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

OFFICIAL REPORT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ST. LOUIS, MO
SEPTEMBER 4, 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 6:03PM on the following roll call.

AYE: Dr. Melanie Adams, Mr. Rick Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Richard Gaines

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF 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 June 26, 2014 minutes.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Gaines

The motion passed.

On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the July 31, 2014 minutes.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Gaines

The motion passed.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Althea J. Albert-Santiago, Director of the District's Food Services program was recognized for being name the 2014 Professional Woman of the Year by the National Association of Professional Women (NAPW) for the prestigious distinction of leadership in her field. The NAPW has a membership of over 600,000 and nearly three hundred local chapters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elected Board member William "Bill" Monroe expressed comments about the need for the Elected Board and the SAB to meet collaboratively. Mr. Monroe directed his comment to Mr. Sullivan because he stated Mr. Sullivan is the CEO. He stated he feels it is Mr. Sullivan who refuses to meet with the Elected Board. He closed his comments again asking when will the Elected Board and SAB meet.

Elected Board President David Jackson made comments about the results of the District's 2014 Annual Performance Report (APR) and read a prepared statement of the Elected Board's plan for transitioning back into governance over the SLPS. He laid out a six point plan for transitioning. An excerpt of those were: transitioning would begin 9 to 12 months prior to the exit term of the SAB, an elected board member(s) should participate on all of the SAB's committees, the Elected Board should have a seat on the SAB with no voting rights but will entertain questions and make inquiries and lastly, have access to the District's lobbyist. Regarding the APR, he found the results under the leadership of the SAB to be very disappointing and discouraging.

Ms. Mary Armstrong, President of AFT Local 420 shared comments regarding the 2014 Annual Performance Report and Local 420's initiative to support community schools. She stated even though some might consider going from 34.5 point to 60.5 points as unacceptable progress, Local 420, staff and administrators, deem this progress to be continued movement towards accreditation with the vision of being an accredited school district. Ms. Armstrong thanked Deputy Stacy Clay for accommodating representatives from the National AFT Chapter and the St. Louis Chapter in their efforts to meet with community school leadership teams to collaborate on how and what assistance is needed to support professional development. Both chapters will also provide assistance to the Superintendent Zones and the SIG schools. Ms. Armstrong also addressed an opportunity for District students to receive free books by way of an educational offer sponsored by Face Book.

Dr. Kathleen Wilder of the United Methodist Church and an active participant of SLPS' Superintendent's Breakfast shared comments regarding the support she and her children received from her children's school during the unfortunate passing of her husband. The principals and staff provided unwavering coping mechanisms for her children that helped them stay on task with their studies thereby not losing what could have been a year of school. She also extended her thanks to the Board and Superintendent for the positive strides and accomplishments that have occurred thus far under their leadership and for their professional candor in approaching issues that are not under their control.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Informational Items:

Superintendent Adams provided updates on the following:

- 2014 School Opening Update: Because of the changes in the bell times for schools, the total number of buses needed for the 2014-2015 school year created a 7% reduction or a total of 283 buses that will service District students. On-time performance percentages of 95% noted the same for the first five days of school for the current year and the 2013-2014 school year. The number of transportation calls received went from 3,109 from last school year to 2,426 this year. The general call center, i.e., Recruitment and Placement, Finance and Human Resources was 8,182 as oppose to last year of 8,352. The food service participation rate is up by 10% as a result of the conversion where all students receive free breakfast and lunch and a more efficient start of the year as Southwest, the District's provider, enters into its second year of operation. All buildings were clean at the start of school despite the number of renovations. However, elevators in eight schools are at incomplete status because of construction concerns, redesign and performance.
- 2014 Enrollment Update: The first week of school noted an enrollment of 24,616. This number increased from last year because the Pre-K students started on the first day of school this year as opposed to the second week of school last year.

School Year enrollment comparisons for 2013-2014 to 2014-2015 showed a decline for the second and third weeks of school. As of this meeting, the District's student enrollment was 26,286.

- Financial Update 2014-2015: The Board approved a GOB budget of \$286.2M in expenditures. Due to unbudgeted pension and salary expenses, projected 2014-2015 expenditures are \$291.6M. Total projected revenues reduced by \$5M to \$280.0M as a result of the 2007 charter school litigation. The 2013-2014 unaudited surplus is \$7.3M with an ending fund balance at \$26.9M. The District does not project a balanced budget for 2014-2015 largely due to the Charter school payment and the additional salary and pension expenses.
- 2013-2014 Annual Performance Report: The District improved in all categories - academic achievement (12 points), subgroup achievement (2 points), college career readiness (14 points), attendance (10 points which is the maximum) and graduation rate (22.5 points). Seven (7) schools qualified for Accreditation with Distinction and 17 schools qualified for Full Accreditation. The Superintendent anticipates the District will be fully accredited next school year.
- Retention Update: Seven hundred eight two students inclusive of grades KG through 8th grades have been identified as needing intervention strategies in reading. The goal is to identify those areas where students require growth and implement a plan of action by using reading specialists, tutoring, designed curriculum interventions, differentiated instruction, guided reading, CSR target intervention support and AIC target instruction.

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

On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 09-04-14-01 through 09-04-14-10.

AYE: Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Gaines

The motion passed.

(09-04-14-01) To ratify an emergency approval to rent a 200-ton chiller for Woodward Elementary School. The rental will be secured from Aggreko, LLC for a period of eight weeks at a total cost not to exceed \$28,170.00, which will include rental, freight, installation and tear-down charges.

(09-04-14-02) To approve a contract 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. The total cost will not exceed \$299,555.00 for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

(09-04-14-03) To approve the contract renewal with Project Construct to provide professional development to pre-school teachers at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. The contract is for the period September 5, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

(09-04-14-04) To approve a contract renewal with Dr. Mascheal Schappe for professional development coordination services outlined in the three-year Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education "K-6 Mathematics and Science Partnership" grant, with year-2 services to be provided October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.

(09-04-14-05) To approve a contract renewal with the University of Missouri-St. Louis, through its Partnership for Evaluation, Assessment, and Research (PEAR), to conduct evaluation services outlined in the three-year Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education "K-6 Mathematics and Science Partnership" grant, with year-2 services to be provided October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$28,000.

(09-04-14-06) To approve a contract renewal with Maryville University for professional development services outlined in the three-year Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education "K-6 Mathematics and Science Partnership" grant, with year 2 services to be provided October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$120,430.

(09-04-14-07) To approve a 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 September 5, 2014 through+ June 30, 2015 at no cost to the District.

(09-04-14-08) To approve a renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with The Little Bit Foundation to provide basic essentials to those children in need at no more than 15 District elementary schools in addition to piloting a behavioral health program at Herzog Elementary School for the period September 5, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at no cost to the District.

(09-04-14-09) To approve the Monthly Transaction Report for July 2014.

(09-04-14-10) To approve and ratify 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)~~ \$244,954 in cost of transportation services provided by the referenced approved taxi vendors as well as the reimbursement to the county districts for 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)~~ \$2,308,578.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Gaines

The motion passed.

(09-04-14-11) To approve an Agency Agreement with the United 4 Children where four (4) staff persons will attend training sessions provided by the Social-Emotional Early Childhood Project 2014-2015 for the period September 9, 2014 through June 1, 2015.

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 09-04-14-12.

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

The motion passed.

(09-04-14-12) To approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University of Missouri to implement and evaluate the Missouri College Advising Corps Program at Carnahan High School of the Future for the 2014-2015 school year.

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 09-04-14-13.

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

The motion passed.

(09-04-14-13) To ratify approval of the purchase of the Principal Leadership Books from Left Bank Books in the amount of \$8,534.05.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board in open session, on a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:10PM.

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

The motion passed.

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