

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 PM
(Tuesday, March 12, 2024)**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Attendance: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Natalie Vowell (Zoom), and Antionette "Toni" Cousins.

Absent: Matthew "Matt" Davis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The 2024 Saint Louis Public Schools Career Fair was a tremendous success! During the two-day event on March 1st and 2nd, 30 employment offers were signed, and more are coming. We congratulate all the individuals who received offers and commend the SLPS human resources department for their hard work organizing this event.

Tonight, the Spirit of Excellence spotlights the students, staff, and leaders at Nance Elementary for achieving the Missouri School of Character status. It was one of only fifteen selected in the state this year and is the first neighborhood school in north St. Louis ever to receive this honor. Dr. Tyler Archer, principal at Nance Elementary, joins us tonight to say a few words about his school and this recognition.

MARCH CONSENT AGENDA

Tracy Hykes moved to approve the consent agenda item (03-12-24-01), seconded by Emily Hubbard.

Aye: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins

Nay: None

Absent: Matt Davis

Emily Hubbard moved to approve the consent agenda item (03-12-24-02), seconded by Sadie Weiss.

Aye: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins

Nay: Emily Hubbard

Absent: Matt Davis

The motion passed.

Tracy Hykes moved to approve the consent agenda item (03-12-24-03) through (03-12-24-11), seconded by Donna Jones.

Aye: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins

Nay: None

Absent: Matt Davis

The motion passed.

(03-12-24-01) To approve a contract extension for the purchase, equipment, and installation of chillers with Trane (previous Board Resolution 02-14-23-10) for Laclede Elementary and Central VPA through the OMNIA purchasing group from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$375,199.00, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(03-12-24-02) To approve a contract with Varsity Tutors for High Dosage Tutoring support in six (6) of the District's high needs schools (Ashland, Columbia, Jefferson, Meramec, Peabody, and Walbridge) and districtwide access to all Varsity Tutors platform resources to support the board priorities of Grade 3 Reading and Grade 3 Mathematics for the period of March 25, 2024 through May 20, 2025, not to exceed \$66,240.00. This service supports Transformation Plan 4.0, Pillar 4- Learn to Read and Succeed; Goal 2: Access to grade-level content 100% of the time.

(03-12-24-03) The SLPS Finance Division is seeking approval to renew its contract with Frontline Education (formerly known as Forecast5) for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The contract allows the Finance Division to access Forecast5's financial database for Budget Management Analytics, Comparative Analytics, and Financial Planning Analytics. The cost of the contract will not exceed \$60,000. Additionally, Forecast5 will develop a five-year financial plan modeling tool to support strategic planning for the District as part of the Services. This service aligns with Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C Financial Sustainability.

(03-12-24-04) To approve the Spring routes for the FY 23-24 school year. A stipulated in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Transportation Administrator's handbook: Title 5, 5CSR 30-61.00 requirements for the Operations of School Buses; paragraph 1B: "The public school district board shall approve school bus routes over which school buses travel of education for its initial approval." The Services are provided to eligible students at all schools, grades P4-12, Special Education with Individualized Education Program (IEP), and students under the McKinney-Vento Act attending Saint Louis Public Schools. The report detailing the bus routes is available in the Transportation Office. The routes support Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1A: Student Attendance.

(03-12-24-05) To approve a contract with TSI from RFP #010-2024 to provide network wiring (new projects) and wiring repair for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$65,000 through the E-Rate process, pending funding availability. The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$9,750 but is contingent on the availability of E-Rate under the new re-authorization. This contract has a renewal option for two additional years. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(03-12-24-06) To approve a contract with Missouri Alliance (BlueBird) to provide Internet service to the District for the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$47,000, pending funding availability. This process was distributed through the E-Rate Federal Program – Form 470. The SLPS match is anticipated to be \$4,700 after E-Rate approval for the 2024 funding period. This is the 1st year of an optional 2-year renewal. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability. As a District initiative, this impacts all school leaders and administrators across the District.

(03-12-24-07) To approve a contract renewal with AT&T to provide a Fiber Wide Area Network (WAN) infrastructure ASE to support high-speed data access for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$665,594. This process was distributed through the E-Rate Federal Program – Form 470. The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$66,559 but is contingent on the availability of E-Rate under the new re-authorization. This is the 1st year of an optional 2-year renewal. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability. As a District initiative, this impacts all school leaders and administrators across the District.

(03-12-24-08) To approve a contract with Trane U.S. Inc. to Performance Management/Facility Renewal Services which is a turnkey approach on energy efficient projects that save energy, reduce energy costs and decrease operations and maintenance costs at the following schools: Ashland, Bryan Hill, Busch AAA, Dewey International Studies, McKinley Classical and Shaw VPA from the period of March 12, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$24,800,000 to be funded by Proposition S. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(03-12-24-09) To approve a contract with AME Construction, LLC dba as A. Eilers Construction to perform general contractor services per Saint Louis Public Schools Summer 2024 Renovations Project RFP for south facilities from the period of March 12, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$5,739,904.00 with an additional 10% contingency of \$573,990.40, the total cost will be \$6,313,894.40, to be funded by Proposition S. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(03-12-24-10) To approve a contract with Ameresco Inc. to perform Performance Management/Facility Renewal services, which is a turnkey approach to restroom renovation projects that will improve the operations and functionality at the following schools: Bryan Hill, Herzog, Walbridge, Washington Montessori, and Yeatman from the period of March 12, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$5,658,346.00 to be funded by Proposition S. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(03-12-24-11) To approve a contract with Interface Construction to perform general contractor services per Saint Louis Public Schools Summer 2024 Renovations Project RFP from the period of March 12, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$6,991,000 with an additional 10% contingency of \$699,100 the total cost will be \$7,690,100 to be funded by Proposition S. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

PRESENTATIONS

- Haliday Douglas and Rachel Seward presented the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation update.
- Dr. Millicent Borishade presented the Reading update.
- Rochelle Douglas presented the MAP (Missouri Assessment Program) Testing GLA (Grade Level Assessment) & EOC (End-of-Course)

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

- Tracy Hykes reported on a seminar he attended that highlighted why charter schools weren't the right choice for scholars in the City of Saint Louis. Mr. Hykes gave a report from the Economic Leadership Council. He also thanked Mr. Square Watson for his outstanding work in the Operations department.
- Emily Hubbard—The next Proposition S Oversight Committee Meeting is Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Hubbard would like to schedule a governance committee meeting.
- Toni Cousins was a guest speaker at the Women's Empowerment Forum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- William "Bill" Monroe
- Joshua Keoshkerian
- Mark Keoshkerian
- Steven Lawler
- Greg Michaud
- James Gibbs
- Chester Asher

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Motion by Toni Cousins second by Tracy Hykes.

Aye: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Natalie Vowell, Toni Cousins

Nay: None

Absent: Matt Davis

The motion passed.

Attested By:



Donna Jones
Board Secretary