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TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
OFFICIAL REPORT

ST. LOUIS, MO
JULY 7, 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 in Room 108 of the Administrative Building, 801 North 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. Those in attendance were Mr. Rick Sullivan, Dr. Melanie Adams, Mr. Richard Gaines, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin R. Adams, Ruth Lewis and the District's legal counsel, Jeffrey St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, LLC.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:12PM on the following roll call.

AYE: Dr. Melanie Adams, Mr. Rick Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Richard Gaines

(Mr. Gaines had not yet transitioned from executive session to the open session.)

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

(Student/Staff Recognitions will resume the 2016-2017 School Year.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the May 19, 2016 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 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Gaines

(Mr. Gaines had not yet transitioned from executive session to the open session.)

NAY: None

The motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Adams laid out his report on the New Initiatives for the 2016-2017 School Year. Below are the initiatives.

ACADEMIC OFFICE

- Expansion of the Expeditionary Learning ELA curriculum (*EngageNY*) through 12th grade (now grades 3-8)
- Grades K- 12 Science Curriculum (*Gizmos*) will be Implemented
- The Excellent School Dashboard (*ESD powered by Schoolzilla*) will be made available to all teachers and leaders
- The Launch of “*The Love of Learning*” initiative begins in 2016-2017 with district level competitions and experiences in STEM, Literacy, Social Justice, and Opportunity (*i.e. CCR, Entrepreneurship*)
- Curriculum Committee Re-established
- Curriculum Progressions for all content areas in all tested grades
- Initiation of School Leader Summit and Summer Support
- Grade Level Expectations document for parent

GIFTED AND TALENTED

- Increase the number of students assessed 100%
 - Hire additional examiner (completed)
 - Assess twenty students per week (ongoing)
- Increase number students assessed residing on the North Side by 50%
 - Assess at school sites two days per week beginning in August
- Increase the number of enrolled gifted students by 20%
 - Assess all Kindergartners and Third graders with Universal Screener beginning in August
 - Assess all screened students who score at or above the 85th percentile beginning in October
- Increase the complexity and effectiveness of instruction
 - Assemble and work with Gifted Curriculum Committee beginning in August

NEW GIFTED SCHOOL

PHASE – IN PLAN

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| • Selection of site (Columbia) | Completed |
| • Hiring of teachers | Completed |
| • Selection of curriculum and books | Completed |
| • Ordering of materials | In Progress |
| • Selection of furniture from warehouse | In Progress |
| • Identification of capital improvements | In Progress |
| • Training for new teachers | Scheduled |
| • Writing of script for robo call | Scheduled |
| • Building of list of potential students | Completed |
| • Contacting parents for enrollment | In Progress |
| • Building Pre-K & Kindergarten classes | Not Begun |

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Return to Acuity A, B and C for local benchmark predictors aligned to state standards
- In addition to the STAR Language Arts STAR Math will be added to grades KG through 8
- Reduce the mandatory assessment of STAR ELA & Math to only twice a year
- All schools will be required to assess all students for these two test

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

- AMIkids will manage the program at Beaumont for 75 students
- Stevens Middle School Program will be consolidated with the ICA program
- Madison program requested to support students from Charter School
- NAPA will increase their enrollment and expand to the 3rd floor in Gallaudet based on new anticipated number of refugees coming to St. Louis (*1400 which is 750 more than last year*).

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

- Website re-design for District and all school sites
 - New design was voted on by the public in June
 - Transition from current design to new design in July
 - All school sites feature new design by August 15
 - Website information will be reviewed/updated during transition
- New SLPS Mobile APP that will be launched in September
 - APP will integrate with SLPS websites/social media platforms

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- New Code of Conduct that features the following:
 - 14 New Positive Behavior Interventions
 - Elimination of Suspensions for all Type III Behaviors and all PreK through Second Grade Students
 - Substance Abuse Counseling for will be available for all Drug and Alcohol First Time Offenses
- Trauma Awareness Training
- ISS Model Change
 - Reflection/Recovery
 - No Multiple Day Placements
- Additional ISS Monitors (32 to 42)
- Additional PBIS (6 to 29)
- Expansion of PBIS to 45 schools

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

- Laptop distribution for every certificated staff member
- Updated Desktops for school support staff
- Office 365
- Cloud Based Storage
- Electronic Classroom Concept
- Email activated for every middle and high school student
- Five free downloads for personal use of entire Microsoft Product Suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, OneDrive

OPERATIONS

- **TRANSPORTATION**
 - Bell times moved 20 minutes earlier and Wednesday, August 17 school start
 - Full implementation of new reporting system to better monitor real time bus performance, timeliness and costs (August 2017)
 - Implementation of the parent portal in January 2017 that will allow parents to monitor bus status via mobile phone
 - Bid for transportation services for 2017- 2018
- **FACILITIES**
 - Management services in-house with focus on improving custodial and maintenance services provided to schools
 - ✓ New work order system and procedures around submitting work orders
 - ✓ Improved staff training, monitoring, and performance management
 - ✓ Improved oversight of maintenance parts spending, grounds maintenance, cleaning, budget management, etc.
 - Water Testing for Lead

TALENT MANAGEMENT

- Fall Identification of School Leaders (*Principals, Assistant Principals, Academic Instructional Coaches*)
- Enhanced Teacher and Leader Recognition Program

BUSINESS ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 07-07-16-01 through 07-07-16-15, with the exception of 07-07-16-06 and 07-07-16-13.

On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 07-07-16-01 through 07-07-16-15, with the exception of 07-07-16-06 and 07-07-16-13.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(07-07-16-01) 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 July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

(07-07-16-02) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Veteran Affairs St. Louis Health Care System for the period July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to create a High School Project SEARCH Transition training program at the VA St. Louis Health Care System for students who have an Individual Education Program with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities and are in their final year of high school with an identified goal of competitive employment post-secondary. This opportunity will be available to senior level high school students with disabilities.

(07-07-16-03) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Grace Hill Settlement House to establish three family support professionals who will provide a continuity of family support (employment, housing, financial planning) as well as leverage partners to focus on child mental health and social and emotional development at Clay and Bryan Hill Elementary Schools for the period July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

(07-07-16-04) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Saint 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 within the District for the period July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This will be year 2 of a three-year renewal option.

(07-07-16-05) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS) which will support the provider, Crown Vision Center, in providing a school based vision program for children in St. Louis Public Schools for the period July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

(07-07-16-07) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Centers, People's Community Action Corporation to provide mental and behavioral health services, immunizations, screenings and physical exams for students at Vashon High School for the period July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

(07-07-16-08) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Safe Connections to provide relationship violence counseling interventions and relationship violence prevention education programming to all schools of the St. Louis Public Schools for the period July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

(07-07-16-09) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Easter Missouri to provide mentoring services and support mentees through the 4:1+1 model and the ABCToday Cycle at Adams and Langston Elementary Schools for the period July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

(07-07-16-10) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Girls in the Know (GITK) to deliver the GITK speaker series workshops to female students at Nance, Mason and Busch Schools for the period July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

(07-07-16-11) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis to provide and facilitate the Junior Achievement programs to elementary, middle and high school students of the St. Louis Public Schools for the period of July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

(07-07-16-12) To approve a membership renewal with Education Plus for the 2016-2017 school year at cost not exceed \$81,474, pending funding availability.

(07-07-16-14) To approve a purchase of services from Cardiac Science Corporation for a two-year maintenance agreement to service 91 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the period July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$64,600. Purchasing a two-year agreement allows for a cost savings of approximately 20% versus just purchasing a one-year agreement.

(07-07-16-15) To approve the printing of the 2016-2017 Student Code of Conduct Handbook with Office Max at a cost not to exceed \$17,748.09, pending funding availability.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 07-07-16-06.

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 07-07-16-06.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Gaines

ABSTAIN: Mr. Sullivan (CONFLICT OF INTEREST)

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(07-07-16-06) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with The Little Bit Foundation (The Foundation) to provide basic essentials to those children in need at Mann, Clay, Columbia, Hodgen, Henry, Sigel, Bryan Hill, NAPA, Walbridge, Peabody, and Nance, Elementary Schools and to maintain the behavioral health program at Herzog Elementary School for the period July 8, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This partnership will include an additional school from the previous year and at a few select schools where the Foundation will act as a convener of partners in the building. The schools are yet to be determined.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 07-07-16-13.

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 07-07-16-13.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSTAIN: Mr. Gaines (CONFLICT OF INTEREST)

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(07-07-16-13) To approve the renewal of the Athletic Accident Insurance Policy through our broker, R.S. Klostermeyer & Associates, for the period August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$57,750, which includes a 5% contingency, pending funding availability.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 07-07-16-16.

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 07-07-16-16.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(07-07-16-16) To approve a contract with Chaifetz Arena for expenses related to the rental of Chaifetz Arena on August 13, 2016 for the production of the annual Back to School Festival at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.

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 6:55PM.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Per the Missouri Sunshine Law, recordings are public record and therefore are available for public inspection.