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

OFFICIAL REPORT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ST. LOUIS, MO
JULY 28, 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 6:13PM on the following roll call.

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

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Student/Staff Recognitions will resume the 2015-2016 School Year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parents Melissa White, Amy Reeves, Punita Patel, Kathleen Carson, and Dominique Jean-Baptiste expressed their dismay regarding the administration's decision to leave start/bus times at the 9:30AM, Tier 3, for Mallinckrodt School for the 2015-2016 school year. Student Lilly Jean-Baptiste who will be in 3rd grade at Mallinckrodt for the upcoming year spoke as well.

Ms. White and Mrs. Patel spoke at the June 25, 2015 meeting regarding this subject. Based on those comments, Superintendent Adams led a followed-up meeting with the Mallinckrodt PTO to hear specifics and have an open dialogue why this start time was challenging for Mallinckrodt families. Mallinckrodt PTO's suggestions were received and administration explored the practicality of amending the start/bus times. The results were to leave the start/bus times as is for the 2015-2016 school year, reevaluate the start/bus times for the 2016-2017 school year and include the PTO's suggestion of developing a task force composed of parents, school staff and District personnel when considering start/bus times for next school year. But parents felt administration did not genuinely hear their position or contemplate their suggestions. Parents concluded they were not earnestly considered, and stated as much before the Board and Superintendent.

Mr. William "Bill" Monroe, member of the Elected Board brought forth a prepared statement concerning specific items on the July 28th Consent Agenda and other

matters of concern. A copy Mr. Monroe's prepared statement is attached to these minutes (see page 10).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the April 23, 2015 regular 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 April 23, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

ABSTAINED: Dr. M. Adams

NAY: None

(ABSENT FROM THIS MEETING)

The motion carried.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the May 21, 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 May 21, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaines

NAY: None

(ABSENT FROM THIS MEETING)

The motion carried.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the June 25, 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 June 25, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaines

NAY: None

(ABSENT FROM THIS MEETING)

The motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- Claire Crapo, Coordinator of School Initiative gave the report on Retention: Review and Next Steps. The number of student retained for the 2013-2014 school year grades KG through 8, noted 493 and 682 for the 2014-2015 school year. There was an increase of 86 student retentions inclusive of grades KG through 3rd during the 2014-2015 school year. But these numbers are expected to decrease once the summer school numbers are available and determined. The STAR reading results for students retained in grades 3 through 8 at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year revealed modest growth. Eighth grade results decreased while there was no movement at the 7th grade level. A response to intervention and instruction plan has been developed for the current year in response to the data. All students will be monitored and assessed at a minimum of three times a year and those students who receive interventions will be monitored every eight weeks to ascertain progress of the intervention.

Blueprint School Network, Catapult Learning and St. Louis Tutoring has provided the tutoring service for the last 2 years. But beginning with this current year the District will shift to bring service in-house with 80% of intervention and instruction and only 20% of the mathematics services being outsourced. The goal is to have total tutoring services internally by school year 2016-2017.

- The Missouri State Highway Bus Inspection Report was presented by Mary Houlihan, Chief Operating Officer. Two hundred ninety one districts (*258 for year 2014*) earned *Total Fleet Excellence* with approval ratings of 90% or higher with no out of service buses. The 2015 results for the District noted 313 busses presented for inspection (*319 for year 2014*); 266 or 85% were approved (*219/68.7% for year 2014*); 40 or 12.8% were rejected (*82/25.7% for year 2014*) and 7 or 2.2% were rated as out of service (*18/5.6% for year 2014*). Rejected instances included interior and/or exterior lights out, break components, emergency buzzer/horn failure, exhaust leaks and other miscellaneous areas. Out of service instances were fuel leaks, crossing control arm failure and emergency door interlock failure. The District will increase monitoring of pre-trip inspection and maintenance training and process of its fleet and ask the Missouri State Highway Patrol to conduct spot inspections. Prior to the start of school, the District will also look into the possibility of having an independent company re-inspect its fleet that services its student population.
- Yvonne Green, Interim Director of Operations provided an updated report on Building Projects: L'Ouverture – Wyman – Madison – Pruitt. All projects are on schedule and will be ready to receive the start of the new school year. The Academy of Environmental Science and Math Middle School previously located on South Spring Street will relocate to the L'Ouverture School; the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience formerly at Des Peres Street will relocate to the Wyman School; the new Therapeutic School will be relocate at the Madison School and Pruitt is KIPP's new building.
- The Enrollment and Marketing Update was given by Stacy Clay, Deputy Superintendent of Student Support Services and Rachel Seward, Deputy Superintendent of Institutional Advancement. As of July 16, 2015, total projected enrollment for the 2015-2016 was noted at 26,453. The elementary category projections showed 14,370, middle at 4,933 and high at 7,150. Magnet and Choice projections numbers indicated 5,281 for elementary, 2,779 for middle and 4,799 for high school. Student recruitment marking will include weekly radio and newspaper advertisements, social media, door to door hangers, and outdoor street bill boards. Short films will be aired on cable station Channel 33 and in selected movie theaters. Emphasis will be directed on Early Childhood, Magnet and Choice School openings and fully accredited neighborhood schools openings.

Members entertained questions/comments at the conclusion of each report presented by administration. These reports can be viewed in their entirety on the District's website.

BUSINESS ITEM(S):

CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of Superintendent Adams, Resolution Number 07-28-15-09 was **pulled** for the July 28, 2015 Consent Agenda for additional review.

PULLED - 07-28-15-09) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel for the period July 29, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to provide students with disabilities the opportunity to shadow employees of the Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel and participate in mock interview sessions to enhance both their knowledge and interviewing skill sets for vocational opportunities.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 07-28-15-01 through 07-28-15-41 **excluding** 07-28-15-09, 07-28-15-13, 07-28-15-27, 07-28-15-29 and 07-28-15-38.

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 07-28-15-01 through 07-28-15-41 **excluding** 07-28-15-09, 07-28-15-13, 07-28-15-27, 07-28-15-29 and 07-28-15-38.

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

(07-28-15-01) To adopt the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Local Plan for Compliance with State Regulations for the implementation of state regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This is the annual submission since its inception date, March 30, 2014. There are no changes to the Plan that will alter the Special Education programs within the District.

(07-28-15-02) To approve the Monthly Transaction Report for May 2015.

(07-28-15-03) To approve the renewal of an Agency Agreement with Mercy Health Systems to provide a school-based health clinic for staff and students at Roosevelt High School for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-04) To approve the renewal of an Agency Partnership Agreement with Grace Hill to operate afterschool programs at Bryan Hill and Clay Elementary Schools for the period August 3, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$59,926, pending funding availability.

(07-28-15-05) To approve a sole source contract renewal with Father Support Center to provide parenting support for teen fathers for the period September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$10,800, pending funding availability.

(07-28-15-06) To approve a contract renewal with the Alliance of Parents and Children for Educational Empowerment, Inc. to provide parent resource centers and a comprehensive attendance and behavior support model at Pamoja @Cole for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, pending funding availability.

(07-28-15-07) To approve a contract with SafePlans to provide a one-time emergency related training session to teachers and school staff on the Active Shooter/Violent Intruder Response Training Program for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$58,250, pending funding availability.

(07-28-15-08) To approve a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to provide mid-day snacks for the District's 46 Early Childhood Education Programs (approximately 2,050 students) for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, at no cost to the District. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services will reimburse the District at a rate of \$0.82 per meal with the total reimbursement being approximately \$295,856.

(07-28-15-10) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Job Corps Center for the period July 29, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to provide students with disabilities the opportunity to shadow a student and enhance their knowledge of vocational opportunities.

(07-28-15-11) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry to provide after school and evening programs at up to five elementary schools for students, families and the community for the period August 3, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-12) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University of Missouri to implement and evaluate the Missouri College Advising Corps Program at Gateway STEM, Soldan IS, Carnahan, and Roosevelt High Schools for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-14) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Jamison Memorial to provide a 21st Century after school program for students, families and the community at Carver Elementary School for the period August 3, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-15) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Washington University for the period September 8, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to provide high school students the opportunity to seek scientific careers and increase participation of underrepresented groups in scientific careers by bringing resources and scientists directly to teachers and students through the Young Scientist Program.

(07-28-15-16) To approve the renewal Memorandum of Understanding with Washington University for the period September 8, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to provide tutoring in the subjects of Communication Arts and Mathematics at Ford Elementary School for approximately 40 selected grades 3-5 students. The name of the program is Each One Teach One.

(07-28-15-17) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest Foodservice Excellence to provide a work experience program at the Gateway Complex (Elementary, Middle and Gateway Michael), Carr Lane Middle and the 801 Café for special education student interns for the period July 29, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-18) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Midwest Dairy Council to implement the nutritional education program, Fuel Up to Play 60 Program in the St Louis Public Schools for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-19) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Louis Dairy Council to provide grant and educational opportunities for staff and students throughout the District for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-20) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with The Magic House to provide hands-on learning experiences to students in grades preschool through 5th grades that will encourage experimentation, creativity and the development of problem-solving skills for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-21) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Missouri St. Louis for a group of educator professionals to lead interventions with small groups of students in our elementary, middle, and high schools who are currently underachieving for the period August 5, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-22) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with The University of Missouri, St. Louis, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies to help data teams in schools reflect on their practice in a data use audit program for the period August 5, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-23) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Washington University School of Medicine to conduct fitness assessments and health screenings of students, family members, school personnel, and members of the St. Louis community for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-24) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with The Green House Venture to expand the cooperation between The Green House Venture and the school to conduct mutually beneficial programs, projects and activities, for the period of August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-25) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Louis University, College for Public Health and Social Justice to facilitate the first phase of the Shut it Down: Community Partners for Racial Equity project for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-26) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Louis Children's Hospital to provide the injury prevention Safety Street Program for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-28) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Louis American Diabetes Association to coordinate services in the area of educating designated employees to become certified Trained Diabetes Personnel per Cades Law for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

(07-28-15-30) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with The First Tee of Greater St. Louis to implement the First Tee National School Program into the forty-five elementary schools for the period August 12, 2015 through August 1, 2016.

(07-28-15-31) To approve a purchase from MobyMax for the Title I school licenses for the KG through 8th grade instructional curriculum and web service at a total combined cost not to exceed \$19,656.00, pending funding availability.

(07-28-15-32) To approve a purchase from Heinemann for 44 systems of the progress monitoring assessments for 11 focus and priority schools at a cost not to exceed \$17,902.50, pending funding availability.

(07-28-15-33) To approve a purchase from the Children Literacy Initiative for the Literacy Professional Development, books, materials and instructional coaching for grades KG through 3rd grades at a cost not to exceed \$176,740.05 pending funding availability.

(07-28-15-34) To approve a purchase from Kickboard for instructional materials and professional development for four elementary schools to improve behavioral practices and school culture at a total combined cost not to exceed \$87,840, pending funding availability.

(07-28-15-35) To approve a purchase from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for the Cognitive Ability test to include paper/pencil and online versions, scoring and professional development for the gifted screening of KG and 2nd grade students at a total combined cost not to exceed \$48,047.30, pending funding availability.

(07-28-15-36) To approve a sole source purchase from College Board for the SpringBoard comprehensive instructional program to be used at McKinley Classical Middle and High School in English Language Arts and Mathematics, for all students in grades 6 through 12 at a cost not to exceed \$14,698.76 pending funding availability.

(07-28-15-37) To approve a sole source purchase from WestEd for 2,200 student enrollment slots at \$8.00 per slot for a total cost not to exceed \$17,600 for the Desired Results Developmental Profile comprehensive assessment program.

(07-28-15-39) To approve and ratify an emergency approval with Mechanical Solutions, Inc. for the replacement of the chiller at Bryan Hill Elementary School for the period May 8, 2015 through July 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$127,674.80, which includes a 10% contingency of \$11,606.80. This resolution is in response to RFP #059-1415.

(07-28-15-40) To approve and ratify a contract with St. Louis Ceiling to replace the flooring in the Professional Development Loft, the Loft entryway and the Board Room for the period June 3, 2015 through August 3, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$83,670.40, which includes a 10% contingency of \$7,606.40. This resolution is in response to RFP #012-1415.

(07-28-15-41) To approve and ratify a Memorandum of Understanding with Lincoln University, Cooperative Extension Junior MANRRS Program for the period June 1, 2015 through July 10, 2015 to provide a six-week summer program to teach students social/cultural competences and expose high school-aged students to career pathways and educational possibilities in the food, agricultural, environmental and related sciences.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 07-28-15-13. 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 07-28-15-13

AYE: Dr. Mr. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaines

NAY: None

(CONFLICT)

The motion carried.

(07-28-15-13) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Affinia Healthcare (formerly Grace Hill Health Centers, Inc.) to provide services in the area of primary health care including physical exams, immunizations, comprehensive dental care, definitive care, and various health screenings for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 07-28-15-27. 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 07-28-15-27

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

ABSTAINED: Mr. Sullivan
(CONFLICT)

The motion carried.

(07-28-15-27) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with The Little Bit Foundation for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to maintain the behavioral health program at Herzog School and to provide basic essentials to those children in need at Mann, Clay, Columbia, Hodgen, Henry, Sigel, Bryan Hill, NAPA, Walbridge, Peabody, and Nance Schools. This partnership includes an additional school, Nance, from the previous year.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 07-28-15-29. On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 07-28-15-29

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan
NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Dr. M. Adams
(CONFLICT)

The motion carried.

(07-28-15-29) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri History Museum for the period July 29, 2015 through September 31, 2016 to transfer ownership of the historical District Board of Education meeting minutes, transcripts and documents, the District photographic collection including photonegatives and various artifacts and educational materials formerly kept by the SLPS Educational Museum and District Archives to allow for preservation and public access to those items. The District will assume a cost not to exceed \$129,874.00 for processing the collection and for the Missouri History Museum's staff to handle the cataloguing and archiving process.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 07-28-15-38. 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 07-28-15-38

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

ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaines
(CONFLICT)

The motion carried.

(07-28-15-38) To approve the purchase of a renewal for the Athletic Accident Insurance Policy through our broker, R. S. Klostermeyer & Associates for the period August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$55,000, pending funding availability.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 07-28-15-42. 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 07-28-15-42

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

(07-28-15-42) To approve a contract with Fox and Associates for use of the Fox Theater for a Back to School Professional Development for District staff to be held August 10, 2015 at a cost of \$10,000, pending funding availability.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 07-28-15-43. 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 07-28-15-43

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

(07-28-15-43) To approve the *Organization Resolution and Agreement for the Credit Card Program* of UMB Bank. This resolution and agreement will authorize St. Louis Public Schools' CFO/Treasurer, Angela Banks as the 'Designated Officer' to authorize the issuance of a credit card and any other credit card related changes and/or controls under the *Organization Resolution and Agreement for the Credit Card Program* for the St. Louis Public Schools. This action is consistent in alignment with the staff modifications in the Finance/Treasurer's Division.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

None.

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 7:08PM.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.



Mr. William "Bill" Monroe
Member
Board of Education

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**Comments of William "Bill" Monroe
to the Special Administrative Board
July 28, 2015.**

Good Evening Special Administrative Board and Superintendent Adams:

I have several questions and requests of the Special Administrative Board:

1. Please provide this Board Member, with the amount of funds spent on all legal services which were provided by the law firms of Finger, Rice & Fingersh beginning with June of 2007, up to June 2015 and Armstrong, Teasdale, paid to date.
2. Please provide an explanation to why the Special Administrative Board, particularly Rick Sullivan, as the Chief Executive Officer, was not aware of the expected deficit of \$15m prior to the presentation by Supt. Adams.
3. Please provide an overview or reason of the closing of the Construction Career Center High School and what role the District had or not had in its operations, as the sponsor of that school. This request should include all efforts on the District's part to assist with any deficiencies relating to student performance, recruiting and retention.
4. Please provide the reason as to why there was no Back To School Fair Event for the District this year. It appears the many volunteer organizations were in disbelief the District did not provide this valuable tool for the 25,000 children in the District.
5. Agenda Item 07-28-15-01 – Contract renewal with Alliance of Parents and Children for Educational Empowerment, at a cost of \$40,000, please provide the results of the previous contract for these services not only at the Pamoja School but the other six or seven schools that received similar services from Alliance.
6. Agenda Item 07-28-15-40 – Contract with St. Louis Ceiling to replace flooring in the Professional Development Loft at a cost of \$83,670.40 why didn't the current facilities maintenance vendor Aramark, provide these services. It would seem if they had the contract for the past several years, their staff or the administrative staff should have noticed this need and included it in their yearly contract at that time.
7. Agenda Item 07-28-15-42 – Contract with Fox and Associates to provide use of the Fox Theater for a Back to School Professional Development for District Staff at a cost of \$10,000, isn't there a facility within the District which could have been utilized for this event?

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