

MONTHLY WORK SESSION - BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30PM (Tuesday, August 27, 2024)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

(09-10-24-01) To approve an acceptance of funds for the the period of August 2024 through August 2025 for Phase 1 of Renew America's Schools focusing on reducing energy consumption at 15 school buildings that align with the Student Goal Area of Health and Wellness with a donation of \$300,000 from the Department of Energy. This supports Pillar 5: Expand Private/Public Grant Engagements and Pillar 2: Partner with Community Allies.

(09-10-24-02) To approve the St. Louis Public Schools' group benefits costs for the plan year 2025, January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, 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 \$39,841,150. These services were publicly bid on through RFP 012-2223. This is the second year of the three-year renewal agreement for medical. Rate caps are in place through 2026 for Medical, Dental, Vision, Short/Long Term Disability and Life/Accidental Death and Dismemberment. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 3B Teacher Retention, and 1D Efficient Equitable Staffing.

(09-10-24-03) To approve an acceptance of funds for August 2024 through June 2025 for after school gun violence programs that align with the Student Goal Area of Health and Wellness with a donation of \$46,500 from DESE. This supports Pillar 5: Expand Private/Public Grant Engagements and Pillar 2: Partner with Community Allies.

(09-10-24-04) To amend resolution number 05-14-24-48 a contract renewal with Dell Corporation as the standard vendor for technology purchases. Absolute tracking software will be added to the Z-Space laptops for the period of September 11, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The cost should not exceed \$34,911.08, pending funding availability. This service aligns with Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(09-10-24-05) To approve an acceptance of funds for the period of September 2024 through May 2025 for McKinley that align with the Student Goal Area of College and Career Readiness with a donation of \$20,547.94 from the Department of Education Career Z Challenge. This supports Pillar 5: Expand Private/Public Grant Engagements and Pillar 2: Partner with Community Allies.

(09-10-24-06) To approve MOU for free, in-kind services for the period of September 2024 through May 31, 2025, that align with the Student Success Goal of Literacy, Health and Wellness, College and Career Readiness with Community Partners. The MOU is with College Bound, ST Louis Public Library, Girls Inc., and Roosevelt Community Association. This supports Pillar 2: Fairness and Equity and Pillar 5: Community Partners.

(09-10-24-07) To approve a contract with LDR Admin Service, LLC. to provide executive support to the Acting Superintendent in navigating the role as the Acting Superintendent as recommended by the Missouri Association of School Board Organizations at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00.

(09-10-24-08) To approve a contract with Apple for the Brenthaven headphones at a cost not to exceed \$237,025.00. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(09-10-24-09) To approve the budget allocation for printing and distributing the 2024-2025 ELL Code of Conduct, which includes producing printed copies at a cost not to exceed \$8,816.26.

(09-10-24-10) To approve a MOU with Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis to provide access to an array of services and resources to meet the growing SEL, mental, and mindset needs of students, staff, and leadership in St. Louis Public Schools and their families (as applicable) for the period of September 11, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This service supports Transformation Plan 4.0, Pillar 2: Advance Fairness Across the System; Pillar 2, Goal 1: Remove barriers and help students access academic enrichment experiences; Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Learning Environments; and Pillar 5: Grow Community Partners and Resources; Pillar 5

(09-10-24-11) To approve a contract with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) St. Louis to provide access to an array of services and resources to meet the growing SEL, mental, and mindset needs of students, staff, and leadership in St. Louis Public Schools and their families at AESM @L'Ouverture and Yeatman-Liddell Middle (as applicable) for the period of October 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$124,366.00. This service supports Transformation Plan 4.0, Pillar 2: Advance Fairness Across the System; Pillar 2, Goal 1: Remove barriers and help students access academic enrichment experiences; Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Learning Environments; and Pillar 5: Grow Community Partners and Resources.

(09-10-24-12) To approve a contract renewal with Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis to provide access to an array of services and resources to meet the growing SEL, mental, and mindset needs of students, staff, and leadership in St. Louis Public Schools and their families (as applicable) for the period of September 11, 2024, through June 30, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$550,000.00. This service supports Transformation Plan 4.0, Pillar 2: Advance Fairness Across the System; Pillar 2, Goal 1: Remove barriers and help students access academic enrichment experiences; Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Learning Environments; and Pillar 5: Grow Community Partners and Resources; Pillar 5.

(09-10-24-13) To approve the in-kind (free) Community Partnership with Overground Railroad for the period of September 11, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed) and Student Success Goal 5 (Community Relations).

(09-10-24-14) To approve the Student Health and Wellness Community Partner Slate for in-kind (free) services for the period of September 11, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The partners include Provident Health, City of STL Department of Behavioral Health, Missouri Office of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services, City of STL Health Department for Lead Testing, Northside Youth and Senior Service Center, Craft Alliance, Places for People, Bach Society, Contemporary Art Museum, Midas Foundation, Affinia, Dancing Classrooms, Des Lee Art Collaborative, Kiwanis Club, Roosevelt Community Association, Eye Thrive, Places for People, Project Search with the VA, Children's Advocacy Services, Midas Foundation, Contemporary Art Museum, Northside Youth and Senior Service Center, St Louis Zoo, Prevent ED, City of St. Louis Department of Health (lead testing), The Bolden Foundation, Springboard, and ST. Louis Children's Hospital Teen Outreach Program. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed) and Student Success Goal 5 (Community Relations).

(09-10-24-15) To approve the College and Career Readiness Community Partner Slate for in-kind (free) services for the period of September 11, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The partners include the Bolden Foundation, Missouri University Expansion and Maryville University. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed) and Student Success Goal 5 (Community Relations).

(09-10-24-16) To approve an acceptance of funds for the period of September 2024 through May 2025 for chemistry lab supplies for McKinley that align with the Student Goal Area of College and Career Readiness with a donation of \$1,646.52 from the American Chemistry Society. This supports Pillar 5: Expand Private/Public Grant Engagements and Pillar 2: Partner with Community Allies.

(09-10-24-17) To approve the Math Community Partner Slate for in-kind (free) services the period of September 11, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The partners include the SLU – Kick and Code Program. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 2 and Student Success Goal 5 (Community Relations).

(09-10-24-18) To approve contract renewal with Jezreel Consulting for competitive grant writing services for the period ending in June 2025 at value not to exceed \$45,000. The grant will cover Pillar 1: Excellent Schools and Pillar 5: Community and Partnership Resources

(09-10-24-19) To approve an MOU for Community Partnership with Ready Readers for in-kind (free) services for the period of September 11, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed) and Student Success Goal 5 (Community Relations).

(09-10-24-20) To approve an MOU for Community Partnership with Hope Education for in-kind (free) services for the period of September 11, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed) and Student Success Goal 5 (Community Relations).

(09-10-24-21) To approve an MOU for Community Partnership with The Gathering's Literacy Project for in-kind (free) services for the period of September 11, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed) and Student Success Goal 5 (Community Relations).

(09-10-24-22) To approve an MOU with The Saint Louis Public Library for in-kind (Free) services from September 11, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed), and Student Success Goal 5 (Community Relations).

(09-10-24-23) To approve MOU with DouDogs for in-kind (Free) services from September 11, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed) and Student Success Goal 5 (Community Relations).

(09-10-24-24) To approve the Literacy Community Partner Slate for the period of September 11, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The partners include Story Pirates. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed) and Student Success Goal 5 (Community Relations).

(09-10-24-25) To approve the Data Sharing Agreements in conjunction with MOUs for the period of September 11, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The partners include PreventED, St. Louis Public Library, and Springboard. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed) and Student Success Goal 5 (Community Relations).

PRESENTATIONS

- Professional Learning Update
- Camp SLPS
- 2025 Employee Benefits
- Community School Partnerships

Dr. Borishade gave an update on transportation.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

- Toni Cousins-Gave an update about her visit to Meda P regarding transportation concerns. President Cousins visited four schools on the first day and spoke to principals about their concerns.

- Tracy Hykes-Visited five schools on the first day and greeted students.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Motion by Matt Davis, seconded by Emily Hubbard.

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

Nay: None

The motion passed.

Attested By:



Donna Jones
Board Secretary