

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 PM
(Tuesday, October 10, 2023)**

Attendance: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Natalie Vowell(Virtual), Matthew "Matt" Davis, and Antionette "Toni" Cousins.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Wellness Updates:

- Thank you to the **SLPS Human Resource and the District's Wellness Committee** members who, in partnership with UnitedHealthcare, hosted **SLPS Wellness Day on Saturday, September 23**. Staff and families could receive flu shots and meet healthcare providers who shared important information on health and wellness.
- 24 Saint Louis Public Schools were named among **America's Healthiest Schools** by a national health advocacy organization -- Healthier Generation. The SLPS representation accounted for 24 of the 28 Missouri schools receiving recognition. Congratulations to all who work so hard to maintain focus on health and wellness!

The National Chess Championships:

The National Chess Championships are currently underway here in St. Louis! Yesterday, two Grand Masters visited chess club students at Gateway Middle School and Betty Wheeler CJA.

The Masters engaged in a strategy game with students to demonstrate the importance of critical thinking in decision-making. During this event, students had the opportunity to meet.

Fabiano Caruana, currently the second-ranked chess player globally, and **Abhi Mishra**, who is the youngest person in the United States to attain the title of Grand Master at the age of 12.

For our students who follow chess, these Grand Masters were like "Rock Stars!" We are grateful to the Championship leaders for making this opportunity possible.

Blue Ribbon Schools:

We are excited to announce that **Betty Wheeler CJA** and **Mallinckrodt** are among the newest national Blue Ribbon Schools. The Blue Ribbon program recognizes overall excellence or progress in closing achievement gaps. We want our school principals, Betty Wheelers' **Dr. Robert Narrow** and Mallinckrodt's **Dr. Shawn Williams**, to come forward and say a few words about who they have brought along with them on behalf of their school and teaching teams.

Public Comments

- Erma Nevels McNeil
- Adam Layne
- Joseph Miklovic
- Candace Owens
- John Moore
- Charles Norris
- Greg Michaud
- Ray Cummings
- Avis Funches
- Ashley Merideth

Matt Davis moved to go into recess at 7:49 PM, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Matt Davis, Toni Cousins

Nay: Natalie Vowell (Virtual)

The motion passed.

Matt Davis moved to conclude the recess and resume the business meeting at 8:1 PM, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Matt Davis, Toni Cousins

Nay: None

Absent: Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

OCTOBER CONSENT AGENDA

Matt Davis moved to approve the October Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

Aye: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Matt Davis, Toni Cousins

Nay: None

Absent: Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

(10-10-23-01) To approve a new Memorandum of Understanding with Nike, Inc. to initiate a formal evaluation process for the potential inclusion of Nike's Starting Line curriculum in the educational offerings of Clyde C. Miller Career Academy at no cost to the District for the period of October 11, 2023, through June 30, 2024, per Transformation Plan Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(10-10-23-02) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a partnership between The Center for Ignatian Service at Saint Louis University and the St. Louis Public Schools in order to provide Kick & Code, an afterschool program for elementary school students. Kick & Code combines programming for soccer, literacy, and robotics (STEM). The volunteers for this program will all be SLU students enrolled in a service-learning class. This MOU supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships; Goal 5B: Cultivate School Partnerships.

(10-10-23-03) To approve a purchase from Henry Schein through Omnia Partners (COOP) for the purchase of a LIFEPAK 15 Monitor/Defibrillator/EKG machine for the EMT Program at Gateway STEM High School at a total cost not to exceed \$44,224.54 for the 2023-2024 school year. This purchase supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College & Career Readiness.

(10-10-23-04) To approve the Acceptance of Funds in the amount of \$22,112.27 from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) 50/50 Grant for a LIFEPAK15 Monitor/Defibrillator/EKG machine for the EMT Program at Gateway STEM High School. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(10-10-23-05) To renew the MOU for Gateway to the Great Outdoors (GGO) to provide schools with extensive environmental and STEAM education through hands-on instruction that pairs area college students and mentors students in science classrooms through weekly lessons in environmental science. GGO intends to provide support at the following schools: Froebel Elementary, Long Middle, and Nance Elementary while using a shared space within Froebel Elementary. This supports Pillar 1: Creating Excellent Schools and Pillar 2: Fairness and Equity Across the System, as well as Pillar 5.

(10-10-23-06) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Eating Disorders Association (MOEDA) to provide prevention education to all middle and high school students about eating disorders in collaboration with the health classes for the period of November 13, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

NEW (10-10-23-07) To approve the acceptance of funds from the Missouri Department of Education and Secondary Education (DESE) to support urban high-poverty schools affected by gun violence for a period of December 11, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$125,000.00. Student Support Services is currently meeting with several partners regarding gun violence prevention. The contract and contracts are forthcoming. Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 2D- Partner w/Community Allies.

November 14, 2023 Items for Consideration

(11-14-23-01) To approve an amendment to the contract for Environmental Consultants to provide hazardous material consulting for all District schools and buildings for the period of November 15, 2023, through June 30, 2023, at an additional cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, funded by ESSER III. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(11-14-23-02) To approve a contract with General Waste Services to perform the cleaning of all HVAC systems in their entirety at Adams, Froebel, Monroe, Sigel, and Stix ECE schools for the period November 15, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$1,297,770.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$129,777.00, the total cost will be \$1,427,547.00, funded by Prop S. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(11-14-23-03) To approve a contract with General Waste Services to perform the cleaning of all HVAC systems in their entirety at Mullanphy, Mason, Walbridge, Shenandoah, and Hodgen schools for the period November 15, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$1,297,770.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$129,777.00, the total cost will be \$1,427,547.00, funded by Proposition S. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(11-14-23-04) To approve a contract with Advanced Environmental Services to perform the cleaning of all HVAC systems in their entirety at Columbia, Woerner, Mallinckrodt, Ames, and Lexington schools for the period November 15, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$1,320,770.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$132,077.00, the total cost will be \$1,452,847.00, funded by Proposition S. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(11-14-23-05) To approve a contract with Advanced Environmental Services to perform the cleaning of all HVAC systems in their entirety at Peabody, Jefferson, Hickey, Mitchell, and Nance schools for the period November 15, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$1,277,770.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$127,777.00, the total cost will be \$1,405,547.00, funded by Proposition S. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(11-14-23-06) To approve a contract with General Waste Services to perform the cleaning of all HVAC systems in their entirety at Pruitt, Wyman, Madison, Long, and Carver schools for the period November 15, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$1,246,965.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$127,777.00, the total cost will be \$1,371,661.50, funded by Proposition S. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(11-14-23-07) To approve the acceptance of funds from the Family and Community Trust -No Kid Hungry Missouri Afterschool

Meal/Snack Grant at six schools (Carnahan High School, Mason Elementary, Gateway Elementary, Mullanphy Elementary, Lexington Elementary, and Stix ECC) in the amount of \$27,018.21 to further enhance their Child and Adult Care Food Afterschool Programs. For the award period, November 15, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Funds will be disbursed upon Board approval. This award supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic.

(11-14-23-08) To approve the purchase of equipment to support Child and Adult Care Food Afterschool Programs sponsored by the Family and Community Trust -No Kid Hungry Missouri Afterschool Meal/Snack Grant at six (6) schools: Carnahan High School, Mason Elementary, Gateway Elementary, Mullanphy Elementary, Lexington Elementary, and Stix ECC during the period November 15, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$27,018.21. The purchase supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(11-14-23-09) To approve a grant to support afterschool programming at Nance and before and after school programming at Mullanphy over the next five years from DESE. We expect to serve 125 students yearly at Mullanphy and 80 students yearly at Nance. The program will focus on STEAM by bringing in additional partners and vendors to provide special opportunities for students from organizations like Mad Science STL, University of Missouri Extension - Robotics, Missouri Botanical Gardens, and STL Library. This will help support Pillar 1: Excellent Schools by creating additional resources for them to receive tutoring or other academic support, as well as Pillar 4: Ensure Students Learn to Read and Succeed.

(11-14-23-10) To approve a reimbursement grant of \$300,000 from DESE to help cover the costs of adding protective safety film to first-floor windows on all 62 school buildings. Based on the quote, this will not cover the entire project, but it is the maximum award we could receive for this grant. The reimbursement grant allows SLPS to submit documentation until April 2024 to cover expenses. With the Operations plan to add safety film to all first-floor windows in school buildings, every student in the District will benefit. This will help support pillar 1, Excellent Schools, by creating safe environments for students to learn.

(11-14-23-11) To approve funds from the Missouri Humanities in the amount of \$4,500 to enhance the family literacy nights at Mullanphy. This will enhance the program that the school has already been running that highlights different cultures. The enhancements will include snacks, crafts, and special presentations, and the children will leave with their book copies. The Saint Louis Public School Foundation matches this grant and will allow for a fall event and a spring event for the students and families at Mullanphy. This addresses several pillars, including 1: Excellent Schools, 3: Culturally Responsive Schools, 4: Students learn to read and succeed.

(11-14-23-12) To update Superintendent's Procedures related to the Magnet & Vocational School Programs – aligned to Board Policy #P6141.1.3, Adopted June 26, 1990; Revised December 7, 1999. This procedure recommendation is to reduce the number of Lotteries from 2 to 1. This recommendation will allow the opportunity to offer notifications every 2 or 3 weeks. Additionally, it will align with the timeline used by private and charter schools in the region.

PRESENTATIONS

- Quarterly Financial Update-Angie Banks
- Enrollment/Attendance/Achievement/Lottery Process Update-Cheryl VanNoy
- Update on Partnerships-Dr. Claire Crapo

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

Matt Davis moved to combine the November Board Meeting/Work Session on November 14, 2023, and the December Board Meeting/Work Session on December 12, 2023, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Donna Jones, Matt Davis, Toni Cousins

Nay: Emily Hubbard

Absent: Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

Matt Davis- The BOE and District met with Shannon Beckner, the MSBA Policy Project lead, for an update. The Legislative Committee will host a meeting in October.

Sadie Weiss- CPN Report: Ms. Weiss invites representatives from the CPN to present at the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Motion by Emily Hubbard, second by Matt Davis.

The motion passed.

Attested by:



Donna Jones
Board Secretary