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

OFFICIAL REPORT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ST. LOUIS, MO
APRIL 23, 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 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: Mr. Richard Gaines, Mr. Rick Sullivan

ABSENT: Dr. Melanie Adams

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Caleb Johnson, a junior at Central Visual and Performing Arts High School was recognized this meeting. Caleb received the 2015 Mariel Huber Memorial Award on April 19, 2015 at the Saint Louis' Opera Theatre Artist-in-Training Recital and an invitation to study voice with Opera Singer, Vincent Cole at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. The Opera Theatre is in its 25th year of training exceptional students who have a natural talent for classical music. Caleb demonstrated his remarkable vocals during a selection before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elected Board members William "Bill" Monroe, Susan Jones, William "Bill" Haas, and outgoing President, David Jackson provided comments relative to the April 8, 2015 SAB correspondence addressed to then Elected Board President David Jackson and Elected Board member Kathy Styer. The letter was a follow-up to the January 5, 2015 discussions held with Mr. Jackson and Ms. Styer about exploring possible governance alternatives for the St. Louis Public Schools. As members of the Elected Board of Education, Mr. Jackson stated members felt compelled to address issues relevant to their duties as representative of the citizens of St. Louis. Mr. Jackson read aloud the April 8th letter in its entirety. Following, each member shared a common core of discontent that is not in favor of the governance option as presented by the SAB in the April 8th correspondence. At the conclusion of the Elected Board members' comments, Mr. Jackson extended a thank you to the SAB and Superintendent for the courtesy given him over the last eight years. He stated he couldn't say enough about the support and gratitude he has for Dr. Adams for what Dr. Adams has done during his tenure with the District.

Dr. Gerald Higginbotham, Vice President, American Slaves, Inc. – Descendants of American Slaves share insight around the philosophy of his organization with the hopes of establishing a partnership with the District to re-educate character development in African-American youths in light of the Ferguson, MO plight.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Mrs. Yvonne Green, Interim Director/Building Commissioner of Operations provided an updated report on Proposition S. Phase III projects at Mann and Shenandoah have been completed. Phase III completion also include the installation of elevators at Langston, Stevens, Hickey, Kennard, Wilkinson, Lyon @ Blow and Laclede. Final Phase projects are being done at the L'Ouverture and Wyman schools. An open house is scheduled at L'Ouverture the week of May 17th. Preparation for the installment of the portable classrooms at Wyman and other works are in progress. MBE and WBE participation percentages for L'Ouverture and Wyman combined are: MBE 45.0% of awarded contracts; WBE 9.0% of awarded contracts; 35% of workforce is minorities with 3% being females. The overall Proposition S participation is 42.2% for MBE; WBE at 7.6% and workforce for minorities and female workers are 35%. Encumbered year-to-date Proposition S expenditures are \$155,678,915 with a remaining balance of \$127,150.
- Mr. Lou Kruger, Executive Director of Recruitment and Counseling provided a report on Magnet/Choice School Enrollment. The District is in its 3rd year of using the on-line application system. Applications are being processed quicker and the response time to parents has considerably improved. Parents also have the ability to view and track the status of their application(s). The updated two pool application and lottery process allows high schools to determine eligibility status by using first quarter 8th grade achievement. As of April 20, 2015, the 2015-2016 magnet/choice open seat numbers are 208 for elementary, 103 for middle and 1244 for high school. The waiting list numbers are 1568 for elementary, 329 for middle and 33 for high school.

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 Numbers **04-23-15-01 through 04-23-15-57, excluding item 04-23-15-22**. On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers **04-23-15-01 through 04-23-15-57, excluding item 04-23-15-22**.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

ABSENT: Dr. M. Adams

The motion passed.

(04-23-15-01) To approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar for graduating seniors.

(04-23-15-02) To approve the final bus routes for the 2014-2015 school year. The report detailing the bus routes is available in the Transportation Department office.

(04-23-15-03) To approve Amendment #1 to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Operating Budget. Amendment #1 expenditures are not to exceed \$302,205,102 representing an increase of \$16,005,104.

(04-23-15-04) To approve the February 2015 Monthly Transaction Report.

(04-23-15-05) To approve a membership renewal with Focus St. Louis for the Youth Leadership St. Louis (YLSL) Program for the period September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$6,000, pending funding availability.

(04-23-15-06) To approve a membership renewal with the Missouri School Boards' Association for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$17,365, pending funding availability.

(04-23-15-07) To approve the renewal of entering into a listing agreement for real estate services with Development Resources Partners for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at no cost to the District.

(04-23-15-08) To approve a contract renewal with Advanced Elevator Company, Inc. to provide elevator inspections, certifications and maintenance services for District schools and buildings beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$307,263.00, pending legal review and availability of funds.

(04-23-15-09) To approve a contract renewal with American Boiler & Mechanical, Inc. to provide boiler inspections and repair services for District schools and buildings for the period beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00, pending legal review and availability of funds.

(04-23-15-10) To approve a contract renewal with American Water to provide inspection, cleaning and water treatment of the cooling towers for the District schools beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$15,852.00, pending legal review and availability of funds.

(04-23-15-11) To approve a contract renewal with Bieg Plumbing Company to provide testing, tagging and reporting on all domestic water backflow devices at District schools and buildings beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$20,883.00, pending legal review and availability of funds.

(04-23-15-12) To approve a contract renewal with Cintas Fire Protection to provide annual testing and inspection services of fire alarm systems in all schools and buildings in the District to be provided July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$46,147, pending legal review and availability of funds.

(04-23-15-13) To approve a contract renewal with Environmental Consultants, LLC to provide Hazardous Materials Consulting as needed for District schools and buildings at a cost not to exceed \$181,750 for the period beginning July1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, pending legal review and availability of funds.

(04-23-15-14) To approve a contract renewal with Grease Masters to provide inspection, cleaning of the exhaust hoods and grease traps for the District schools beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$61,299.00, pending legal review and availability of funds.

(04-23-15-15) To approve a contract renewal with Johnson Controls to provide air conditioning chiller maintenance for the District schools beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$35,151.00, pending legal review and availability of funds.

(04-23-15-16) To approve a contract renewal with Progressive Waste Solutions of Missouri to provide solid waste management services in selected District schools and buildings beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$282,075.00, pending legal review and availability of funds.

(04-23-15-17) To approve a contract renewal with Cord Moving and Storage Company, Fry Wagner Moving and Storage and ABC Moving and Storage to provide District-wide moving, relocation and storage services beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$300,000.00, pending legal review and availability of funds.

(04-23-15-18) To approve a contract renewal with St. Louis Parking to operate the 911 Garage and designated District-owned surface lots as a commercial parking garage and special events parking for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. All fees due to St. Louis Parking are paid from the gross revenues generated from the operation of the 911 Garage and special events parking on the District- owned surface lots.

(04-23-15-19) To approve a contract renewal with Rubin Brown, LLP to audit the District's governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, which collectively comprises the financial statements for the period July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$190,000, pending funding availability.

(04-23-15-20) To approve a contract renewal with Sharon Slane to provide grant writing and consultant services for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00, pending funding availability.

(04-23-15-21) To approve a contract renewal with Windom Group, LLC to serve as the Whistleblower Agent for the St. Louis Public Schools for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a total cost not to exceed \$12,000, pending funding availability.

(04-23-15-23) To approve a contract renewal with the St. Louis Urban Debate League to provide programming following the National Urban Debate League model developed by the National Association of Urban Debate Leagues within current and potential partnering middle and high schools of the St. Louis Public School District for the period of September 3, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00, pending funding availability.

(04-23-15-24) To approve a contract with Bill Cockrum Liquidators to provide on-line auction services for surplus goods and equipment located in the Cook and Lexington Warehouses for the period April 24, 2015 through June 30, 2015. BCL will earn 20% commission on the auction's gross total.

(04-23-15-25) To approve a contract with Data Dash Incorporated to provide Document Management Software for the period April 24, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$69,044.00

(04-23-15-26) To ratify and approve a contract renewal with Automated Data Process, Inc. to provide benefits administration services for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$260,000.

(04-23-15-27) To approve an Agency Agreement with the Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS) to provide the FY 2015 Child Nutrition - Summer EBT for Children (SEBTC) Demonstration Program on behalf of the Missouri Department of Social Services for the period May 22, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Under this agreement, ARCHS will give up to \$20,000 to the District in support of their work with the SEBTC program.

(04-23-15-28) To approve the renewal of an Agency Agreement with the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation to maintain established close collaborative ties to fundraise strategically in support of the District's initiatives, to secure funds for system-wide or school-specific projects, and to undertake and foster community engagement, policy development and advocacy and other activities for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$29,500, pending funding availability.

(04-23-15-29) To approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Missouri Community College Association for an incentive grant of \$30,000 to support the Jobs for America's Graduates-Missouri Program at **Roosevelt High School** for the 2015-2016 school year. The State of Missouri and local business community will provide this \$30,000 toward the cost of the JAG specialist.

(04-23-15-30) To approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Missouri Community College Association for an incentive grant of \$30,000 to support the Jobs for America's Graduates-Missouri Program at **Vashon High School** for the 2015-2016 school year. The State of Missouri and local business community will provide this \$30,000 toward the cost of the JAG specialist.

(04-23-15-31) To approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Missouri Community College Association for an incentive grant of \$30,000 to support the Jobs for America's Graduates-Missouri Program at **Summer High School** for the 2015-2016 school year. The State of Missouri and local business community will provide this \$30,000 toward the cost of the JAG specialist.

(04-23-15-32) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Breckinridge School of Nursing to establish a mentorship relationship with nurses in training and contribute to the supervisory experience of SLPS school nursing staff for the period June 1, 2015 through June 1, 2016. Breckinridge nursing students will also work with the Early Childhood Department the first week of June through the end of July to assist in ensuring all Preschool enrollees meet Head Start health screening requirements.

(04-23-15-33) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Better Family Life, Inc. to provide social service programs Oak Hill, Walbridge, Yeatman, Vashon and other sites for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-34) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Harris-Stowe State University as a transition based community classroom site for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-35) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Vincent DePaul to provide school to work transitional training for senior level special education students for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-36) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Our Lady of Sorrows School and Parish to provide school to work transitional training for senior level special education students from Gateway STEM High School for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-37) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Northview Rehabilitation Center to provide school to work transitional training for high school junior and senior level students with disabilities for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-38) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Veteran Affairs St. Louis Health Care System to provide school to work transitional training for senior level special education students for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-39) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with The Dream Center to provide school to work transitional training for high school junior and senior level students with disabilities for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-40) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. (PFH) to provide a continuation of Special Educational Services for students who are in care at PFH for the period of July 1, 2015 through May 22, 2016 .

(04-23-15-41) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Louis Justice Center to provide a continuation of Special Educational Services for students who are incarcerated and under the age of 17 for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-42) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Compass USA to provide school to work transition training for special education students at CAJT at Nottingham for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-43) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Industrial Aid to provide school to work transition training for special education students at CAJT at Nottingham for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-44) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Maryville University to provide a program for training and mentoring prospective Occupational Therapists and to attract potential new hires upon graduating for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-45) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Louis University to provide a program for training and mentoring prospective Occupational Therapists and to attract potential new hires upon graduating for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-46) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Washington University to provide a program for training and mentoring prospective Occupational Therapists and to attract potential new hires upon graduating for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-47) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Bon Appétit to provide school to work transition training for special education students at CAJT at Nottingham for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-48) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with The Little Bit Foundation to provide school to work transitional training for high school junior and senior level students with disabilities for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-49) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Craft Alliance to provide opportunities for SLPS students to learn about contemporary art crafts that goes beyond the traditional classroom art experience for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-50) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with ANNONY Arts to establish a partnership to provide video camera editing techniques and increase self-awareness skills for students at Stevens Middle Alternative School for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-51) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Education Exchange Corps to operate summer school programming and provide teaching assistants at Lexington, Froebel, Jefferson, Clay, Dunbar, Mullanphy, Gateway Math and Science, Gateway Michael, Ford, Sherman, Shaw, Stix, and Walbridge Elementary Schools for the period April 24, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

(04-23-15-52) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring to provide the supplemental RSVP program at Gateway MST, Mann, Mullanphy ILC, Washington Montessori, Meramec, and Sigel Elementary Schools from April 24, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

(04-23-15-53) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Louis University to establish a partnership, specifically for the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience to support the creation of a secondary/post-secondary partnership model for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(04-23-15-54) To approve a sole source purchase from Exemplars for differentiated math materials to support teaching and learning for 3rd-5th grade teachers working under the Urban Math Initiative grant for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost not to exceed \$31,950.00, pending funding availability.

(04-23-15-55) To approve the purchase of 500 Office Max gift cards at \$50 each for the Teachers Matter Initiative for the 2015-2016 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$25,000, pending funding availability.

(04-23-15-56) To approve the purchase of television supplies and equipment from Video Service of America to enhance the Radio/Television programs from Carnahan and Roosevelt High Schools at a total combined cost not to exceed \$35,741.53.

(04-23-15-57) To approve the purchase of aircraft tools from Snap-On Industrial to enhance the Aviation Program at Gateway STEM High School at a total cost not to exceed \$28,474.32.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-23-15-22**. On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number **04-23-15-22**.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

ABSENT: Dr. M. Adams

The motion passed.

(04-23-15-22) To approve a contract renewal with Southwest Foodservice Excellence to provide food services for the District schools for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost not to exceed 16,459,591.84, pending the funding availability.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **04-23-15-58**. On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number **04-23-15-58**.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

ABSENT: Dr. M. Adams

The motion passed.

(04-23-15-58) To ratify and approve an Agency Partnership Agreement with St. Louis University (SLU) to provide a part-time Consultant - Wellness Coordinator as proposed in the Missouri Foundation for Health Grant - AIM to Fitness Movement for the period October 11, 2014 through July 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$24,000.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

Regarding the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar that was approved at the April 2, 2015 meeting, Mr. Gaines reported since that meeting he has received comments and telephone inquiries about the early start (August 10th) of the 2015-2016 School Year and the early start of the school day. He asked Superintendent Adams to re-review the calendar for the possibility of starting the school year and school day at a later time. Superintendent Adams will re-review and bring this item back to the May 21, 2015 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board in open session, on a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:15PM.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

ABSENT: Dr. M. Adams

The motion passed.