

**MONTHLY WORK SESSION-BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30PM (Tuesday, August 22, 2023)**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**Attendance:** Tracy Hykes, Sadie Weiss, Emily Hubbard, Donna Jones, Matthew "Matt" Davis, Antionette "Toni" Cousins

**Absent:** Natalie Vowell

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA**

(09-12-23-01) To approve the Fall routes for the FY 23-24 school year. As stipulated in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Transportation Administrators handbook: Title 5, 5CSR 30-61.00 requirements for the Operations of School Buses; paragraph 1B: School bus routes over which school buses travel shall be approved by public school district board of education for its initial approval. The Services are provided to eligible students at all schools, grades P4-12, and 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.

(09-12-23-02) To approve the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$21,223.13 from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education 50/50 Grant for Cengage Curriculum online licenses to support 2,000+ students across the District (at Beaumont, Carnahan, Central VPA, Clyde C. Miller, CSMB, Gateway STEM, McKinley, Metro, Roosevelt, Soldan, Sumner, and Vashon high schools) who participate in Career and Technical Education Pathways. This funding supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(09-12-23-03) To ratify and approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS) for the purpose of setting forth the terms and conditions for reimbursement of allowable expenditures in the amount of up to \$90,000.00 for the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 servicing up to 105 students at Roosevelt, Sumner, and Vashon High Schools per Transformation Plan Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(09-12-23-04) To approve a contract with CharacterStrong to provide professional development and social emotional learning and character education curriculum for the Culture and Climate Program for the period of September 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$24,749. The services will coaching and breakout sessions, and training on all materials and resources for K-12 In-School Suspension Monitors, Positive Behavior Intervention, and Support Coordinators and Special Education Teachers that support School Culture and Climate. All of these staff members support students within schools. This service supports Goal 3c: Culturally Responsive Schools

(09-12-23-05) To approve a contract with Dr. Cathleen Beachboard of The School of Hope LLC to provide professional development with the Culture and Climate Program for the period of September 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$17,600. The services will coaching breakout sessions, training materials and resources for K-12 In-School Suspension Monitors, Positive Behavior Intervention, and Support Coordinators and Special Education Teachers that support School Culture and Climate. All of these staff members support students within schools. This service supports Goal 3c: Culturally Responsive Schools.

(09-12-23-06) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HomeWorks!, the Teacher Home Visit Program for the period of September 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to provide academic support at Nance Elementary. The cost for this Program will not exceed \$62,550.00, pending funding availability. HomeWorks! will reimburse the District in accordance with the terms outlined in the MOU. This MOU supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships; Goal 5B: Cultivate School Partnerships

(09-12-23-07) To approve the contract renewal with DocuSign for e-Signature services for a period from September 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$95,000. DocuSign is being used to send employment offers, new hire paperwork, contracts (teacher, administrator, and vendor), employee evaluations, intent to return forms, teacher retention notices, and District Travel paperwork. This service supports Transformation Plan 4.0 Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability

(09-12-23-08) To approve a contract renewal with Fifth Asset, Inc., d/b/a DebtBook, under the Omnia Partners Purchasing Cooperative, to provide financial consulting services for the period of September 13, 2023, through July 31, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. The service will include lease amortization schedules and journal entries needed to account for all leases entered into by the District as a lessee as of June 30, 2022, per provisions to be in compliance with GASB Statement 87 and support the information needed for the District's FY2023 external financial statement audit. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(09-12-23-09) To approve a sole source contract with Insight Education Group to provide consulting and strategic planning services for the period September 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$170,000.00, pending funding availability. The services supported by these funds are in support of the following goals: Pillar 1- The district supports a system of excellence schools.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Student Outcomes Focused Goals
- Board Continuum Training-Janet Tilley, MSBA

## REPORTS OF THE BOARD

- Sadie Weiss-Gave an update from the last CPN committee meeting on August 17, 2023.
- Toni Cousins-Gave a reminder for upcoming professional development opportunities for Board members.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

**Motion by Emily Hubbard, seconded by Toni Cousins.**

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

Attested By:



Donna Jones  
Board Secretary