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BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

Board Work Session
St. Louis, MO
June 26, 2018

MINUTES

The Board of Education of the City of St. Louis met in Open Session for a work session on the date noted above at Metro Academic and Classical High School, at 4015 McPherson Ave, St. Louis, MO 63108.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting came to order at 6:30 PM.

PRESENT: Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell

ABSENT: Bill Haas, Katherine Wessling

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 26, 2018 WORK SESSION AGENDA.

All agreed to proceed with the June 26, 2018 Work Session Agenda.

4. INVITED GUESTS

1. Mr. Ray Cummings- Update from AFT Local 420.

Mr. Cummings was not present.

5. UPDATED AGENDA PROCESS

Secretary Natalie Vowell commented on the following:

- Agenda items can be submitted up until midnight two weeks prior to the meeting.
- The agenda will be organized into new business and unfinished business.
- Guests will each be listed separately, allowing for more than three minutes per guest and allowing for an open time for questions.

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President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented on the following:

- Updates to the agenda will go to Secretary Natalie Vowell, and final versions will go to the liaison.
- The agenda can be changed in an emergency, as long as it is at least 24 hours in advance.

6. UPDATE ON TRANSITION AND TRAINING

President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented on the following:

- Dr. Lenz is putting together a team, a timeline, and a set of conditions for board transition, and is set to report back to DESE in August.
- The state board is closer to a decision than ever but wants to make sure there is a smooth transition, at an appropriate time with all pieces in place. If the Elected Board is unable or unwilling to meet conditions, the DESE board will extend the SAB by three years.
- Dr. Lenz is attempting to get the transition done so that DESE can make a decision in January.
- Mr. Pollack is the new Elected Board liaison and will be responsible for meeting minutes and training logistics.

A discussion followed regarding the possibility of the Elected Board cancelling meetings or work sessions to engage in additional transition trainings.

- President Dorothy Rohde Collins shared that three people made this suggestion: Dr. Victor Lenz, Dr. Kelvin Adams, and Ms. Verjeana Jacobs (National School Board Association (NSBA))/ Phyllis Barks (Missouri School Board Association (MSBA)).
- The Board concluded not to cancel meetings but left open the possibility of cancelling work sessions on a case-by-case basis, based on the additional time demands on the Elected Board.

The Elected Board began a discussion on the Consortium Partnership Network:

- Any recommendations on the CPN Board structure must be submitted to the Special Administrative Board (SAB) by June 30.
- Vice President Charli Cooksey will act as a liaison specifically for the Consortium Partnership Network to the SAB.
- The following people went to Springfield to look at schools: Dr. Kelvin Adams, Mr. Isaac Pollack, Ms. Jane Donahue from the SLPS Foundation, Dr. Vanessa Garry from the University of Missouri, Saint Louis, a possible consultant, and two people from The Opportunity Trust.

President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented on the following:

- It is important for Elected Board members to be present at SAB meetings.
- NSBA and MSBA recommended that the entire Elected Board sit in on SAB meetings to gather information.

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The board discussed details and dates for training with NSBA and MSBA.

- NSBA and MSBA are working with SLPS to develop a transition training program.
- The Elected Board will receive a rough draft of an agenda and overview in about a week.
- Training modules as proposed include mock meetings with Dr. Kelvin Adams and staff.
- Training sessions will be built into 6-8 hour chunks.
- President Dorothy Rohde Collins stated that a quorum is needed at each training.

The proposed dates and times were discussed and finalized:

- **August 3, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.; August 4, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Friday evening/Saturday)**
 - o Ms. Susan Jones indicated that she could not attend.
- **September 15 – 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; September 16, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Saturday/Sunday)**
- **October 26, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.; October 27, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Friday evening/Saturday)**
 - o President Dorothy Rohde-Collins indicated that she could not be certain.
- **November 17, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; November 18, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Saturday/Sunday)**
 - o Secretary Natalie Vowell indicated that she would come if she could.
 - o Ms. Susan Jones indicated that she could attend late on Sunday or come and leave.
- **December 14, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.; December 15, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Friday evening/Saturday)**

President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented on the following:

- Mr. Haas indicated that he would try to make the sessions but was not able to commit.
- Ms. Katie Wessling indicated that she would not attend the trainings.
- The board will ask for additional dates in late August, September, and early October.
- The board will ask about videoconference capabilities.

7. IDENTIFYING AND ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS

Vice President Charli Cooksey posed the following questions:

- 1. Who are the different stakeholder groups that we should consider forming relationships with?
- 2. Who are the specific folks in these stakeholder groups?
- 3. If we had to prioritize the top one or two folks from each stakeholder group, or top one or two initiatives or organizations, who would they be?

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- 4. Will everyone on the Elected Board do everything, or will some members meet with Group A, and other members will meet with Group B, etc.?
- Vice President Charli Cooksey will send a survey for the questions above to the Elected Board by July 2nd, to be due on July 10th.

The Elected Board members came to a consensus on the following recommendations for the Consortium Partnership Network (CPN):

- The CPN board should have nine seats.
- The CPN board should include a variety of stakeholder groups (students, parents, elected board members, educators, principals, post-secondary providers).
- The Elected Board should see a draft of the bylaws for the CPN.
- One spot should be saved for selection by the Elected Board.
- Once time comes to select people, the Elected Board should be part of that discussion, or should at least be allowed to make recommendations.
- When board level discussions are held about the Consortium Partnership Network, Elected Board members should be participants in that discussion.
- Vice President Charli Cooksey will send an email with these recommendations to Mr. Sullivan and will carbon copy President Dorothy Rohde Collins. Vice President Charli Cooksey will also follow up with a phone call to Mr. Sullivan.

President Dorothy Rohde Collins reported on the following:

- President Dorothy Rohde Collins met last Tuesday with Eric Scroggins and Marcus Robinson from The Opportunity Trust.
- The Opportunity Trust is starting two funds: Reimagining Schools and something with automation.
- Current funding for The Opportunity Trust is coming from the Kemper Family Foundation, Civic Progress, Danforth, and an executive from Netflix. The Opportunity Trust was turned down by the Walton Family Foundation.
- If any Elected Board member would like to speak with him, he is open to that and President Dorothy Rohde Collins can put you in touch.

8. INFORMATION REQUESTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

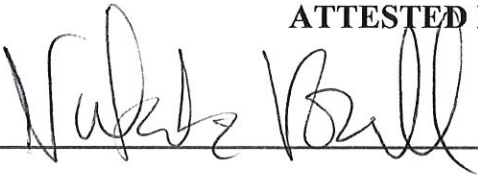
No information requests or additional announcements were stated.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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ATTESTED BY:



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NATALIE VOWELL