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

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**ST. LOUIS, MO**  
**AUGUST 11, 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. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO 63101.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:14PM 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**

Will resume September/October 2015.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Susan Jones, Elected Board President offered a statement of clarity concerning comments/requests coming before the SAB by members of the Elected Board. She stated going forward, any comments, requests, or informational statements brought before the SAB will have the signature of the Elected Board President that signifies the message as an official communication from the Elected Board of the Board of Education of the City of St. Louis. This does not preclude a member from offering an individual opinion, a personal position or in another capacity such as a citizen of St. Louis, parent, etc.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

- Guest speaker Ms. Tishaura O. Jones, Treasurer of the City of St. Louis gave a presentation on the College Kids Children's Savings Program. The City of St. Louis will partner with the St. Louis Public Schools under Resolution Number 08-11-15-15 of these minutes. The program will offer every kindergartner student in the St. Louis Public Schools (St. Louis City Charter Schools are offered this program as well) an opportunity to set-up a college saving account opening with a \$50.00 seed deposit funded by the Treasurer's Office of the City of St. Louis. The program seeks to assist families with some financial mean of securing higher education for their children. Funds are deposited two ways; by incentives and matches which are processed through the College Kids program and by private non-programs such as deposits into the student's account by the family/student/other. During the first year of the program students can earn an additional \$200 by 1) weekly perfect attendance at \$1.00 per week; 2) \$1.00 for \$1.00 match savings up to the first \$100; and 3) up to \$50 from the parent for the financial education. Emergency account withdrawals are allowable with
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restrictions. The College Kids Program is universal so the parent(s) has the option of participating. The Treasurer of the City of St. Louis is the designated custodian and the student is the beneficiary. The College Kids Savings Program will start this school year.

- Dr. Edmond Heatley, Chief Human Resources Officer provided a report on the 2016 Benefits Renewal. A committee comprised of representatives from AFT St. Louis, Local 420 Active and Retiree groups, AFSA, Local 44, Local 148, Finance and Human Resources and the PSRSSTL Retirement Office collectively made the following recommendations:
  - ~ Medical: There is a 4% decrease in the rates for 2016. There is a rate cap of 12.9% for the January 1, 2017 renewal. The Affordable Care Act fees are included. (Coventry Health Care). The District will continue with its Wellness program.
  - ~ Pharmacy: There is an estimated increase of 22.9% due to an escalation in Specialty Utilization and Costs and overall rise in prescription utilization (Express Scripts).
  - ~ Dental: There is an increase is 3.5% (Delta Dental of Missouri) This rate was negotiated down from the initial 8% renewal cap, saving the District approximately \$72,000. For the January 1, 2017, the rate cap will be based on the claims loss ratio.

The Board will make its recommendation on the 2016 Benefits Renewal at their August 27, 2015 meeting under Resolution Number 08-27-15-03.

- Mr. Walker Gaffney, Real Estate Director gave an updated report on the Building Revitalization Collaborative. The Building Revitalization Collaborative (BRC) was introduced in February 2015 as a joint endeavor for the development of a community driven revitalization strategy of the District's closed schools that would financially strengthen the District's position and promote the wellbeing of the community and its neighborhoods. In order to accomplish this, a TAC committee or *Technical Advisory Committee* was created consisting of a diverse group of individuals. As of this report, a total of 28 tours were conducted with a combined attendance of 1,341 tourers. Total potential buyer tours were 75. Total schools sold were 2; total under contract 8; total listings were 17; total school buildings reopened for the 2015-2016 school year was 3 and total school buildings currently on hold status 2.

Members entertained questions/comments at the conclusion of each report. 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 08-11-15-11 was withdrawn for the August 11, 2015 Consent Agenda for additional review.

**(WITHDRAWN - 08-11-15-11)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with HOME WORKS! - Teacher Home Visit Program to provide academic support to Adams, Dewey, Humboldt, Oak Hill, Vashon, and Woerner Schools for the period August 14, 2015 through June 30, 2016. A cost associated with this program is the extra service pay to participating teachers (\$25.52 per visit) that will not exceed a total cost of \$66,000.

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Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 08-11-15-01 through 08-11-15-15 **excluding 08-11-15-07 and 08-11-15-11.**

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 08-11-15-01 through 08-11-15-15 **excluding 08-11-15-07 and 08-11-15-11.**

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

**(08-11-15-01)** To approve the June 2015 Monthly Transaction Report.

**(08-11-15-02)** To approve the acceptance and expenditure of \$726,306 in reimbursable funds from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the 2015-2016 school year. A total of forty-three (43) District schools will participate.

**(08-11-15-03)** To ratify and approve a sole source contract with Literacy Links, Inc. to provide professional development services on literacy interventions and progress monitoring assessments for teachers at 11 focus and priority schools for the period August 11 ~~12~~, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

**(08-11-15-04)** To approve a contract with Schoolzilla PBC to develop a data warehouse and performance dashboard in support of the implementation of the District-wide Transformation Plan (Strategic Plan) for the period August 12, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$264,130.91. This contract has an option to renew annually for two (2) additional years.

**(08-11-15-05)** To approve a contract with the Center for Educational Leadership and Technology (CELT) to provide consultant project managers services for implementing the District-wide Transformation Plan (Strategic Plan) for the period August 12, 2015 through June 30 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$162,310. This contract has an option to renew annually for two (2) additional years.

**(08-11-15-06)** To approve a contract with AFA Academy Howard Park Center for private placement services for special ed students for the period August 12, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$44,904.

**(08-11-15-08)** To approve a contract renewal with Central Institute for the Deaf for private placement services for special ed students for the period August 12, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$34,746.88.

**(08-11-15-09)** To approve a contract renewal with Sunfarm Food Service to provide the fresh produce for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the period August 17, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$726,306.

**(08-11-15-10)** To approve a contract renewal with Blue Hills Community Services for disbursement of funds to non-public schools for Title II-A and Title III, Part A programs. Estimated costs are based on 10% management fees and the payment of Professional Development services received for total reimbursable expenditures incurred by Non-Public Schools for the period of October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$333,000.

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**(08-11-15-12)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Louis University's School of Medicine Community Advocacy through its Resident Education Program ("CARE") to partner with Adams Elementary School to educate pediatric residents about building effective relationships with public schools to support student and family health for the period August 14, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

**(08-11-15-13)** To ratify and approve a sole source purchase from Emprints/Moran Publishing for mathematics books, student resources, and teacher resources for the eight SIG schools (Dunbar, Laclede, Meramec, Nance and Oak Hill Elementary; Yeatman Middle and Roosevelt and Sumner High) at a cost not to exceed \$43,247.36.

**(08-11-15-14)** To ratify and approve a sole source purchase from Renaissance Learning for the subscription renewal of AM Real Time, Accelerated Math Fluency subscription, and STAR Math Enterprise Real Time subscription for the eight SIG schools (Dunbar, Laclede, Meramec, Nance and Oak Hill Elementary; Yeatman Middle and Roosevelt and Sumner High) at a cost not to exceed \$24,119.28.

**(08-11-15-15)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of St. Louis Treasurer's Office regarding the creation of a College Kids Saving Program for students attending the St. Louis Public Schools.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **08-11-15-07**.

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 **08-11-15-07**.

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

**ABSTAINED:** Mr. Gaines

**NAY:** None

(CONFLICT)

The motion carried.

**(08-11-15-07)** To approve contract renewals with Emerson, Edgewood and Logos to provide private placement services on an as needed basis to students as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for the period August 12, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$1,200,000. This combined renewal will constitute the second year of a three year agreement.

### **BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)**

Mr. Gaines provided updates. In light of the social issues that have come before us, it is the responsibility of the District through education to address those issues that may become social problems in the future. This affirms the continued endorsement and engagement of the First Tee Program (First Tee) of St. Louis. On Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 11AM, the 2015-2016 Professional Development kick-off of the First Tee Program will be held at the Forest Park Highlands Golf Course. Teachers will engage in training and activities with a morning session and later play 9 holes of golf as part of the training. Currently, 29 elementary schools in the District participate in First Tee St. Louis. Physical Education teachers receive professional development training and are provided age-appropriate materials and equipment for effective implementation, all at the cost of First Tee. First Tee uses the game of golf to help young people develop character by focusing on nine core values - honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment. The game of golf also speaks to youth about how to properly introduce one's self, manage emotions, resolve conflict, set up step by step goals, plan for the future and appreciate diversity.

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**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.