. The amendment is necessary to modify the existing totals due to increased food purchases for more meals, catering and snacks. If approved, the total value of this contract will be **\$16,367,435** ~~\$17,067,435~~ that includes a **2% contingency**. The contract period will remain the same July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-05**. 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 **04-02-15-05**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-05) To approve an Investment Banking Underwriting Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. to provide bond issuance advice at no cost to the District for the period April 24, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-06**. 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 **04-02-15-06**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-06) To approve a contract renewal with Dynamic Vending Inc. for beverage and snack vending machine services for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 at no cost to the District.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-07**. 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 **04-02-15-07**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-07) To approve a contract renewal with Tyler Technologies, Inc. (SIS K-12) for the annual license renewal of the Student Information System for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$380,000.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-08**. 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 **04-02-15-08**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-08) To approve a contract renewal with Kronos for maintenance services on the timeclock software application for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$125,141.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-09**. 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 **04-02-15-09**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-09) To approve a contract renewal for services of Virtual School through Connections Academy, Fuel Education/Aventa Learning, Missouri Council on Economic Education, Florida Virtual School, The North Kansas City School District, and any other DESE approved vendor in a total amount not to exceed \$150,000. The services to be provided for St. Louis City resident students are from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-10**. 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 **04-02-15-10**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-10) To approve a contract renewal with GroupBasis, Inc. to provide SAP maintenance and implementation services for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$81,000.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-11**. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-11**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-11) To approve a contract renewal with Pitney Bowes for maintenance services and equipment on the postage meter application system for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$17,700.00. This is the final year of a 4 year agreement with equipment lease.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-12**. 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 **04-02-15-12**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-12) To approve a contract renewal with Steven R. Carroll and Associates to provide legislative representation for the District for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$83,000, pending funding availability.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-13**. 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 **04-02-15-13**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-13) To approve a membership renewal with the Council of Great City Schools for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost not to exceed \$37,054, pending funding availability.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-14**. 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 **04-02-15-14**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-14) To approve the January 2015 Monthly Transaction Report.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-15**. 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 **04-02-15-15**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-15) To approve and adopt the FY15-16 School Calendar.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-17**. 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 **04-02-15-17**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-17) To approve the first year of a 3 year lease agreement with Williams Scotsman, Inc., in conjunction with EducationPlus Purchasing Consortium, to provide

and install 4 mobile classrooms at the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience at Wyman School for the period April 3, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a total cost not to exceed \$132,474.00, pending funding availability. The total cost of the lease agreement is \$271,422.00, which includes the 36 month lease, one time installation charge and final return charge.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-02-15-18**. 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 **04-02-15-18**.

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

The motion passed.

(04-02-15-18) To approve the purchase of science equipment and science lab furnishings from Pepco for the science labs at the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience (CSMB), as part of the re-commissioning of Wyman School. The total cost will not exceed \$60,186.04.

The Board **pulled** Resolution Number **04-02-15-16** from the agenda.

(04-02-15-16) To approve and adopt the FY16-17 School Calendar.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board in open session, on a motion by, Dr. M. Adams and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:16PM.

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

The motion passed.



*Mr. William "Bill" Monroe
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Comments of William "Bill" Monroe to the Special Administrative Board at its regular monthly meeting of April 2, 2015.

Good Evening to the Special Administrative Board and Dr. Adams:

First let me start by stating there are several items on tonight's Consent Agenda which needs and require further attention and clarification prior to approval:

1. Line Item 04-02-15-02

Contract with Teasdale, at a cost of \$81,000 – Jan 1, 2015 thru Dec 31, 2015

2. Line Item 04-02-15-12

Contract with Steven R. Carroll, at a cost of \$83,000 – Jul 1, 2015 thru Jun 30, 2016

These contracts are to provide the same legislative services and co-incidentally overlap each other. Why the need for two separate firms to provide the same services? Why does the Teasdale contract have a start date of Jan 1, 2015, and is just now being presented for approval? Did this vendor start his work with the District on Jan 1, 2015?

3. Line Item 04-02-15-17

To provide 4 mobile classrooms at the Medicine & Bioscience School at a total cost of \$271,422. Is this the best possible option and why hadn't the Administration prepared for a future expansion of this school? Is Administration working on an expansion plan now?

4. Line Item 04-23-15-13

Contract with Environmental Consultants to provide Hazardous Materials Consulting, at a cost of \$181,750. This Consultant has been consistent with receiving many contracts previously in the District for many, many years and was identified and recommended by the State Auditor, as to consider engaging other firms to provide these services. Is there a reason why this has not happen, or is this under the supervision or authority of Roger Cayce?

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