

**MONTHLY WORK SESSION - BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS - Administration Building - 801 North 11th Street - 6:30 PM (Tuesday, June 22, 2021)**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Dr. Joyce M. Roberts, Ms. Natalie Vowell, Mr. Matthew Davis, Ms. Antionette Cousins, Ms. Donna Jones, Ms. Regina Fowler, Ms. Alisha Sonnier, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams, Mr. Jeffrey St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, and Ms. Shameika Williams, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**JULY CONSENT AGENDA**

**Dr. Adams answered questions relative to the consent agenda and assisted the Board in accessing supporting documentation in BoardDocs for any consent agenda item.**

(07-13-21-01) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Saint Louis University, Diversity and Community Engagement to facilitate Shut-It-Down program: Closing the School to Prison Pipeline project for students and staff attending Adams, Ashland, Lyon @ Blow and Monroe elementary schools for the period of July 14, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This is year three of a three-year partnership. This program supports Pillar 5 Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(07-13-21-02) To approve the contract renewals with Ajuma Counseling Services for a second one year term to provide support services on an as-needed basis that includes school-based mental health and counseling; cultural related services designed to support and stimulate school climate; techniques for creating a bully-free environment; for the period of July 14, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$160,000.00. Services are extended to twenty (20) students per site at the following locations: Ames VPA, Walbridge Elementary, Long, and L'Ouverture Middle. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(07-13-21-03) To approve a new contract as recommended by the City of St. Louis with RubinBrown LLP to audit government activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, which collectively comprises the financial statements of the St. Louis Public Schools. The performance period will be from July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$197,000. This is the first year of the contract with two renewal-year options. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools; Goal 1C: Financial Stability.

(07-13-21-04) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Medicine and Anatomy Program ( Excellence in Learning) with the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Medicine for the period of July 14, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The program encompasses learning about health careers through medical lectures and a shadowing experience. All activities, classes, and coursework are through the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine. This partnership provides a vehicle for underrepresented students to experience academia while expanding their medical for the future.

(07-13-21-05) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Medicine and Anatomy Programs (Health Professions' Fair, Saturday Scholars) with Washington University School of Medicine St. Louis for the period of July 14, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The program encompasses health careers, medical lectures, and pathogen research/presentations. All activities, classes, and coursework are through Washington University School of Medicine. This partnership provides a vehicle for underrepresented students to experience academia while expanding their medical knowledge for the future.

(07-13-21-06) To approve the purchase of musical repair services from City Music, Nettleman Music, St. Louis Strings, and Low Key Music for the period of July 14, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$25,000 pending the availability of funds. The vendors provide small amounts of musical instrument repairs on an as-needed basis per school. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 2A: Equitable Resource Distribution.

(07-13-21-07) To approve the renewal of purchases from the Preferred Music Supply Vendors, Nettleman Music, Taylor Music, Music & Arts Center, Shar Products, and Washington Music Center for the purchase of District-wide music supplies for the period July 14, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$75,000.00, pending funding availability. This year is the renewal option year. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 2A: Equitable Resource Distribution.

(07-13-21-08) To approve the purchase of professional development services from Transformational Leadership Initiative through The Institute for School Partnerships at Washington University for the period July 14, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 pending funding availability. The professional development services will be delivered to the staff at Meremac Elementary School and Ashland Elementary School, and potentially two other schools to be determined later. This service supports Pillar 3, Culturally Responsive Environments Goal 3B-Teacher Retention and 3C-Culturally Responsive Schools.

(07-13-21-09) To approve the purchase of visual art materials, replacement parts, contest materials from various vendors (including School Specialty, Blick Art Materials, Paramount, and Krueger Pottery) for all school buildings to meet the identified needs of art classrooms per Missouri State Visual Art Standards for the 2021-22 school year. The total cost would not exceed \$80,000 pending funding availability. These funds will Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(07-13-21-10) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Grand Canyon to provide access to GCU's Canyon Teacher Certification Examination (formerly the Praxis Examination) tutoring and support for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This opportunity aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0 Pillar 3, Culturally Responsive Environments; Goals 3B-Teacher Retention and 3C-Culturally Responsive Schools.

(07-13-21-11) To approve a Consultant Service Agreement with St. Louis Youth Jobs to provide internship/work opportunities through the Learn and Earn program for the period July 14, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Up to 600 seniors from all eligible SLPS high schools will be receiving services through this agreement. The cost of this service is not to exceed \$1,637,783.92. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(07-13-21-12) To approve the contract renewals with Jezreel Consulting LLC and Writing Works to provide grant writing services on an as-needed basis that will include research, writing, and submission of grant requests and reports for Federal, national, state, local, and private entities for the period July 14, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$65,000, pending funding availability. These contracts have an option to renew annually for one(1) additional year.

(07-13-21-13) To approve a contract with Hankins Construction Company to replace all existing windows and glass blocks at Nottingham CAJT for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$964,000.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$96,400.00, the total cost will be \$1,060,400.00, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools

(07-13-21-14) To approve a contract with Midwest Service Group to perform the removal of hazardous material to support the replacement of all existing windows and glass blocks at Nottingham CAJT for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$93,900.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$9,390.00, the total cost will be \$103,290.00, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(07-13-21-15) To approve a contract with Hankins Construction Company to replace existing windows and window frames on the north side of Central VPA for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$753,095.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$75,309.50, the total cost will be \$828,404.50, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(07-13-21-16) To approve a contract with Midwest Service Group (MSG) to replace existing windows and window frames on the north side of Central VPA for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$58,550.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$5,855.00, the total cost will be \$64,405.00, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(07-13-21-17) To approve a contract with Industrial Soap Company to perform custodial equipment repair and provide custodial equipment at various schools throughout the District, for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(07-13-21-18) To approve a contract renewal with Panorama to provide culture and climate survey services to all SLPS students and staff within all schools and/or offices and Social, emotional surveys to all students within all schools for the period July 15, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$93,200. This Board approved similar services on a smaller scale last year. However, due to challenges related to the pandemic, the District did not sign the contract or pay for the services. Therefore, this is technically the first year of the two-year renewal options. Efforts support Pillar 2: Fairness and Equity, Sub-Pillar 2B: Equitable Resource Distribution and Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments, Sub-Pillar 3C: Culturally Responsive Schools of the Transformation Plan 3.0.

(07-13-21-19) To ratify and approve a new contract with Cardinal Elevator to provide elevator inspection, maintenance, and repair services for all District schools and buildings for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$176,775.00 pending funding availability. This will cover the initial year of the contract. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(07-13-21-20) To ratify and approve a new contract with Unifirst to provide the rental of uniforms for 340 Facilities employees, and wet and dry mop heads and rags for 76 District facilities, for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$180,425.44, pending funding availability. This will cover the initial year of the contract. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

NEW (07-13-21-21) To approve the St. Louis Public Schools' group benefits costs for the plan year 2022, January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, which includes Medical, Pharmacy, Dental, Vision, Short/Long Term Disability and Life/Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance for all full-time permanent employees. The contract was the estimated cost based on 3,599 eligible employees is \$35,571,485. The District is receiving a medical benefits premium credit of \$500,000 in December of 2021. The savings will be applied to the calendar year 2022. These services were publicly bid through RFP 041-2021. This is the first year of the agreement. There are two contract renewal options. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 3B Teacher Retention, and 1D Efficient Equitable Staffing.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

The Board discussed public attendance at future Board meetings.

Mr. Davis presented the tenets of the proposed ad-hoc Legislative Committee and answered questions relative to the structure and mission of the committee.

Ms. Fowler presented the final draft of the Code of Ethics for the Board.

Ms. Cousins and Ms. Sonnier attended the New Board Member Training with MSBA and gave feedback relative to the training.

Dr. Roberts attended the Igniting Great Ideas Summit and Board President Workshop and gave feedback.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Ms. Vowell moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cousins.

**Aye:** Ms. Natalie Vowell, Ms. Donna Jones, Ms. Antionette Cousins,  
Mr. Matt Davis, Dr. Joyce Roberts, Ms. Regina Fowler, Ms. Alisha Sonnier

**Nay:** None

The motion passed.

Attested By

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Davis", written in a cursive style.

Matt Davis  
Board Secretary