

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 PM
(Tuesday, October 11, 2022)**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

In attendance: Rayquan Strickland, Sonali Sharma, Laila Alhajeri, Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Antionette "Toni" Cousins, and Matthew "Matt" Davis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The Spirit of Excellence highlights the 20 SLPS schools named to the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's 2022 list of America's Healthiest Schools. Two schools that are among only 11 nationally received the "All-Star" Award. This recognition celebrates 406 schools nationwide for advancing students, staff, and family's physical, mental, and social-emotional health. The Saint Louis Public School District has 20 schools named to the 2022 America's Healthiest Schools List. Two of those schools, Wilkinson ECC and Oak Hill, are called "All-Star" Awardee Schools. "All-Star" is the highest level of recognition because these schools are recognized for their accomplishments in all nine topic areas.

The official announcement for the awards is scheduled for October 12, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Natalie Vowell moved to approve the **September 13, 2022, and September 27, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes**, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis.

Nay: None

The motion passed.

OCTOBER CONSENT AGENDA

(10-11-22-01) To approve the sole source purchase of academic graduation regalia, diploma packages, and keepsakes from Jostens for the graduating class of 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$110,000.00. The graduating class of 2023 is comprised of 1400 seniors. High schools and programs include Carnahan, Central VPA, Collegiate, Gateway, ICA Blewett, McKinley, Metro, Nottingham, Roosevelt, Soldan, Sumner, Vashon, and Virtual K12. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 2A: Equitable Resource Distribution and Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments, Goal 3C: Culturally Responsive Schools.

(10-11-22-02) To ratify and approve a contract renewal with Frontline Technologies Group, LLC for the Online Observation Tool, Frontline, for the period July 1, 2022, through July 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$27,755.07, pending funding availability, which represents a 5.5% increase. The price adjustment is associated with the rise in the Consumer Price Index. This service supports Pillar 3, Culturally Responsive Environments; Goal 3A-Career Pathways.

(10-11-22-03) To approve the proposed revisions to Policy 6171.3.3. This request supports Pillar 2, Fairness Equity Across System.

NEW (10-11-22-04) To approve a sole source contract with Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) to provide district-wide restraint training for employees as mandated by DESE to maintain the care, welfare, safety, and security of staff and students for the period of October 12, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$71,732. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools Goal: 1B Safe Secure Schools.

NEW (10-11-22-05) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Brightside Saint Louis. Brightside will provide graffiti removal service at NO CHARGE to district property, courtesy of a federal grant awarded through St. Louis' Community Development Administration. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships/Resources Goal 5C: Community and district pride.

November 15, 2022 Items for Consideration

(11-15-22-01) To accept the new pricing of adult meals under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Breakfast costs will increase from \$2.50 to \$2.67, and lunch costs will increase from \$4.15 to \$4.86, effective November 16, 2022. This service supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools; Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(11-15-22-02) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution #5-10-22-09 to approve updates to Policy R6171.3.3 regarding the Dispute Resolution Process. The 2015 Every Student Succeeds' Act reauthorized the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The law requires that M-V families be notified of their right to dispute school enrollment or selection eligibility. The existing policy does not meet DESE's guidelines because it lacks timelines for the dispute. The law applies to all SLPS students identified as M-V eligible seeking enrollment or wishing to remain at their school of origin/residence. There is no cost to the District, only a policy update. Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 1A: Student Attendance

(11-15-22-03) To approve the purchase of a Medical Assistant Starter Kit from Realityworks for the Medical Assistant Health Sciences Program, a new CTE program at Beaumont Technical Center, for the 2022-2023 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$27,595.33. This purchase supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(11-15-22-04) To approve the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$25,745.45 from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education 50/50 Grant for Cengage Curriculum online license to support 2000 plus students across the District (at Gateway STEM, Central VPA, Soldan, Clyde C. Miller, Roosevelt, Carnahan, McKinley, Vashon, Collegiate, Sumner, and Beaumont) who participate in Career and Technical Education Pathway for the period of August 1st, 2022 until July 30th, 2023. This funding supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(11-15-22-05) To approve a contract renewal with Harris Stowe State University (HSSU) for the SLPS "Finish Line" dual enrollment partnership to allow up to 55 Saint Louis Public School High school students to attend college level or college preparatory classes two days a week during the Spring Semester at a cost not to exceed \$53,350. Courses allow students to earn college credit and support their goals after graduation. Students are mentored along their journey by SLPS/Finish Line Alumni who attend HSSU. This program runs from January 10th, 2023, through June 30, 2023. Harris Stowe State University is prepared to offer this program using a hybrid model if pandemic rates increase – one day virtual and the other on campus in support of all district High Schools. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed 4D: College and Career Readiness and Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources 5A –Volunteer and Mentor Engagement.

(11-15-22-06) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Saint Louis University's Department of Education (SLU) to provide their Career and Post-Secondary Exposure and Support Mentorship Program that seeks to educate and empower up to 30 high school students in five key areas of growth: career exposure, post-secondary support, academic support, peer mentoring and flourishing human programming, with exposure to skilled career pathways that lead to real-world St. Louis job opportunities with livable wages and training. This program will begin at Sumner High and expand to other High Schools. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness and Equity Across the System and Goal 2D: Partner with Community Allies and Pillar4: Read to Succeed, and Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(11-15-22-07) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Girls in the Know (GITK) to deliver their GITK "Educational Will Power" speaker series workshop to female students in various SLPS middle and elementary schools. These workshops teach the importance of self-knowledge, empowerment, image, and safety to young elementary and middle school ladies. GITK-participating schools and students also have access to their community events and scholarships. GITK was without an MOU last year due to limitations for outside partners. However, during the pandemic, the program offered virtual support. Now they are prepared to re-enter our schools for the 2022/23 school year. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness and Equity Across the System and Goal 2D: Partner with Community Allies, Pillar 5: Community Partnerships/Resources, and Goal 5C: Community and district pride.

(11-15-22-08) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH) Incorporated to provide continuous educational opportunities for SLPS Special Education Services students who are substance abuse patients of Preferred Family Healthcare by a certified homebound teacher for the period of November 16, 2022, through June 30, 2023, This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools; Goal: 1A Student Attendance and Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources; Goal: 5B Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(11-15-22-09) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Bon Appetit to provide school-to-work transition training for special education students enrolled at Nottingham CAJT High School for the period November 16, 2022, through June 30, 2023; this service supports Pillar 5: Community Partnership Resources, Goal: 5A Volunteer and Mentor Engagement.

(11-15-22-10) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Compass Group USA, Inc. to provide school-to-work transition training for special education students enrolled at Nottingham CAJT High School for the period November 16, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 5: Community Partnership Resources, Goal: 5A Volunteer and Mentor Engagement.

(11-15-22-11) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Destination Café to provide school-to-work transition training for special education students enrolled at Nottingham CAJT High School for the period November 16, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 5: Community Partnership Resources, Goal: 5A Volunteer and Mentor Engagement.

(11-15-22-12) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri (GSEM) to enrich and enhance the educational experiences of SLPS students and support the District's Transformation Plan Due to the pandemic, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri was without a current MOU due to restrictions stemming from the pandemic (no outside partners in buildings) However, this school year, Girl Scouts will provide an array of programming, including anti-violence and anti-bullying education; the community troop program, career exploration through STEM and Robotics; Money Management and Health programs (An asset map of district schools and their assigned programs is attached This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness and Equity Across the System and Goal 2D: Partner with Community Allies, Pillar 5: Community Partnerships/Resources, and Goal 5C: Community and district pride.

(11-15-22-13) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saint Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO) to pursue wrap-a-round services and resources to support the implementation of the Kingsville Neighborhood BEST Project, with BEST standing for Beautification, Education, Safety, and Training. The collective goal for all parties is to significantly improve the academic and developmental outcomes of children attending Hickey Elementary. Hickey Elementary is exemplary in the heart of Kingsville (Ward 4). The project has a long-term goal (5-year plan) to increase housing opportunities and enrollment. This program is accessible to the District because it is funded through the Urban League. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness and Equity Across the System and Goal 2D: Partner with Community Allies and Pillar 5: Community Partnerships/Resources, and Goal 5A: Volunteer and Mentor engagement.

(11-15-22-14) To approve the Spring routes for the FY 22-23 school year A stipulated in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Transportation Administrator's handbook: Title 5, 5CSR 30-61.00 requirements for the Operations of School

Buses; paragraph 1B: "School bus routes over which school buses travel shall be approved by public school district board of education for its initial approval." The Services are provided to eligible students at all schools, grades P4-12, Special Education with Individualized Education Program (IEP), and students under the McKinney-Vento Act attending Saint Louis Public Schools. The report detailing the bus routes is available in the Transportation Office. The courses support Pillar 1; A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1A: Student Attendance.

(11-15-22-15) To approve the purchase of custodial equipment at various schools throughout the District through OMNIA purchasing group for the period November 16, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(11-15-22-16) Approve a contract with Don Jon to purchase a truck-mounted water extractor and carpet cleaner for emergency purposes at various schools throughout the District at a cost not exceeding \$57,936.84, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(11-15-22-17) To ratify and approve a contract with Cintas Fire Protection Company to provide fire alarm testing and inspection services through OMNIA purchasing group for all District schools and buildings for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$64,349.00, pending funding availability. The renewal will cover the second year of the three-year renewal option. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(11-15-22-18) To approve an amendment to the Board Resolution number 04-12-22-36, the purchase of custodial supplies from multiple vendors for the cleaning and maintenance of District schools and buildings during the 2022-2023 school year, at an additional amount not to exceed \$400,000, to be funded by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). If approved, the original amount of \$959,603.50 will be increased to a combined total of \$1,359,603.50, pending funding availability. This service will continue to support Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(11-15-22-19) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding between Conflict Resolution Center St. Louis and the St. Louis Public Schools to establish and implement a Student-Led Peer Mediation program in direct partnership with middle and high school students, Conflict Resolution Center – St. Louis has received funding from the Saint Louis Mental Health Board to create and pilot a Student-Led Peer Mediation Program. The Student-Led Peer Mediation Program (pilot and evaluation) will foster student development and develop healthy and productive methods of resolving conflicts within the school community. The scope of services will cover 20 school sites with an initial session and a follow-up session; for the period of November 16, 2022, through June 30, 2023; this request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(11-15-22-20) To approve a three-year contract with Mickes O'Toole to provide comprehensive legal services that will support all programs and departments, including but not limited to counsel, direction, and legal representation regarding all operations of the Saint Louis Public School District.

PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. Marion Smith Jr. and Natasha Mitchell presented the Gifted and Talented update.
- Dr. Adams presented the Back to School update.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

- Natalie Vowell gave a report from the LRA Commission and her experience in the Extra Credit-On Stage concert at Powell Symphony Hall.
- Alisha Sonnier gave a report on her experience at the 35th Annual Salute to Excellence and the Ad-hoc City-Wide Planning Community Meeting.
- Matt Davis reported the legislative committee will meet on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 6:00 PM and will have a presentation from the St. Louis School Research Practice Collaborative. The survey at slpssupersearch.com will close at midnight on October 11, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- William "Bill" Monroe-Harriet Tubman
- Byron Clemmens-AFT Local 420
- Erma Bevels McNeil
- Rachel Fenner

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Motion by Alisha Sonnier, second by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Sonali Sharma, Rayquan Strickland, Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Matt Davis, Toni Cousins, Donna Jones, Natalie Vowell, Alisha Sonnier

Nay: None

The motion passed.

Attested by:



Donna Jones
Board Secretary