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

OFFICIAL REPORT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ST. LOUIS, MO
SEPTEMBER 5, 2013**

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. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call.

ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the July 18, 2013 open minutes.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the August 15, 2013 open minutes.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.

RECOGNITION(S)

Eight (8) high school students were recognized for their completion of the *Men of Tomorrow Health Careers Program*. The program resulted in the collaborative efforts of BJC HealthCare and the St. Louis Public Schools Career and Technical Education Division. The Men of Tomorrow Health Careers Camp was designed to provide an opportunity for minority male students to learn about careers in the health care industry. In order to participate in the program students had to have earned a 2.5 or higher GPA and an attendance rate of 90% or above. The eight student honorees were Clarence Barnett, Queon

Channel, Arma'an Givans, Jotham Nixon, Hezekiak Jackson, Harvey Rodriguez Johnson, Vernon Russell and Gerardo Vazquez.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. William Monroe shared comments relative to the upcoming meeting (September 17th) between the Elected Board and the SAB. He encouraged the Board to plan future meetings for continued collaboration.

Mr. Jackson addressed the State Audit results and two items (09-05-13-05 and 09-05-13-06) on the Consent Agenda. Regarding the State Audit results, Mr. Jackson stated the Elected Board was disappointed in the findings and would respond as such at the Elected Board's September 10th meeting. Concerning the Consent Agenda items, he shared his position why he felt these items should not go forward and asked the SAB to reconsider.

Superintendent Adams added the referenced Consent Agenda items noted by Mr. Jackson are slated to be withdrawn this meeting.

Note: The items were inadvertently not tagged as "withdrawn" when the September 5, 2013 Consent Agenda was prepared.

Ms. Mary Armstrong, President Local 420 – AFT St. Louis brought forth concerns regarding school administrators' management of their respective buildings and that this "management" as reported is not in line with the District's Board Policies and Regulations. Some school building administrators are establishing building processes/procedures for appropriate dress attire and instituting a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) before addressing the St. Louis Plan guidelines as agreed upon by Local 420 and the District Administration. She reported complaints received about the school administrators' management style which could easily sway staff to leave the District. She asked the Board and Superintendent to look into these reported allegations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

✦ ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Superintendent did not present any announcements this meeting.

✦ INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent Adams presented six (6) reports. They were 1) Enrollment Updates; 2) Data Reports and Systems; 3) District Reorganization; 4) School Improvement Grant – Cadre III Application and Planning; 5) In-School Tutoring Initiative; and 6) the 2013 GOB Budget Amendment #3.

Enrollment Updates: Superintendent Adams presented an enrollment snapshot comparing the last two years of data with the current year's. It showed that elementary enrollment had increased, middle school was slightly down, high school was somewhat higher and specialty programs were down. Total District enrollment as of day fifteen for the 2013-2014 school year was almost

the same as the 2012-2013 school year. Superintendent Adams will present a more inclusive report as the school year moves forward.

Data Reports and Systems: The District received provisional accreditation under MSIP IV rules but is now scored under MSIP V rules. High schools must meet 5 standards with the possibility of gaining 140 points and 3 standards must be met by elementary and middle schools with the possibility of gaining 70 points. Points are earned for each standard based on individual schools' performance. Accountability is required at each grade level. Credit is given for progress made and status maintained or improved.

The District did not gain a sufficient number of points in Academic Achievement, Subgroup Achievement and College Career Readiness. A 1% increase was needed in all three areas to earn the required minimum points. Attendance demonstrated a progress of 2.2% receiving 4 points and graduation progressed at 9% and received 22.5 points.

Superintendent Adams has set targets for 2014 achievements.

District Reorganization: The reorganization continues to serve as support and intervention for schools. Support for school will be driven by the schools' needs. The reorganization is established into four (4) areas: Superintendent Zone Schools; Autonomous Schools; Cluster Schools and Alternative Programs.

The Superintendent Zone Schools will service 18 School Improvement Grant (SIG) schools; 12 elementary, 3 middle and 3 high (6,118 students) with an intense focus on building systems for ongoing classroom instruction improvements which must be the center of all intervention strategies.

The Autonomous Schools will consist of 15 school sites; 8 elementary, 2 middle and 7 high (6,833 students). Principals in autonomous schools will be accountable for achievement, safety, stable enrollment fiscal integrity, District-wide Policies and Regulations and parent engagement and involvement.

There are 38 Cluster Schools; 26 elementary, 6 middle and 6 high. These schools will have a more traditional model of support. Cluster School demonstrated some academic progress, but still need some support to continue their promising course.

School Improvement Grant (SIG) – Cadre III Application and Planning: In May 2013 the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education announced SIG Cadre III. The \$1.5 million grant is for three years per school. Eight (8) schools have been identified for SIG Cadre III. They are Dunbar, Laclede, Meramec, Nance, Oak Hill, Yeatman-Liddell, Roosevelt and Sumner. Each school will operate under the Transformation model where the staff and faculty will remain in place but a new principal will be appointed.

The methodology to Cadre III is to build leaders' capacity thereby achieving excellence in leadership and instruction.

In-School Tutoring Initiative: For the past 18 years the District managed the After-School Program as supplementary instruction for students. However, what the administration found was that more time, along with cost, was spent on transporting students to school sites and back home instead of "real time" instruction. In the spring of 2013, the Superintendent pursued the In-School Tutoring Model where tutors spend the entire school day at the school with the students. The In-School Tutoring Model is an in-school tutoring program designed to provide individualized instructions to students and works closely with principals and teachers on mastery-based lessons that will target students in groups of 4 for 45 minutes each day. The District's focus is on Math and English-Language Arts. Resolution Number 09-05-13-28 references this Initiative.

2013 GOB Budget Amendment #3: Due to the increase in enrollment, recoupments, improving economy and State funding based on current year attendance, a 3rd amendment increasing revenues and expenses in the 2013 GOB was necessary.

Board 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

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 09-05-13-01 through 09-05-13-27 with the exception of Resolution Numbers 09-05-13-05 and 09-05-13-06 which were withdrawn by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 09-05-13-01 through 09-05-13-27 with the exception of Resolution Numbers 09-05-13-05 and 09-05-13-06 which were withdrawn by the Superintendent.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.

- 09-05-13-01** To approve the June 2013 Monthly Transaction Report.
- 09-05-13-02** To ratify the District's participation in the Public Education Leadership Program (PELP) at Harvard University for the period July 8, 2013 through July 12, 2013 at a cost of \$41,400.
- 09-05-13-03** To approve the 2014 SLPS District Tuition Rate of \$15,658 per pupil.
- 09-05-13-04** To ratify the purchase of gift cards from Office Max as part of the new Teachers Matter Initiative. Each card purchased is in the amount of \$50 at a total cost not exceeding \$12,500.

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- 09-05-13-05** To approve the amendment of Board Resolution Number 10-28-10-10, a contract with Kwame Building Group, to increase the cost by \$775,000 and to extend the expiration date to October 29, 2015. This increase will provide continued construction management services for the proposed new elementary school to be built in the Tower Grove neighborhood. If approved, the revised total cost of the contract will be \$6,925,000.
- ITEM WITHDRAWN**
- 09-05-13-06** To approve the amendment of Board Resolution Number 02-17-11-08, a contract with ID/IQ Architects, to increase the cost by \$1,200,000 and to extend the expiration date to October 29, 2015. This increase at 8% of the \$15 million total construction cost will provide continued architectural, engineering and planning services for the proposed new elementary school to be built in the Tower Grove neighborhood. If approved, the total cost of the contract will now be ~~\$2,200,000~~ \$3,200,000.
- ITEM WITHDRAWN**
- 09-05-13-07** To approve an Addendum to the agreement for transportation services provided by First Student, Inc. that will provide van service for the Students in Transition program during the FY13-14 school year.
- 09-05-13-08** To approve a membership renewal with CharacterPlus of Cooperating School Districts for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$6,900.
- 09-05-13-09** To request course additions in the area of “Honors” to be reactivated for the 2013-2014 Academic School Year.
- 09-05-13-10** To approve a sole source contract with Defined Learning, LLC, to provide Defined STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) curriculum and professional development resources for the period September 6, 2013 through August 3, 2014 at a total cost not to exceed \$7,485.
- 09-05-13-11** To approve the purchase of music supplies and repair services from selected vendors (listed under “background information” on the Resolution) on an as needed basis at a total combined cost not to exceed \$85,000.
- 09-05-13-12** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Washington University to provide tutoring in the subjects of Communication Arts and Math at Ford and Laclede Elementary Schools for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
- 09-05-13-13** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Washington University to provide high school students the opportunity to seek scientific careers and increase participation of underrepresented groups in science for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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- 09-05-13-14** To ratify the acceptance of funds from Aramark in the amount of \$9,800 which supported the Back to School Festival.
- 09-05-13-15** To ratify the purchase of movie theater tickets and passes from the Arnold 14 Cinema (a Wehrenberg Theater) for the Summer School Perfect Attendance Incentive Program at a total cost of \$12,750.
- 09-05-13-16** To approve a contract renewal with Grace Hill Head Start to provide the framework for the cooperative efforts between Grace Hill Head Start and SLPS for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at no cost to the District.
- 09-05-13-17** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Tyus Learning Center, LLC, to provide Certified Nursing Assistant Classes and Certified Medical Technician classes for the period of September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The classes will be held at Sigel Community Education Full Service School.
- 09-05-13-18** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with BJC HealthCare to provide Certified Nursing Assistant classes for the period of September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The classes will be held at Walbridge Community Education Full Service School.
- 09-05-13-19** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Made Whole Health Technology Services, LLC to provide Certified Nursing Assistant classes, Certified Medical Technician and Phlebotomy classes for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The classes will be held at Vashon Community Education Full Service School.
- 9-05-13-20** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with I Know Better to provide a self-empowered, safety education program called radKIDS (Resisting Aggression Defensively) for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The program will be located at Clay, Hamilton, Lyon @ Blow, Mullanphy, Shaw, Sigel, and Walbridge Community Education Full Service Schools.
- 09-05-13-21** To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Mike Williams to provide therapeutic counseling for students at Long Middle Community Education Full Service School for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
- 09-05-13-22** To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Better Family Life to provide mentoring for students at Long Middle Community Education Full Service School for the period of September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
- 09-05-13-23** To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Conflict Services St. Louis Restorative Justice Program to improve school safety by decreasing violence and increasing student attendance by increasing school engagement for students

at Long Middle Community Education Full Service School for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

- 09-05-13-24** To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Multicultural Counseling and Research Center to provide therapeutic counseling for students at Long Middle Community Education Full Service School for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
- 09-05-13-25** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to provide substance abuse prevention and peer mediation training for students at Long Middle Community Education Full Service School for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
- 09-05-13-26** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Missouri on behalf of the School and Family Counseling Center to provide group therapeutic counseling for students at Long Middle Community Education Full Service School (CEFSS) for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
- 09-05-13-27** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Girls Scouts of Eastern Missouri to provide programs that support a violence free learning environment and encourage students to explore unconventional learning and career opportunities for the period September 6, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-05-13-28. Ms. Adams moved and Mr. Gaines seconded. As the originator of the motion, Ms. Adams withdrew the motion, and Mr. Gaines seconded. The motion was withdrawn due to the sequence of approvals required before acting upon this item.

At the request of Superintendent Adams, Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-26-13-22 from the September 26, 2013 Items for Consideration.

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 09-26-13-22 from the September 26, 2013 Items for Consideration.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.

- 09-26-13-22** To authorize the Superintendent to exercise discretion in the expenditures of the School Improvement Grant (SIG). This discretion request includes the authority to accept the funds (\$4,386,150) and to process time sensitive items as deemed required.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-05-13-28.

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 09-05-13-28.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.

09-05-13-28 To approve the contracts with Blueprint Schools Network (Blueprint) and Catapult Learning (Catapult). Blueprint will provide Math Tutoring and Catapult will provide English-Language Arts Tutoring for District's students. The period for both contracts is the same, October 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The total combined cost for these services will not exceed \$4,500,000.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-26-13-07 from the September 26, 2013 Items for Consideration.

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 09-26-13-07 from the September 26, 2013 Items for Consideration.

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

*Mr. Gaines further requested his comment be noted for the record along with his "Aye" vote. Because of budgetary constraints, Cooperating School District was selected as the fiscal agent in lieu of attorney representations serving in this capacity.

The motion passed.

09-26-13-07 To approve a contract with the Cooperating School District to act as the fiscal agent for the St. Louis Community Monitoring and Support Task Force for the fiscal year 2013-2014 at a cost not to exceed \$62,500.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board in open session, on a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:18PM.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.