

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 PM  
(Tuesday, October 25, 2022)**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**In attendance:** Shameika Henry, Angie Banks, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams, Dr. John Wright, Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Antionette "Toni" Cousins, and Matthew "Matt" Davis.

**Absent:** Brittany Hogan

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**NOVEMBER CONSENT AGENDA**

(11-15-22-01) To accept the new pricing of adult meals under the National School Lunch and School 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 1, 2022, until July 30, 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. Classes are designed to 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 10, 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 potentially 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 and 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 and 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 specifically attending Hickey Elementary. Hickey Elementary is right 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 free 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 Fall routes for the FY 22-23 school year. As 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 routes 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 create 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; from 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.

(11-15-22-21) To amend the 2022-2023 calendar to include the Central Office closure for the week of Thanksgiving, extending the existing school-building closure from Monday, November 21, 2022, through Wednesday, November 23, 2022, to include Central Office. Thursday, November 24, 2022, and Friday, November 25, 2022, were already determined as full-District closure dates pursuant to Board Policy 4518.

(11-15-22-22) To amend the 2022-2023 calendar for Friday, December 23, 2022, to be entirely closed, extending the existing school-building closure on December 23, 2022, to include the full District. The current calendar has school buildings off for winter break on December 23, 2022, but twelve-month employees are working. This change would close the entire District on

December 23, 2022.

(11-15-22-23) To ratify and approve a sole source contract with Adolescent Adjustment Center DBA as JTC Academy Program to provide private placement services for Special Education Students for the period of October 17, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00. This contract includes two one-year renewal options as needed. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal: 1B Safe Secure Schools.

NEW (11-15-22-24) To approve the Missouri Capital Asset Advantage Treasury (MOCAAT) Program Resolution and Instrument of Adoption. MOCAAT provides opportunities for Missouri political subdivisions to invest revenues in specific instruments if not needed for a reasonable period, including without limitation in any tools permitted by law to invest state money. This program supports Transformation Plan 3.0 Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Dr. Adams and Matt Davis gave remarks regarding the events in the District on Monday, October 24, 2022.

#### **REPORTS OF THE BOARD**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

**Motion by Alisha Sonnier, seconded by Toni Cousins.**

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Brittany Hogan

The motion passed.

Attested by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Jones".

Donna Jones  
Board Secretary