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BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

OFFICIAL REPORT

Regular Business Meeting
St. Louis, MO
December 11, 2018

MINUTES

The Board of Education of the City of St. Louis met in Open Session pursuant to Board Bylaw B9350 on the date noted above at Clay Academy of Exploration and Civics located at 3820 N. 14th St., St. Louis, MO 63107.

1. SWEARING-IN RECEPTION FOR MS. DONNA JONES AND DR. JOYCE ROBERTS

Light refreshments were served in honor of Ms. Donna Jones and Dr. Joyce Roberts.

2. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Judge Nicole Colbert presided over the swearing in of Ms. Donna Jones and Dr. Joyce Roberts.

3 AND 4. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Joyce Roberts, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell,
Katherine Wessling

ABSENT: Charli Cooksey

A quorum was present.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:31 p.m.

6a. APPEARANCES - PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. William Monroe made the following public comments:

- There needs to be Black Male representation on the Board.

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- There are approximately 42 vacant school buildings in the district.
- Beaumont High School could close, and the city can't afford another closed school.
- Sumner High School could also be up for closure.

Mr. Justin Idleburg made the following public comments:

- Congratulations to the newly-elected members of the Board.
- The Board should review best practices and proven models.
- The Board should apply for additional grants.

Mr. Scharod Hutchins made the following public comments:

- Mr. Scharod Hutchins was a special education teacher at Soldan High School.
- Congratulations to the newly-elected members of the Board.

Ms. Cathy Sherwin made the following public comments:

- Ms. Cathy Sherwin graduated from Classical Leadership Academy and attended Metro High School.
- It is incredibly what Ms. Betty Wheeler and Ms. Rose Williams created and maintained.
- Ms. Cathy Sherwin has two nieces that attend Kennard CJA.
- It is time for a confederate name not to be on Kennard CJA.

6b. APPEARANCES – PRESENTATION BY JEAN CORBETT

Ms. Jean Corbett and Ms. Jenny Putnam presented on a proposal to rename Kennard Classical Junior Academy (CJA):

- Ms. Gail Wheeler commented on the contributions made to St. Louis Public Schools by her mother, Ms. Rose Williams.
- Since the racial quotas ended, the student body of Kennard CJA is mostly white. The school is currently seen as an elitist school and not seen as a place for students of color.
- A name change is an important first step for creating a more welcoming environment.
- The current process to rename Kennard is limited to parents of current students, but the community needs to be involved.
- We must recognize the institutional racism in our educational system.
- An entirely new name is needed, not just another Kennard.

A discussion took place between the Board and the presenters:

- Ms. Katherine Wessling asked what additional efforts are in place at Kennard to make minority students feel welcome.
- The presenters commented that there were offers to raise money for Crossroads Anti-Racism workshops for Kennard teachers, the principal, and the school board.
- Secretary Natalie Vowell commented that the Elected Board is not in governance, and asked if the presenters were seeking a resolution or a letter of support.
- Ms. Donna Jones asked if the presenters had a media presence, such as a Facebook page.
- The presenters commented that a petition had been started on change.org, and that updates are sent via that webpage.
- Ms. Donna Jones asked how the signatures for the petition were gathered.
- The presenters commented that many came from the Sumner Alumni Association, and from the Kennard Alumni Association.

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- President Dorothy Rohde Collins asked if this was related to the work of the Equity Bridge parent group.
- The presenters commented that this was connected to the work of the Equity Inclusion committee at Kennard, but that the Equity Bridge was a separate initiative.

7. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2018 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

On a motion by Secretary Natalie Vowell and seconded by Ms. Katherine Wessling, the Board voted to approve and adopt the December 11, 2018 Meeting Agenda on the following roll call vote:

AYE: Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Joyce Roberts, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell, Katherine Wessling

8. NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION: IT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ASSESSMENT

Deputy Superintendent Cheryl VanNoy presented an update on the Department of Information Technology, Accountability and Assessment for Saint Louis Public Schools. Topics included:

- An organizational chart for Information Technology.
- A summary of Information Technology.
- An organizational chart for the Office of Accountability and Research.
- An organizational chart for Student Records.
- A summary of Student Records and the Magnet/Choice Timeline.
- An organizational chart for the Office of Accountability, Assessment and Research.
- A summary of Assessments.
- A summary of Research and Evaluation.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PAST SESSIONS

On a motion by Ms. Katherine Wessling and seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the Board voted to accept the November 13, 2018 Regular Business Meeting minutes on the following roll call vote:

AYE: Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell, Katherine Wessling

ABSTAIN: Joyce Roberts

On a motion by Ms. Katherine Wessling and seconded by Ms. Donna Jones, the Board voted to accept the November 13, 2018 Closed Session Meeting minutes on the following roll call vote:

AYE: Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell, Katherine Wessling

ABSTAIN: Joyce Roberts,

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: TRANSITION/ TRAINING

President Dorothy Rohde Collins presented the following update on Transition/ Training:

- A mock meeting schedule has been drafted by Superintendent Kelvin Adams, President Dorothy Rohde Collins and Vice President Charli Cooksey.
- All Regular Business Meetings for the Elected Board will take place at the district's central office from now on.
- Closed sessions will take place at 5:30 p.m. with dinner for the Board provided, and open sessions will take place at 6:30 p.m.
- The next Regular Business Meeting will take place on January 22, 2019 at the district's central office, and will address the agenda from the December 6, 2018 meeting of the Special Administrative Board.
- Elected Board members will receive the full board book that the Special Administrative Board received.
- Elected Board members will be able to direct questions to Superintendent Kelvin Adams and to the staff of the district during the mock meetings.
- Starting in March, the Elected Board will use the Special Administrative Board's agenda for that same month.
- Elected Board Work Sessions will include content that was not covered in Missouri School Board Association trainings, including presentations like the one tonight.
- Human Resources and Operations will present at the February Work Session.
- Institutional Advancement and Student Support Services will present at the March Work Session.

President Dorothy Rohde Collins presented the following update on Norms:

- At the January 8, 2019 Work Session, the Board will work to develop norms.
- The Board worked on Norms at the November training.
- All Board members are requested to send edits for the draft norms electronically to President Dorothy Rohde Collins by Friday, January 4, 2019 at 5 p.m.
- The Norms Committee of the Board will assist with the revisions at that Work Session.

11a. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Katherine Wessling presented the following Onboarding Committee Report:

- Ms. Katherine Wessling will continue to work directly with Dr. Roberts.
- Business cards, name plaque, and email address will be requested tomorrow.
- New and returning board members will have one-on-one meetings to maintain or build relationships.
- New Board members should consider if there are committees that they would like to serve on.
- The onboarding process will be repeated after the April Election.

Secretary Natalie Vowell presented the following Audit Committee Report:

- The public Audit Committee Report was presented at the Special Administrative Board meeting, and will be posted on the district's website.

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Ms. Donna Jones commented that the Real Estate Committee meeting was cancelled.

11b. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Donna Jones, Ms. Susan Jones, and Ms. Katherine Wessling indicated that they did not have Board Member Reports.

Secretary Natalie Vowell presented the following Board Member Report:

- Secretary Natalie Vowell and President Dorothy Rohde Collins attended the Special Administrative Board meeting on December 6, 2018.

Dr. Joyce Roberts presented the following Board Member Report:

- Dr. Joyce Roberts attended Missouri School Board Association (MSBA) training on December 7, 2018, and completed the required training.

11c. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dorothy Rohde Collins presented the following Board President's Report:

- President Dorothy Rohde Collins and Secretary Natalie Vowell attended the December 6, 2018 meeting of the Special Administrative Board.
- The upcoming Special Administrative Board meetings have been added to the training schedule. If you can attend, it would be beneficial to the Board, especially in later months.
- President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented that any Board members interested in serving on the Norms Committee should send interest to President Dorothy Rohde Collins by January 4, 2019.
- President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented that a copy of all training documents and videos related to the Missouri School Board Association (MSBA) trainings would be saved by the Board for posterity.
- President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented that she would ask the MSBA about formal certificates for all Board members who completed the trainings.

12. INFORMATION REQUESTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

No information requests or additional announcements were made.

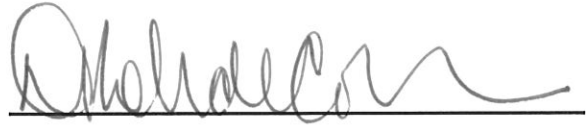
13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon a motion by Secretary Natalie Vowell and seconded by Ms. Katherine Wessling, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on the following roll call vote:

AYE: Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Joyce Roberts, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell,
Katherine Wessling

The motion carried.

ATTESTED BY:



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dorothy Rohde Collins", is written over a horizontal line.

DOROTHY ROHDE COLLINS