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TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE  
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

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**OFFICIAL REPORT**

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**TAX LEVY MEETING  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
ST. LOUIS, MO  
SEPTEMBER 24, 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 in Room 108 of the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. Prior to the regular meeting, the Tax Levy meeting convened for citizens to be heard on the proposed property tax rate to be set by the Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45PM 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.

Mrs. Angela Banks, Interim Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer gave the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Tax Levy presentation. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues the budget for the fiscal year shows to be required. The proposed tax rate must be submitted to the City of St. Louis Tax Assessor and the State Auditor's Office by October 1, 2014.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Sullivan called for public comments. There being no public comments, Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the \$4.3711 tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the \$4.3711 tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

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

The motion carried.

This report can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website. There being no further business, at 5:50PM the Tax Levy meeting adjourned and regular session convened.

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## **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 August 14, 2014 open minutes.

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

**ABSTAINED:** Dr. M. Adams

*(Did not attend 8-14-14 meeting)*

The motion carried.

## **STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION**

Sanjay Cherupalla, a senior at Metro Academic and Classical High School was recognized for being the winner of the 2014 LMI Aerospace Inc. Awards for Excellence in Research for his paper, *Analyzing Tetramerization in KirBac1.1*. Likewise, Joschula Page a tenth grader at McKinley Classical Jr. Academy was recognized for her invention of a wrist band that can wirelessly charge cell phones. On October 8<sup>th</sup> she will present her invention at a business conference in San Francisco, California.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Lorna Turner-James a counselor in the District expressed concerns regarding the management and organizational changes of school counselors.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Ms. Paula Knight, Association Superintendent for Early Childhood gave an updated report on Early Childhood. For the past year, the focus of Early Childhood has been on Kindergarten readiness and the alignment of instructional tools. The work led to the revision of the Early Learning Framework. Before and Aftercare programs limited services to Pre-K students with a more academic focus on reading and math skills. Academic attainment was supported in grades three, four and five as a result of those students who attended Pre-K in 2008-2009, 2007-2008 and 2006-2007. Enrollment numbers inclusive of P3 and P4 noted 2,187 as of September 17<sup>th</sup> and a waiting list of 788 with 86 available vacancies. PIIP (Parent Infant Interaction Program) enrollment numbers noted 24 at Roosevelt, 24 at Sumner and 32 at Vashon.
- Mr. David Hardy, Chief Academic Officer provided a preliminary report on the Tutoring Initiative. The Tutoring Initiative is a high dosage in-school tutoring program designed to provide daily, individualized instruction and remediation to students. Tutoring is supplemental core instruction and students are not pulled out of class until the independent practice portion of class. Students who are identified as basic and/or below basic on the MAP test are targeted for tutoring services. Groups of four to six students will receive tutoring education five days a week for forty-five minutes a day. Students must maintain an 80% attendance ratio in order to stay in the program. Blueprint School Network, Catapult Learning and St. Louis Tutoring are the service providers.

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

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BUSINESS ITEM(S):

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 09-24-14-01 through 09-24-14-11. Dr. M. Adams moved and Mr. Gaines seconded. Mr. Sullivan called for discussion. Mr. Gaines moved that the motion be amended to remove item 09-24-14-11 for this item presents a conflict of interest for him. As originator of the motion, 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 09-24-14-01 through 09-04-14-10.**

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

The motion passed.

**(09-24-14-01)** To approve an Agency Agreement with Springboard to work collaboratively with St. Louis Public Schools to establish a partnership to increase academic achievement through visual and performing arts for the period September 25, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

**(09-24-14-02)** 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 October 10, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

**(09-24-14-03)** To approve a 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 5 elementary schools for the period September 25, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

**(09-24-14-04)** To approve a renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Young Men's Christian Agency (YMCA) to provide after school and evening programs at up to 10 elementary schools for the period September 25, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

**(09-24-14-05)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Ready Reader to read aloud high quality children's literature to pre-k children for the period September 25, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

**(09-24-14-06)** To approve a contract renewal with Writing Works to provide grant writing services from September 25, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

**(09-24-14-07)** To approve a sole source purchase of software licenses from Achieve3000 Inc. for 250 licenses for students' use of the company's Achieve3000 differentiated literacy program at a cost not to exceed \$10,490.42.

**(09-24-14-08)** To approve a sole-source purchase of athletic equipment (including 64 football helmets) and uniforms for the high school and middle school sports programs from Riddell All-American and BSN Sports for the 2014-2015 school year at a total combined cost not to exceed \$ 193,757.

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**(09-24-14-09)** To approve and ratify the renewal of an Agency Agreement with Confluence Preparatory (Confluence) to allow Confluence's students to enroll in the District's Career and Technical Education programs for the period August 25, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a rate of \$2,500 per student.

**(09-24-14-10)** To approve and ratify the Grant Award Agreement with the Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) for the "Schools as the Hub" program for the period August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015. The total amount of the grant is \$187,920.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-24-14-11. 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 09-04-14-11.

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

**ABSTAINED:** Mr. Gaines  
*(presents conflict of interest)*

The motion passed.

**(09-24-14-11)** To approve and ratify the purchase of a renewal Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy with Arch Insurance through our insurance broker, Marsh USA for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$313,136.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-24-14-12. 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 09-04-14-12.

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

The motion passed.

**(09-24-14-12)** To approve a contract with American Boiler and Mechanical to upgrade the chiller at the SLPS Administration Building. The work shall begin on September 25, 2014 and be completed no later than February 27, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$438,215.80, which includes a contingency of \$39,837.80. This resolution is in response to RFP #001-1314.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-24-14-13. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 09-04-14-13.

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

The motion passed.

**(09-24-14-13)** To approve the accept of the grant funding from the Parson-Blewett Memorial Fund in the amount of \$450,000 for teachers to pursue certification in reading and ultimately to improve overall teacher skill and increase our teachers' knowledge base.

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Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-24-14-14. 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 09-04-14-14.

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

The motion passed.

**(09-24-14-14)** To approve a onetime payment of \$30,000 to the selected employment agency (i.e., Robert Half, Accounting Career Consultants, KForce or Benskin & Hott) for fees associated with securing a full-time permanent individual who will fill the position of Controller in the Finance Division.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-24-14-15. 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 09-04-14-15.

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

**ABSTAINED:** Mr. Gaines

The motion passed.

**(09-24-14-15)** To rescind Resolution Number 05-29-14-53, a contract with Western Waterproofing to make structural repairs to the southeast and northwest stair towers located in the 801 Administrative Building Parking Garage and replace it with this Resolution Number 09-24-14-15, a contract with Water Proof Solutions, who agreed to honor the original awardee's bid. The replacement contractor is due to the original awardee's refusal to sign and return their contract. The work shall begin on September 25, 2014 and be completed no later than November 29, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$17,226 that includes a 10% contingency of \$1,566.

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

Mr. Gaines spoke on the First Tee program. The program currently serves 15 of the District's elementary schools by donating more than \$140,000 of physical education equipment. The national youth development organization promotes nine core values of character development through the game of golf. Mr. Gaines requested the District consider looking into other fund raiser options that could provide additional financial support to extend this opportunity to other elementary schools.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board in open session, 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

The motion passed.