

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 pm
(Tuesday, April 9, 2024)**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Attendance: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Natalie Vowell (virtual-excused at 7:59 pm), Matthew "Matt" Davis, and Antionette "Toni" Cousins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Join us Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Ashland Elementary School (3921 North Newstead Ave) to engage in a district-wide spring fitness fest, including a 1.5-mile fun run, a 5K race sponsored by the Parent Action Council, and GO! St. Louis. In addition, we will have Zumba and Yoga classes for all fitness levels. To register for this family-friendly event, visit www.slps.org/fitness.

Spire Energy, led by CEO Steve Lindsey, recently visited three SLPS elementary schools: Peabody, Humboldt, and Meramec. Embracing the spirit of literacy, the Spire team engaged students with encouraging conversations, jokes, and imaginative storytelling. Their commitment to education was evident as they generously donated books to each classroom visited. Thank you to the team at Spire Energy for their contributions to fostering literacy and education in our community.

APRIL CONSENT AGENDA

Matt Davis moved to approve the April Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Sadie Weiss.

Aye: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Matt Davis, Toni Cousins

Nay: None

Excused: Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

(04-09-24-01) To approve a new contract with SchoolLinks to provide a platform for College and Career Readiness (CCR) activities, which will assist middle and high school students, parents/guardians, counselors, and Career & Technical Education (CTE) teachers by providing a complete set of tools to enable students and staff to improve student performance and empower educators - from educating younger learners about potential careers, helping students explore and apply to colleges, or finding entry-level positions to jumpstart a career. The SchoolLinks platform will be provided at a cost not to exceed \$178,282.45 for the contract period April 10, 2024 to June 30, 2026. This service supports Pillar 4: Learn to Read and Succeed, Goal 2: Access to grade-level content 100% of the time.

(04-09-24-02) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Compass Group USA, Inc. to provide school-to-work transition training for special education students enrolled at Nottingham CAJT High School for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at no cost. This service supports Pillar 5: Grow Community Partners and Resources. Goal 1: Increase the number of volunteers/mentors by 10%.

(04-09-24-03) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH) Incorporated, to provide continuous educational opportunities for SLPS Special Education Services students who are substance abuse patients of Preferred Family Healthcare by a certified homebound teacher for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at no cost. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools; Goal 1: Reinforce advanced accreditation; Pillar 5: Grow Community Partners and Resources; Goal 2: Increase the number of strategic partnerships by 5%.

(04-09-24-04) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Near Southside Employment Coalition to provide school-to-work transition training for high school junior and senior level students with disabilities in all SLPS High Schools for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at no cost. This service supports Pillar 4: Learn to Read and Succeed, Goal 2: Access to grade-level contents 100% of the time.

(04-09-24-05) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Special School District (SSD) to maximize the use of available local resources in providing early childhood special education services and related services to young children and families for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at no cost. This service supports Pillar 5: Grow Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 2: Increase the number of strategic partnerships by 5%.

(04-09-24-06) To approve the proposed 2024-25 and 2025-2026 School Calendars. Calendar Committee Members represented Central Office leadership, school-based leadership, and AFT Local 420 membership. This process supports Pillar 1: Creates a system of excellent schools.

(04-09-24-07) To approve contract renewals with M3 Embroidery and Apparel, City Apparel, I3Logix, Logo It, and EPI Educational Products as the "Preferred Vendor" status for District-Wide Promotional Items (including but not limited to lanyards, mugs, pens, key chains, portfolios, etc..) for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, at a combined cost not exceed \$500,000.00, pending funding availability. Each department and school may purchase these items using their appropriate budget. FY 24-25 will be the first year of the two one-year renewal options. This service supports Pillar 2: Advance Fairness Across the System; Goal 1: Remove Barriers and Help Students Access Academic Enrichment Experiences.

(04-09-24-08) To approve contract renewals with M3 Embroidery and Apparel, BSN Sports, City Apparel, Logo It, and EPI Educational Products as the "Preferred Vendor" status to provide screen printing and embroidery services for District-Wide T-shirts and Apparel (including but not limited to: T-shirts, hats, hoodies, joggers, polo shirts, etc.) for the period July 1, 2024

through June 30, 2025, at a combined cost not exceed \$500,000.00, pending funding availability. Each department and school may purchase these items using their appropriate budget. FY 24-25 will be the first year of the two one-year renewal options. This service supports Pillar 2: Advance Fairness Across the System Goal 1: Remove Barriers and Help Students Access Academic Enrichment Experiences.

(04-09-24-09) To approve a sole source purchase from Harvest Technology Group through TIPS USA Co-Op membership for Content360° to provide electronic document management, software licenses, and training for the period June 15, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$76,725. This Cloud Document Management System will facilitate automating and creating a paperless process to support the transfer of documents between St. Louis Public Schools' Finance Department and its Non-Public School partners. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(04-09-24-10) To approve the purchase of goods and services from various vendors to further Professional Development and expansion of Student Services for the District's non-public partners during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at the total combined cost to not exceed \$2,000,000. This is to support non-public schools within the boundaries of SLPS (see attached list of non-public schools). These services support Pillar 5: Community Partnership Resources Goal 5D: Expand Private/Public Grant Engagement.

(04-09-24-11) To approve a contract with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc., to provide nursing services to students per their specified support as indicated in the 504 Plan for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 annually. This contract includes two one-year renewal options. This device supports Pillar 2: Fairness and Equity Across System, Goal 2D: SLPS will increase partnership effectiveness to provide school services.

(04-09-24-12) To approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the Compliance Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(04-09-24-13) To approve the MOU with Jobs Connect USA for international teacher placement from April 10, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at no cost to the District. This is the first year of the MOU.

(04-09-24-14) To approve a sole source contract with C. Rallo Construction to provide all supplies, equipment, materials, and labor to build cubicle spaces in Student Support Services 1st floor at Central Office for the period of February 15, 2024, through June 30, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00, to be funded by the General Operating Budget. This is an expedited request per the directive of the Chief of Schools. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(04-09-24-15) Approval of acceptance of funds from Safe Haven Defense is required. This a reimbursement grant of \$300,000 (original Board Resolution 11-14-23-10) from DESE to help cover the costs of adding protective safety film to first-floor windows on all 62 school buildings. Based on the quote provided, this will not cover the entire project, but it is the maximum award we could receive for this grant. However, as of March 2024, the new grant amount is \$404,553.74. Safe Haven Defense will service the following schools: Gateway Complex, Vashon High School, Froebel Elementary, Meramec Elementary, Central Administration Office, Laclede Elementary, Hodgen Elementary, and Central VPA. The reimbursement grant allows SLPS to submit documentation until April 2024 to cover expenses. With the Operations plan to add safety film to all first-floor windows in school buildings, every student in the district will benefit. This will help support pillar 1, Excellent Schools, by creating safe environments for students to learn.

(04-09-24-16) To approve a contract with Ameresco Inc. to perform 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: Bertha Know Gilkey – Pamoja Preparatory, Betty Wheeler, Mullanphy, Walbridge and Yeatman from the period of March 12, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$26,191,428.29 to be funded by Proposition S. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(04-09-24-17) 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.

(04-09-24-18) To approve a new contract with IPNS from RFP #009-2024 for Wide Area Network (WAN) and Local Area Network (LAN) maintenance services for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$170,000, pending funding availability. This service is for non-E-Rate schools. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability. This contract has a renewal option for two additional years.

(04-09-24-19) To approve a contract with IPNS from RFP #009-2024 for the replacement of UPS equipment and anticipated switch breakage for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$179,795 annually, pending funding availability. The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$26,969 but is contingent on the availability of E-Rate under the new re-authorization. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability. This contract has a renewal option for two additional years.

(04-09-24-20) To approve a contract with IPNS from RFP #009-2024 to provide Network Monitoring Services for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000 annually, pending funding availability. This service is needed to monitor and proactively avoid downtime on the District network. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability. This contract has a renewal option for two additional years.

(04-09-24-21) To approve a contract with IPNS from RFP #009-2024 to provide SmartNet maintenance coverage for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$88,266, pending funding availability. This contract has a renewal option for two additional years. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(04-09-24-22) To approve a contract with IPNS from RFP #009-2024 to provide E-Rate WAN/LAN maintenance for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$787,800 annually, pending funding availability. The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$118,170 but is contingent on the availability of E-Rate under the new re-authorization. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability. This contract has a renewal option for two additional years.

(04-09-24-23) To approve a contract with IPNS from RFP #009-2024 to provide EOL maintenance for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$300,000 annually, pending funding availability. This contract has a renewal option for two additional years. This is for equipment that is no longer covered through SmartNet. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(04-09-24-24) To approve a new contract with TSI from RFP #010-2024 to provide network wiring (new projects), wiring repair for non-E-Rate schools and auditorium, microphones, and other audio-visual equipment for all schools during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$110,000 pending funding availability. This contract has a renewal option for two additional years. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

PRESENTATIONS

- Angie Banks presented the Audit and Quarter 3 Financial update.
- Dr. Borishade & Dr. Lucretia Brown presented the Reading update.
- Dr. Crapo presented the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Calendar updates.
- Dr. Henning presented the SchoolLinks program.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

- Donna Jones-Thanks Mason Elementary for their outstanding performance last week at Grandel Theatre.
- Toni Cousins-Thanks the coached from Clyde C. Miller for their hard work during the track meet at John Burroughs High School. The team showed excellent sportsmanship. Presented on Board Bill 197.
- Tracy Hykes-Support public schools
- Matt Davis-The legislative meeting was canceled. The public will receive an update on the Legislative Committee's projects at their next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Kimberly St. Clair
- William "Bill" Monroe
- Velma Bailey
- Krystal Barnett
- Brianna Roseman
- Greg Michaud
- Nate Lindsey

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm to move into Closed Session.

Motion by Matt Davis, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Matt Davis, Toni Cousins

Nay: None

Excused: Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

Attested By:



Donna Jones
Board Secretary