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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

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**OFFICIAL REPORT**

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**Regular Business Meeting  
St. Louis, MO  
February 12, 2019**

## **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 the Saint Louis Public Schools Administrative Building, located at 801 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St., St. Louis, MO 63130.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting came to order at 6:36 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Joyce Roberts, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell (via Skype)

**ABSENT:** Katherine Wessling

A quorum was present.

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:37 p.m.

### **4a. APPEARANCES - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were given.

### **5. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2019 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

On a motion by Vice President Charli Cooksey and seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the Board voted to approve and adopt the February 12, 2019 Meeting Agenda on the following roll call vote:

**AYE:** Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Joyce Roberts, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell

**6a. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Superintendent Kelvin Adams presented an update related to the proposed School Year 2019-2020 Calendar Recommendations, which had been previously presented to the Special Administrative Board at the January 21, 2019 SAB meeting.

**6b. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: CONSORTIUM PARTNERSHIP NETWORK RECOMMENDATIONS**

Superintendent Kelvin Adams presented an update related to the Consortium Partnership Network, which had been previously presented to the Special Administrative Board at the January 21, 2019 SAB meeting.

A discussion took place between the Board and the Superintendent on the presentation:

- Ms. Donna Jones asked what role the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has played in the development of the Consortium Partnership Network (CPN).
- Superintendent Kelvin Adams commented that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has had no impact in the development of the Consortium Partnership Network. The CPN is in response to the Comprehensive Status recently assigned to schools by DESE based on three years of data. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to develop an operational plan for the bottom 5% of schools in the state.
- Ms. Donna Jones asked if other school districts are also doing this.
- Superintendent Kelvin Adams commented that he was not aware of any at this time.
- Superintendent Kelvin Adams commented that the district was still waiting on the amount of additional dollars that will be provided to these schools.

**7a. SAB CONSENT AGENDA FROM JANUARY 17, 2019**

On a motion by Dr. Joyce Roberts and seconded by Vice President Charli Cooksey, the Board voted to amend the consent agenda to remove items 01-17-19-05 and 01-17-10-06 on the following roll call vote:

AYE: Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Joyce Roberts, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

On a motion by Vice President Charli Cooksey and seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the Board voted to approve the January 17, 2019 Special Administrative Board consent agenda as amended on the following roll call vote:

AYE: Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Joyce Roberts, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

**7b. NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 361**

Secretary Natalie Vowell introduced the proposed Resolution to Oppose House Bill 361:

- This resolution is similar to the resolution approved last year by the Board.
- House Bill 361 would divide the St. Louis Public Schools Elected Board into subdistricts.
- House Bill 361 is getting some traction. It has had a public hearing and has been assigned to committee.
- The Missouri School Board Association has taken a position against the bill.

On a motion by Secretary Natalie Vowell and seconded by Ms. Donna Jones, the Board voted to approve the proposed Resolution Opposing House Bill on the following roll call vote:

AYE: Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Joyce Roberts, Dorothy Rohde Collins,  
Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

**7c. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: TRANSITION/ TRAINING UPDATE**

President Dorothy Rohde Collins commented on the following:

- The district has an updated committee meeting schedule, which will be discussed at the next Elected Board work session.
- Board members should email President Dorothy Rohde Collins a list of committees of interest by February 20, 2019.
- President Dorothy Rohde Collins will review those requests and make appointments to committees to address these requests and to achieve balanced representation across committees.
- President Dorothy Rohde Collins expressed an interest in making those appointments at the next session.

Superintendent Kelvin Adams commented that the committee appointments would become effective once selected by the Elected Board.

**8a. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Vice President Charli Cooksey, Ms. Donna Jones, and Ms. Susan Jones indicated that they did not have Board Member reports.

Secretary Natalie Vowell presented the following Board Member report:

- Iowa State University has requested to attend a Board meeting and to meet with the Board or with individuals as part of an Alternative Spring Break Program focused on Equity in Education.
- Questions from Board members can be emailed to Secretary Natalie Vowell.

Dr. Joyce Roberts presented the following Board member report:

- Dr. Joyce Roberts visited Jefferson City.

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- The visit was quite informative. Issues faced by this district are germane across districts.
- The visit was a wonderful time to meet with legislators from St. Louis.

### **8b. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Dorothy Rohde Collins presented the following Board President report:

- The League of Women Voters and the SLPS Foundation will hold a debate for the April election for the Elected Board on March 13<sup>th</sup> at Central Visual and Performing Arts High School, in the evening.
- Superintendent Kelvin Adams, SAB President Rick Sullivan, and President Dorothy Rohde Collins will go to the state board meeting to provide an update on training. Audio for the meeting is streamed online.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, upon a motion by Ms. Susan Jones and seconded by Dr. Joyce Roberts, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. on the following roll call vote:

AYE: Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Joyce Roberts, Dorothy Rohde Collins,  
Natalie Vowell

The motion carried.

**ATTESTED BY:**



**DOROTHY ROHDE COLLINS**