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

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**TAX RATE MEETING**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

(REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MOVE FROM 9-20-18)

**ST. LOUIS, MO**

**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 above date to hear the proposed Tax Levy rate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and to conduct the regular business meeting of the District. The meetings were held at the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street in room 108, St. Louis, MO 63101. Those in attendance were Mr. Rick Sullivan, Mrs. Darnetta Clinkscale, Mr. Richard K. Gaines, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams, Ms. Ruth Lewis and legal counsel, Jeffrey St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, LLC.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mr. Sullivan called the Tax Rate meeting to order at 5:03PM on the following roll call.

**AYE:** Mrs. Darnetta Clinkscale, Mr. Richard K. Gaines, Mr. Rick Sullivan

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FY 2018-2019 TAX RATE MEETING**

CFO/Treasurer, Angela Banks gave the Tax Levy presentation. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues, which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 shows to be required from the property taxes. The proposed tax rate must be submitted to the City of St. Louis Tax Assessor and the State Auditor's Office by October 1, 2018.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Sullivan called for public comments. There being none, Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve a total tax rate of \$5.1371 (*Operating Rate \$4.5160 and Debt Rate [no change] \$0.6211*) for FY 2018-2019.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve a total tax rate of \$5.1371 (*Operating Rate \$4.5160 and Debt Rate [no change] \$0.6211*) for FY 2018-2019.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

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There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn the Tax Levy meeting at 5:10 PM and move into the regular business meeting.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### STUDENT/ STAFF RECOGNITIONS

None.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parents Gretchen Jenson and Ami Boehlje expressed their appreciation for the meeting with the Superintendent and Athletic Director to address parents' concerns about the elimination of the baseball and softball programs from the athletic curriculum.

Parent Shabibi McMillian shared concerns about her daughter's education. She also asked why a full-time nurse was not on staff. Ms. McMillian daughter attends Washington Montessori School. The deputy of Student Support Services will follow-up with Ms. McMillian.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the August 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes. On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the August 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion carried.

### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

#### Informational Items

Chief Financial Officer, Mrs. Angela Banks reported on the FY18/19 Financial Update.

#### FY2018-2019 Proposed District Budget

FY2018 is the final year in the DESG agreement which only funded the expanded Early Childhood classrooms and Principal Leadership. The Superintendent Zone Initiatives (*Extended Day, Instructional Support Facilitators, DESEG Support*) and PIIP are no longer funded. No capital bond issuances are currently planned although needs are still great with the completion of Prop S. The debt expenditures continue to outpace revenues. Overall, about \$12.5M reduction in revenues and \$10M increase in expenditures

	FY 2018 AMENDED	FY 2018 UNAUDITED	FY 2019 BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Revenues	\$398,851,577	\$402,769,218	\$392,490,570	(\$10,278,648)
Total Expenditures	\$395,992,975	\$385,498,493	\$390,208,327	\$4,709,834

Chief Human Resource Officer, Mr. Charles Burton led the 2019 Benefits Renewal and Recommendations presentation.

The District moved Medical coverage to United Healthcare effective January 1, 2017 for an estimated annual savings of \$1,685,923. USI negotiated rate caps for the January 1, 2018 renewal at 9% and the January 1, 2019 renewal at 12%.

The increase to the District for Pharmacy is 5.4% for an estimated annual increase of \$761,607. This increase is well below the District's average trend increase of 9.4% and industry trend of 12-14%.

The District's 2019 Dental Coverage is with Delta Dental of Missouri effective January 1, 2019. The District elected the 2.5% increase for 2 years effective January 1, 2017 to include the Healthy Smiles Healthy Lives program (*extra visit and cleaning for members diagnosed with periodontal disease, are pregnant, and have diabetes*).

The District's 2019 Short and Long Term Disability, Basic Life and AD&D, Voluntary Life coverages is with CIGNA, effective January 1, 2019.

Short Term Disability

Negotiated 3 year rate guarantee effective January 1, 2017; no change in plan; next renewal is January 1, 2020.

Long Term Disability

Negotiated a 3 year rate guarantee effective January 1, 2017; no change in plan; next renewal is January 1, 2020.

Basic Life and AD&D

Negotiated a 3 year rate guarantee effective January 1, 2017; no change in plan; next renewal is January 1, 2020.

Voluntary Life

Negotiated a 3 year rate guarantee effective January 1, 2017; no plan design changes; next renewal January 1, 2020.

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

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BUSINESS ITEMS- CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 09-20-18-01 through 09-20-18-08, excluding 09-20-18-07. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 09-20-18-01 through 09-20-18-08, excluding 09-20-18-07.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion passed.

**(09-20-18-01)** To approve the acceptance and expenditure of \$614,159.00 in reimbursable funds from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Food and Nutrition Services for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the 2018-2019 school year. A total of 41 District schools will participate.

**(09-20-18-02)** To approve the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$1,929.85 from the St. Louis Dairy Council, Dollars for Dairy Grant. The funds will be used to expand the nutrition education programs with the *Smoothie Traveling Bike*. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of consuming dairy products along with the benefits of incorporating physical activity into their lives that will promote healthy lifestyle.

**(09-20-18-03)** To approve the fall bus routes for FY18-19. The report detailing the bus routes is available in the Transportation Office.

**(09-20-18-04)** To approve a contract with Sunfarm Food Service to provide the fresh produce for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the period September 27, 2018 through June 30, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$614,159.00. This is the first year of a 4-year renewal option.

**(09-20-18-05)** To approve a contract renewal with Harris Stowe State University for the period September 27, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for the SLPS Dual Enrollment partnership to allow up to 75 SLPS high school students to attend classes (English 0040, and Mathematics 0040) two days a week on HSSU's campus, at a cost not to exceed \$72,569.50.

**(09-20-18-06)** To approve a contract renewal with Jezreel Consulting for on-call grant writing and consultant services for the period September 27, 2018 through June 30, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00.

**(09-20-18-08)** To approve the Monthly Transaction Report for June, 2018.

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Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-20-18-07 On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 09-20-18-07.

**AYE:** Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Sullivan  
**ABSTAIN:** Mr. Gaines  
**NAY:** None

The motion passed.

**(09-20-18-07)** To approve the renewal of St. Louis Public Schools' group benefit cost for plan year 2019, which includes Medical/Pharmacy, Dental, Vision, Short/Long Term Disability and Life/Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance. The estimated renewal is based on 3,555 active employees at a total cost not to exceed \$32,010,891.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution 09-20-18-09. On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 09-20-18-09.

**AYE:** Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan  
**NAY:** None

The motion passed.

**<sup>1</sup>(09-20-18-09)** To approve the purchase of athletic equipment including helmets and uniforms for the 2018-2019 school year from Johnny Macs Sporting Goods, MFAC, Winning Streak, Varsity Sport Fashions and Riddell All-American for high school and middle school sports programs at a total combined cost not to exceed \$192,000.00.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 09-20-18-10. On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 09-20-18-10.

**AYE:** Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan  
**NAY:** None

The motion passed.

**(09-20-18-10)** To approve contracts with Eclipse Constructors and D&L Painting and Drywall to complete painting projects throughout the District for the period beginning September 27, 2018 through June 30, 2019, based on hourly rates, at a total cost not to exceed \$200,000.00, pending funding availability. This resolution is in response to RFP #079-1718.

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<sup>1</sup> Returning from the August 16, 2018 SAB Meeting. The SAB pulled the item for additional information.

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**BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 5:56PM.

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

**NAY:** None

The motion passed.