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BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

Board Work Session
St. Louis, MO
September 25, 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 6:45 PM.

PRESENT: Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell (via phone),
Katherine Wessling

ABSENT: Charli Cooksey, Bill Haas

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE September 25, 2018 WORK SESSION AGENDA.

All agreed to proceed with the September 25, 2018 Work Session Agenda.

4. CANDIDATE FORUM FOLLOW UP

President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented on the following:

- The League of Women Voters requires a co-sponsor for their Candidate Forum for the upcoming Elected Board election.
- The Missouri School Board Association and the Saint Louis Public Schools Foundation have both indicated a willingness to participate.
- The League of Women Voters invites the candidates, collects questions, and moderates the forum, while the co-sponsor secures the space.
- Previous forums have been co-sponsored by the Elected Board, by Community Action Organized, and by Local 420.
- The Elected Board will not co-sponsor the forum this year.

5. NORMS AND EXPECTATIONS

- a. Monthly Workflow:
 - Ms. Katherine Wessling indicated that the monthly workflow is working.
- b. Agenda Item Requests
 - No board members commented on issues related to the process for agenda item requests.
- c. Attendance and Excused Absences
 - President Dorothy Rohde Collins asked to be notified in her district email address if a board member will not be present at a board meeting or work session. If the board member is seeking an excused absence, the board member should provide a reason, which would then be approved by the board.
- d. Meeting Norms
 - President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented on the following meeting norms:
 - The board's Code of Ethics is included in the board packet.
 - All members should read and understand all documents ahead of any board meetings.
 - Board members should limit use of cell phones at meetings as much as possible.
 - Board members should stay on topic and on the agenda.
 - President Dorothy Rohde Collins will compile a list of resources on parliamentary procedure.

Secretary Natalie Vowell commented on the following meeting norms:

- Robert's Rules of Order should be used when amending a motion and when there is a secondary motion on the table.
- e. Information Requests
 - President Dorothy Rohde Collins proposed adding information requests to the monthly workflow calendar.
 - f. Email Usage
 - President Dorothy Rohde Collins encouraged the board to use district email addresses.
 - Any issues can be resolved by the district's help desk.
 - Only district email addresses will be used starting January 1, 2019.
 - Any new board members would only utilize district email addresses.

The board discussed the opening of mail addressed to board members:

- Ms. Donna Jones shared a concern with mail being opened prior to her receiving it.
- g. Video/ Social Media
 - Meetings should be live-streamed and recorded.
 - Live-streaming should take place through the Elected Board Facebook page.
 - Ms. Donna Jones expressed a desire to have the ability to continue live-streaming from her personal page.

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- When governance returns, the District should operate the live-stream directly.
- Currently, any board member can respond to messages received via social media pages for the Board.
- President Dorothy Rohde Collins requested that any comments requiring a formal response from the district be forwarded to her district email.

6. LETTER TO SLPS COMMUNITY

A conversation followed on a draft letter from the Elected Board to the SLPS Community:

- Ms. Katherine Wessling commented that a letter (attached) from the Elected Board to the SLPS community has been drafted for review.
- Ms. Katherine Wessling proposed that the letter would be distributed through district email to all members of Saint Louis Public Schools.
- Ms. Donna Jones expressed concern with the phrase “fully aware of the reputation.”
- Ms. Katherine Wessling suggested moving the discussion to the next work session.
- President Dorothy Rohde Collins suggested that board members come with thoughts and feelings that they would like expressed through the letter.
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7. SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT RECOMMENDATION

President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented on the following:

- The Elected Board will hold an Executive Session following the October Regular Business Meeting to provide a recommendation to the Special Administrative Board regarding the renewal of the Superintendent’s contract.

8. REFLECTIONS ON TRAINING

No reflections on training were stated.

9. UPDATE ON TRANSITION AND TRAINING

President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented on the following:

- In Executive Session, the Elected Board discussed the Consortium Partnership Network (CPN).
- The CPN was discussed in Executive Session due to its pending legal structure.
- Mr. St. Omer, Mr. Sullivan, and Dr. Adams are willing to do a one-on-one discussion with any Board Member who missed the Executive Session.
- By email, the Board will share who is or is not attending the next MSBA/ NSBA training on October 13 and 14.
- Ms. Phyllis Barks, from MSBA, sent an email with extra information on how to access the MSBA database.

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10. INFORMATION REQUESTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

No information requests were stated.

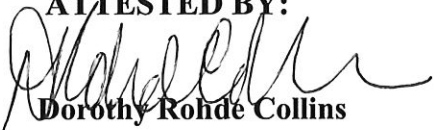
President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented on the following announcements:

- Better Budgets is having a public meeting at the Julia Davis library from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Gateway Greening is conducting a tour on October 1, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. of the Seed to Stem program, and is requesting an RSVP. Additional information is in your Board member packet.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 8:11 PM.

ATTESTED BY:



Dorothy Rohde Collins