

MONTHLY WORK SESSION-BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30PM (Tuesday, February 27, 2024)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Attendance: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Natalie Vowell (excused at 7:43pm) Matthew "Matt" Davis, and Antionette "Toni" Cousins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MARCH CONSENT AGENDA

(03-12-24-01) To approve a contract extension for the purchase, equipment and installation of chillers with Trane (previous Board Resolution 02-14-23-10) for Laclede Elementary and Central VPA through OMNIA purchasing group, for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$375,199.00, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(03-12-24-02) To approve a contract with Varsity Tutors for High Dosage Tutoring support in six (6) of the district's high needs schools (Ashland, Columbia, Jefferson, Meramec, Peabody, and Walbridge) and districtwide access to all Varsity Tutors platform resources to support the board priorities of Grade 3 Reading and Grade 3 Mathematics for the period of March 25, 2024 through May 20, 2025, not to exceed \$66,240.00. This service supports Transformation Plan 4.0, Pillar 4- Learn to Read and Succeed; Goal 2: Access to grade-level contents 100% of the time.

(03-12-24-03) The SLPS Finance Division is seeking approval to renew its contract with Frontline Education (formerly known as Forecast5) for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The contract allows the Finance Division to access Forecast5's financial database for Budget Management Analytics, Comparative Analytics, and Financial Planning Analytics. The cost of the contract will not exceed \$60,000. Additionally, Forecast5 will develop a five-year financial plan modeling tool to support strategic planning for the District as part of the Services. This service aligns with Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C Financial Sustainability.

(03-12-24-04) To approve the Spring routes for the FY 23-24 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, and 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.

(03-12-24-05) To approve a contract with TSI from RFP #010-2024 to provide network wiring (new projects) and wiring repair for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$65,000 through the E-Rate process, pending funding availability. The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$9,750 but is contingent on the availability of E-Rate under the new re-authorization. This contract has a renewal option for 2 additional years. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(03-12-24-06) To approve a contract with Missouri Alliance (BlueBird) to provide Internet service to the District for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$47,000, pending funding availability. This process was distributed through the E-Rate Federal Program – Form 470. The SLPS match is anticipated to be \$4,700 after E-Rate approval for the 2024 funding time period. This is the 1st year of an optional 2-year renewal. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability. As a District initiative, this impacts all school leaders and administrators across the District.

(03-12-24-07) To approve a contract renewal with AT&T to provide a Fiber Wide Area Network (WAN) infrastructure ASE to support high speed data access for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$665,594. This process was distributed through the E-Rate Federal Program – Form 470. The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$66,559 but is contingent on the availability of E-Rate under the new re-authorization. This is the 1st year of an optional 2-year renewal. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability. As a District initiative, this impacts all school leaders and administrators across the District.

PRESENTATIONS

- Angie Banks presented the Quarter Two Financial update.
- Samona Walker presented the E-Rate update.
- Square Watson, Chaz Jacquess (Navigate Building Solutions), Jim Johnston & Scott Hardwick (Trane US), John O'Herron, Dana Dunn, Scott Faller & Steve Taggart (Ameresco) presented the Construction Projects update.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

- Toni Cousins-Matt Davis & Linda Quinley presented at the COSSBA conference on the "Cost of Choice" in education. President Cousins read to students at Pierre Laclede Elementary. A special thank you to all parents who have helped during the transportation crisis.
- Matt Davis-The PAC Advocacy Day was last Tuesday. This was the largest student turnout to date. A special thank you to Tracy Spies, Avis Funches, and Emily Kutzoe for organizing the effort.
- Emily Hubbard-Gave a report on the Parent Day of Action. Thanks many unlikely allies that showed support for public education.
- Sadie Weiss-Appreciates the dedication of the parents and students regarding the Parent Day of Action. A special thanks to Emily Koeltzow for her efforts.

- Donna Jones-Thanks each fellow Board member for all of their hard work. Gave a report on the affordable housing session attended at COSSBA.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Motion by Matt Davis, seconded by Toni Cousins.

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

Nay: None

The motion passed.

Attested By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the word "Jones".

Donna Jones
Board Secretary