

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30PM
(Tuesday, December 12, 2023)**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Attendance: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Matthew "Matt" Davis, Antionette "Toni" Cousins

Absent: Natalie Vowell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Stifel Operation Warm:

This season has been marked by extraordinary generosity. Our partners at Stifel recently visited four SLPS elementary schools—Ames, Froebel, Peabody, and Walbridge—as part of their Operation Warm initiative. Each student was presented with a brand-new coat, gloves, and a delightful assortment of goodies. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Stifel for exemplifying the true spirit of the season.

KidSmart Year of Giving:

KidSmart has been a tremendous support to our community this year as well. This past Friday they brought additional school supplies to students and staff at Jefferson Elementary. This year they have reached out to 1,221 of our teachers through various initiatives including the Million Dollar Back to School Drive (with approximately half of the participants being from SLPS), and the Light Up Learning Drive. The collective contribution from these efforts surpasses \$2.1 million in donated school supplies.

We are all extremely grateful for the impact this group is having on our SLPS community.

DECEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

Matt Davis moved to approve consent agenda items (12-12-23-01) through (12-12-23-08), 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.

Matt Davis moved to approve consent agenda item (12-12-23-09), seconded by Sadie Weiss.

Aye: Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard

Nay: Tracy Hykes, Donna Jones, Matt Davis, Toni Cousins

Absent: Natalie Vowell

The motion failed.

Matt Davis moved to approve consent agenda items (12-12-23-10) through (12-12-23-13), 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.

(12-12-23-01) To approve the acceptance of funds from Parsons Blewett Memorial Fund in the amount of \$425,000 to support teacher certification programs in Gifted Education (\$75,000) and Reading Specialist Certification (\$350,000). This opportunity is open to all certificated teachers in SLPS in all elementary, middle, and high schools who apply for the open spots. The grant period is January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. This opportunity aligns to Transformation Plan 4.0 Pillar 3, Goal 1.

(12-12-23-02) 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 \$2.67 to \$2.73, and lunch costs will increase from \$4.79 to \$4.86, effective December 13, 2023. This service supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools; Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(12-12-23-03) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution #08-08-23-08, contract with Cardinal Elevator, to provide elevator inspections, maintenance and repair services for all District schools and buildings for the period of December 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at an additional cost not to exceed \$153,348.48. If approved, the original amount of \$294,894.44 will be increased to a combined total of \$448,242.92. The additional costs will be funded by Proposition S funds. The contract will continue to support Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(12-12-23-04) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Lindenwood University to allow for the placement of university practicum students and student teachers in various SLPS classrooms (based on teacher availability, subject area, and university request) for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at no cost to the district. This partnership supports Transformation Plan 4.0: Culturally-Responsive Environments, Goal 3A-Career Pathways.

(12-12-23-05) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Baylor University to allow for the placement of university practicum students and student teachers in various SLPS classrooms (based on teacher availability, subject area, and university request) for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at no cost to the district. This partnership supports Transformation Plan 4.0: Culturally-Responsive Environments, Goal 3A-Career Pathways.

(12-12-23-06) To approve a sole-source contract with Lincoln University, a historically black university to train a cohort of 15 to 20 current St. Louis Public Schools non-certificated employees to become certificated teachers from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$150,000 for the first year. At the conclusion of this 5 semester program participants will have a degree in education and teacher certification in Elementary or Special Education. After certification, teachers will be committed to serve St. Louis Public Schools for at least three years. The funds are being requested through Parsons Blewett Memorial and we now request approval to accept these funds. This is the 2nd year of the program. This is the 2nd year of the contract with one- 1 year renewal options remaining. This initiative aligns to Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments: 3A Career Pathways.

(12-12-23-07) To approve a contract with 713 Media and Creative (Robert O'Boyle) to provide media buying services for the District for the period of December 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00, pending funding availability. This contract has two one-year renewal options. The contract supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5b: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships and Goal 5c: Community and District pride

(12-12-23-08) To approve a contract with Wright Associates to provide consulting services related to procurement for the period of December 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$450,000.

(12-12-23-09) To approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Partnership Network to support designated SLPS's schools for the period December 13, 2023 through July 30, 2024.

(12-12-23-10) To ratify and approve new contracts with Jezreel Consulting LLC, Writing Works, and Mayberry Consulting to provide grant writing services on an as needed basis that will include research, writing and submission of grant requests and reports for Federal, national, State, local for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$62,000, pending funding availability. These contracts have an option to renew annually for two(2) additional years.

(12-12-23-11) To approve contracts with local venues, such as Harris Stowe State University, the Chaifetz Arena, Stifel Auditorium, Busch Stadium, and/or the Sheldon Theater for facility rental to host the commencement exercises for the graduating class of 2024 in May 2024, at a combined cost not to exceed \$100,000.00. The graduating class of 2024 is comprised of approximately 1167 graduates. Schools include Carnahan, Clyde Miller, Metro, Soldan, Virtual K-12, Roosevelt, Sumner, Gateway STEM, Vashon, Nottingham, Roosevelt, Collegiate and Central VPA. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 1: Removing Barriers and Pillar 5: Community Partnership Resources, Goal 2: Strategic Partnerships as well as our focus on College and Career Readiness.

(12-12-23-12) To approve the sole source purchase of graduation regalia, diploma packages and keepsakes from Jostens for the commencement exercises for the graduating class of 2024 in May 2024, at a combined cost not to exceed \$100,000.00. The graduating class of 2024 is comprised of approximately 1167 graduates. Schools include Carnahan, Clyde Miller, Metro, Soldan, Virtual K-12, Roosevelt, Sumner, Gateway STEM, Vashon, Nottingham, Roosevelt, Collegiate and Central VPA. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 1: Removing Barriers and Pillar 5: Community Partnership Resources, Goal 2: Strategic Partnerships.

(12-12-23-13) To approve the acceptance of funds from Parsons Blewett Memorial Fund in the amount of \$735,741.00 for St. Louis Plan related projects. The grant period is January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. This opportunity aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0 Pillar 3, Goals 3B and 3C

January 9, 2023 Items for Consideration

(01-09-24-01) To approve a sole source purchase from the College Board for the ACCUPLACER test units to assess all junior & senior students who will enroll in the Early College Academy at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. It is also used in the MSIP VI accreditation metrics aligned to Post-Secondary acceptance and achievement. The last time we purchased the test units was in 2016. These assessments do not expire and will be used across multiple years going forward. Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability & Pillar 3: Goal 3A Career Pathways.

(01-09-24-02) To approve a contract with TSI, Inc from RFP#014-2223 to upgrade our Mitel Phone System to the latest operating system in the amount not to exceed \$1,300,000. This upgrade will also add a phone in every classroom across the District and include a product, Revolution that allows a notification system across our network. Individual schools can be notified, schools in specific zones, or also the entire District. The communication can be received by a phone, by the paging system, email and texting. This is a collaborative effort between Technology and Safety & Security. This contract supports Pillar1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

COLLEGE KIDS Q&A

Matt Davis moved to invoke the 60 day notice provision of the cancellation of the College Kids Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Toni Cousins.

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

Nay: Emily Hubbard

Absent: Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. Scarlett presented the Data Research and Best Practices update.
- Angie Banks and Square Watson presented the Procurement and APR update.
- Dr. Pollack presented the Confluence Academy Sponsorship update.

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Matt Davis moved to adopt the 2024 legislative platform, 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.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

Toni Cousins moved to approve the professional development request of the Board to attend the COSSBA conference February 23-25, 2024 open to all Board members, seconded by Emily Hubbard.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

Sadie Weiss gave a report from the most recent Proposition S Oversight Committee Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Matt Davis, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

Attested By:



Donna Jones
Board Secretary