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## CXXX BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

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### OFFICIAL REPORT

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**Meeting**  
**St. Louis, MO**  
**April 23, 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.

#### **OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW MEMBERS**

Judge Calea Stovall-Reid presided over the swearing in of Mr. Adam Layne and Ms. Tracee Miller.

#### **1. SWEARING IN RECEPTION FOR ADAM LAYNE AND TRACEE MILLER**

Light refreshments were served in honor of Mr. Adam Layne and Ms. Tracee Miller.

#### **2 AND 3. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting came to order at 6:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Adam Layne, Tracee Miller, Joyce Roberts, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell

A quorum was present.

#### **4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:33 p.m.

#### **5a. APPEARANCES - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were given.

**6. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 23, 2019 MEETING AGENDA**

On a motion by Secretary Natalie Vowell and seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the Board voted to approve and adopt the April 23, 2019 Meeting Agenda on the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTAIN: Adam Layne, Tracee Miller

The motion passed.

**7a. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: GOVERNANCE TRANSITION**

Superintendent Kelvin Adams presented an update on the upcoming transition of governance from the Special Administrative Board to the Elected Board. Topics included:

- Graduations: If Board members will be attending graduations, they should let the district know.
- Weekly Communication Update: The Board will receive weekly updates from the district by email on Fridays.
- Board Retreat: The Board will hold a strategic retreat on July 13, 2019, to be facilitated by the Missouri School Boards' Association.
- The Council of Great City Schools will be hosting an event from July 28-31, 2019. Three Board members will be attending.
- Board Books: Board Books for the May Regular Business Meeting will be available by a week from tomorrow.
- Continued Training Presentations: The Office of Institutional Advancement and the Office of Student Support Services will present to the Board at the May 14, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.
- Board Secretary: Given the decision by the Board of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to transition governance to the Elected Board of the City of St. Louis on July 1, 2019, Ms. Ruth Lewis, the Board Secretary, will begin sitting in on all Board meetings starting in May.
- Contact Information: Superintendent Kelvin Adams' card is in each Board member's packet, and his cell phone number is on the back of each card.

**8a. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: TRANSITION/ TRAINING UPDATE**

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

- Both new Board Members are already signed up for 16 hours of training from the Missouri School Boards' Association.
- Ms. Tracee Miller will attend training next weekend, and Mr. Adam Layne will attend training in June. Both will be fully trained prior to the transition of governance.
- Nearly the full Board will be attending the Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA) training on May 1, 2019, and the MSBA Spring Regional Meeting.

**9a. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Ms. Donna Jones, Mr. Adam Layne, and Ms. Tracee Miller indicated that they did not have Board Member reports.

Dr. Joyce Roberts presented the following Board Member report:

- Dr. Joyce Roberts attended the following:
  - an event for the St. Louis City Library,
  - an event for the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation,
  - a Special Olympics event hosted by Afton High School,
  - meetings with several aldermen,
  - a meeting with the St. Louis Development Corporation, to better understand the impact of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and abatements,
  - an EdHub STL Café event entitled “Dismantling what Divides in Education”,
  - an event hosted by Harris-Stowe State University entitled “Spark the Mind: Advancing the Agenda for African-Americans in STEM”, and
  - an event at World Wide Technology, where she was able to engage with adults and young people interested in supporting St. Louis Public Schools. At that event, Dr. Joyce Roberts texted Superintendent Kelvin Adams to notify him that opportunities were available for additional funds for the district.

Secretary Natalie Vowell presented the following Board Member report:

- The St. Louis City Tax Auctions are coming up.
- About one dozen students enrolled in St. Louis Public Schools are made homeless through this process.

Ms. Susan Jones presented the following Board Member report:

- Ms. Susan Jones continues to speak out in the community on current events.

**9b. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Dorothy Rohde Collins presented the following Board President report:

- The majority of the Board was able to attend the most recent meeting of the Board of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of Missouri.
- The Board looks forward to representing the city and the school district.
- The Board is committed to continuing the training that was started, and to look for opportunities to turn this training into practice.
- All are encouraged to continue attending meetings of the Board of Education of the City of St. Louis.

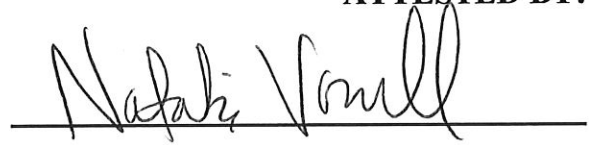
**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, upon a motion by Ms. Susan Jones and seconded by Dr. Joyce Roberts, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on the following roll call vote:

AYE: Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Adam Layne, Tracee Miller, Joyce Roberts, Dorothy Rohde Collins, Natalie Vowell

The motion carried.

**ATTESTED BY:**



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Natalie Vowell", is written over a horizontal line.

**NATALIE VOWELL**