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

OFFICIAL REPORT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ST. LOUIS, MO
AUGUST 14, 2014**

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 6:10PM 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the May 29, 2014 minutes.

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

The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Darryl Wise, CEO of Annie Malone Children and Family Services expressed his support of the continued partnership between Annie Malone Children and Family Services and the St. Louis Public Schools. Annie Malone serves the District's special needs students through its Emerson Academy Therapeutic Schools.

Ms. Pauline Watts, Safety Officer with the District offered comments on behalf of some of her cohorts. She stated the safety officers are the back bone of the school principals and are not treated and paid as such. With the continuous economic conditions, most safety officers are working two jobs. The salary scale as is makes it difficult for one to participate in payroll escrow during the summer months when schools are not in session. Stories are circulating that new hires are being placed on a higher scale than those who have been with the District for a number of years. She asked when the safety officers will receive their "net worth" in pay.

Ms. Mary Armstrong, President of AFT Local 420 provided comments concerning negotiations for the 2014-2016 Wage, Salary and Benefits. She stated all three chapters (certificated, paraprofessional and secretarial) rejected the District's best and final offer. Ms. Armstrong cited several reasons for this action. An excerpt of those

were: teachers who were hired six years ago on Step A are on the same step six years later, new hires are making more than those who have tenure with the District, the current certificate salary schedule has not been upgraded since it was instituted in 2003-2004 at the inception of the SAB, loss of highly qualified teachers because the salary schedule is not competitive, and 1x payments do not contribute to retirement benefits. At the conclusion of Ms. Armstrong's comments and for the many reasons cited, she requested Federal mediation for a third impartial party in order that negotiations with District administration can move forward at a pliable and uniform pace.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Informational Items:

- The Gateway STEM Solar Panel System report was given by Ms. Lisa Williams, Energy Manager of Aramark. As part of the Clinton Global Initiative (CBI), Gateway STEM High School was afforded an educational opportunity to explore the benefits of Solar panels. A Solar panel system was installed on the roof of Gateway STEM. The solar panels generated 1.4% of the electrical power required to run the school. Results concluded that the Solar panel did not appear economically feasible.
- Mr. Stacy Clay, Deputy Superintendent for Student Support gave the report on the 2014-2015 Back-to-School Community Empowerment Festival. Attendance numbers for this year's Festival were 7,311. A survey of 404 attendees noted 86% were SLPS students and families. Total vendor participation was 154 as opposed to 125 last school year. The Festival in partnership with the Urban League took place on Saturday, August 2nd at the Chaifetz Arena.
- Dr. Edmond Heatley gave the Human Resources Staffing Update Report. As of June 1, 2014, 246 vacancies were filled, 67 certificated and 19 non-certificated employees resigned and 35 employees were on some form of approved leave. Hard to fill vacancies noted Math, Music and Chemistry. All principal and assistant principal positions were filled for the 2014-2015 school year.

Members entertained questions and 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 08-14-14-07 was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

(08-14-14-07 - PULLED) To approve a second amendment of a contract renewal with the three taxi cab providers (Metropolitan Taxicab Corporation, Express Medical Transporters, and Harris Taxicab Company), under Board Resolution Number 12-19-13-09 to increase the dollar amount by \$101,929 in cost of transportation services provided by the referenced approved taxi vendors as well as the reimbursement to the county districts for the SLPS' share of transportation costs for students that are transported to SLPS schools from the county due to being in transition. If approved, the total amount will not exceed \$2,193,929.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 08-14-14-01 through 08-14-14-32 with the exception of Resolution Number 08-14-14-07 which was pulled from the Consent Agenda and Resolution Number 08-14-14-31 that will be voted on separately.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

ABSENT: Dr. M. Adams

The motion passed.

(08-14-14-01) To approve the acceptance and expenditure of \$392,071.41.00 in reimbursable funds from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and from the School Food and Nutrition Services for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for 2014 - 2015 school year. Twenty-one (21) selected SLPS schools will be the recipient of this program.

(08-14-14-02) To adopt Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education *Local Plan for Compliance with State Regulations* for the implementation of state regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) which became effective March 30, 2014.

(08-14-14-03) To approve the May and June 2014 Monthly Transaction Reports.

(08-14-14-04) To ratify approval of a contract with Chaifetz Arena for expenses related to the rental of Chaifetz Arena on August 2, 2014 for the production of the annual Back to School Festival at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.00.

(08-14-14-05) To ratify and approve a second amendment of a contract renewal for services of Virtual School through Connections Academy, Aventa Learning, Missouri Council on Economic Education, Florida Virtual School, The North Kansas City School District and any other DESE approved vendor under Board Resolution Number 10-24-13-01, to increase the total dollar by \$75,000. If this request is granted, the total dollar amount will now be \$225,000.

(08-14-14-06) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution Number 09-26-13-02, a contract with the Alliance of Parents and Children for Educational Empowerment (APCEE), Inc. The amendment of the contract will reflect an increase in the cost of services under the contract not to exceed \$19,460.00. If this request is approved, the total cost of the contract will be \$193,064.20.

(08-14-14-08) To approve the amendment of Board Resolution Number 06-26-14-52, a contract renewal with First Student, Inc. for transportation services for the Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 to include the Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) program in the amount of \$1,000,000 and the van service for the Students in Transition (SIT) program. Funds used for the ECSE program are Non-GOB and are provided by State and Federal funds. The van service costs are offset by SIT savings. If approved, the total amount for the contract will now be \$22,217,241.

(08-14-14-09) To approve contracts with Vandalia Bus Lines, Inc. and Cavallo Bus Lines, Inc. to deliver safe transportation for students of all grade levels to the St. Louis Public Schools in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from August 18, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Funds for this program are offset by savings in the First Student budget.

(08-14-14-10) To approve a contract with Sunfarm Food Service for the 2014-2015 school year to provide the fresh produce for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) at a cost not to exceed \$392,071.41

(08-14-14-11) To approve a contract with Asphalt Paving and Concrete to provide asphalt and drainage installation of the parking lots and playground at Nottingham CAJT High School. The work should begin on August 15, 2014 and be completed by October 30, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$26,224.00, which includes a 10% contingency of \$2,384.00. This resolution is in response to RFP 006-1415.

(08-14-14-12) To approve a contract with Language Access Metro Project (LAMP) to provide foreign language interpreting services on an "as needed" basis to students as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for the period August 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.

(08-14-14-13) To approve a contract with Deafway Interpreting Services to provide sign language interpreting services for the District from August 15th, 2014 to June 30th, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$355,500. The contract is written for three years to be renewed annually at the option of the Board.

(08-14-14-14) To approve a contract with Logos to provide services on an "as needed" basis to students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for the 2014 - 2015 school year at a cost not to exceed \$526,680.00.

(08-14-14-15) To approve a contract with Epworth to provide services on an "as needed" basis to students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for the 2014 - 2015 school year at a cost not to exceed \$475,200.00.

(08-14-14-16) To approve a contract with Annie Malone Emerson Academy (Emerson) to provide services on an "as needed" basis to students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for the 2014 - 2015 school year at a cost not to exceed \$617,760.00.

(08-14-14-17) To approve a contract with Edgewood to provide services on an "as needed" basis to students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for the 2014 - 2015 school year at a cost not to exceed \$904,200.00.

(08-14-14-18) To approve a contract with Supplemental Health Care for a Managed Care Program for special education services to students with disabilities as identified by the Individual Education Program (IEP). The contract is written for three years to be renewed annually at the option of the Board. The period of performance will be for the 2014 - 2015 school year at a cost not to exceed \$4,955,100.

(08-14-14-19) To approve a sole source contract renewal with Saint Louis Regional Program for Exceptionally Gifted Students (PEGS) on the Lindbergh School District site. This program will provide ten students with exceptional abilities to meet their need for the 2014 - 2015 school at a cost not to exceed \$57,000.

(08-14-14-20) To approve a sole source contract renewal with the Institute For Family Medicine to provide the services of the Medical Director for the Office of Health Services. The period of performance will be August 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015 with the total cost not to exceed \$12,000.00.

(08-14-14-21) To approve an Agency Agreement with The St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) to establish an Adult Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program at Gateway STEM High School for the period beginning August 18, 2014 through December 10, 2014.

(08-14-14-22) To approve the renewal of an Agency Partnership Agreement with Washington University School of Medicine to provide fitness education programs as proposed in the U.S. Department of Education - Carol M. White -Aim to Fitness Grant. The program is for the period September 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$163,243.00. This will be year 3 of the three year grant.

(08-14-14-23) To approve the renewal of an Agency Partnership Agreement with BJC School Outreach and Youth Development to provide nutrition education programs as proposed in the U.S. Department of Education - Carol M. White Aim to Fitness Grant. The program is for the period September 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$19,880.00 for Cohorts 1, 2 schools and 3 schools. This year will be the third year of a three year grant.

(08-14-14-24) To approve an Agency Agreement with the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) to provide middle school teachers Problem-Based Learning Curriculum professional development and mentoring. The period of the agreement is from August 15, 2014 to December 31, 2014 at no cost to the District.

(08-14-14-25) To enter into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Lubbock-Cooper Independent School District in Texas for contracting of general food services and related goods and services for the period starting August 15, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 at no cost to the District.

(08-14-14-26) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Missouri to provide professional development in the area of science. Elementary teachers will participate in the National Science Foundation (NSF) funded Quality Elementary Science Teaching (QuEST) program. The period of the agreement is from August 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at no cost to the District.

(08-14-14-27) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Louis to provide students in-school mentoring and tutoring through the Mentor St. Louis program, after-school tutoring and home-work completion assistance, college and career exploration, robotics, financial education, and other enrichment for students at Clay, Columbia and Farragut Schools. The period of this MOU is August 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

(08-14-14-28) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mathematica Policy Research and the acceptance of funds from the same in the amount of \$275,000.00 for the District's participation in the study, "*Evaluation of Data-Driven Instruction*" sponsored by the US Department of Education. The study will examine the effectiveness of using data to improve instruction and thereby improve student achievement. The period of this MOU is for two years; 2014 - 2015 and 2015-2016 respectively.

(08-14-14-29) To approve a sole source purchase of Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES) from Talent Assessment, Inc. for the Gateway STEM High School Autism Program (Autism Program). PAES is an alternative measure of vocational potential that employs dynamic and performance-based assessment methods to identify transition planning needs associated with employment and vocational training at a cost not to exceed \$26,670.60.

(08-14-14-30) To approve the cost of printing the 2014-2015 Student Code of Conduct Handbook by Office Max (lowest bidder) at a cost not to exceed \$16,800 pending funding availability.

(08-14-14-32) To approve the renewal of the St. Louis Public Schools' group benefits cost for the plan year 2015. The estimated annual cost is \$30,799,608.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 08-14-14-31.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

ABSENT: Dr. M. Adams

The motion passed.

(08-14-14-31) To approve the change of the current school name of the Pamoja Preparatory Academy @ Cole to "Bertha Knox Gilkey Pamoja Preparatory Academy @ Cole".

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

Mr. Gaines acknowledged the First Tee program. First Tee has generously donated more than \$140,000 of physical education equipment to the District's elementary schools. The national youth development organization's mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf.

Mr. Gaines also commended Governor Jay Nixon for his efforts relative to Ferguson, MO's incidences due to the situation of Michael Brown.

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 7:00PM.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

ABSENT: Dr. M. Adams

The motion passed.

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