

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 PM
(Tuesday, September 12, 2023)**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Tonight, we proudly shine a spotlight on the remarkable achievements of the students, staff, and families from Metro Academic and Classical High, Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience, and McKinley Classical Leadership Academy, as they have all earned the distinction of being among the top high schools in the state of Missouri. Saint Louis Public Schools proudly holds the top two high school rankings and secures three positions within the top 20 in the entire state, as recognized by US News and World Report.

For the fourth consecutive year, Metro Academic and Classical High maintains its well-deserved position at the forefront of high school excellence in Missouri. Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience closely follows at the impressive second spot, while McKinley Classical Leadership Academy proudly occupies the 18th position in the rankings. These rankings exemplify the District's unwavering commitment to excellence, spanning a range of educational criteria, including college readiness, math and reading proficiency, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth, and graduation rates.

This collective achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication of students and educators in Saint Louis Public Schools. Your steadfast commitment to excellence has brought great honor to our District, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations for this outstanding accomplishment.

SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

Matt Davis moved to approve the September Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Donna Jones.

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

Nay: None

The motion passed.

(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 Administrator's 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 the public school district board 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.

(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) to set 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 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.

(09-12-23-05) To approve the contract renewal with DocuSign for e-signature services from September 13, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at a cost not exceeding \$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.

(09-12-23-06) 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 support the following goals: Pillar 1- The District supports a system of excellent schools.

NEW (09-12-23-07) To approve the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$665,675.28 and the allowable expenditure in reimbursable funds from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Division of Food and Nutrition

Services for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) for the 2023-2024 school year. Forty elementary schools and approximately 9,825 students will participate in the program. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

NEW (09-12-23-08) To approve the acceptance of funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the FY23 Farm to School Turnkey Edible Gardens Project at Columbia Elementary and Bryan Hill Elementary in the amount of \$46,598. (Including \$12,963.00 cost share). For the award period, July 26, 2023, through June 30, 2025. Funds will be disbursed upon Board approval. This award supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

NEW (09-12-23-09) To approve a sole source contract with Harvest Consulting to provide leadership and organizational development for the period of September 13, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$85,000.

NEW (09-12-23-10) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the acceptance of in-kind professional development services from the Institute for School Partnerships at Washington University for the period August 8, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at no cost to the District. The professional development services will be delivered to five (5) schools participating in the second cohort of the Redesign Fellowship. The five participating schools are Herzog Elementary School, Hodgen Elementary School, Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning, Gateway MST Middle, and Long Middle School. The services supported by this MOU are in support of the following goals: Pillar 3- Cultivating Teachers and Leaders, Goal 3B- Staff Retention; Pillar 3- Cultivating Teachers and Leaders, Goal 3C- Culturally Responsive Schools; and Pillar 4- Read to Succeed, Goal 4A- Student Reading Proficiency.

NEW (09-12-23-11) To approve the Policy Adoption/Change with Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to adopt the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Local Plan for Compliance with State Regulations for the implementation of state regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for the period of October 1, 2023, thru June 30, 2024. This is the annual submission, as noted by the DESE, based on revisions. No changes under this Resolution will alter the District's Special Education programs. The adoption of the said plan is effective June 30, 2023. This plan will support Transformation Plan Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources and Transformation Plan Goal: 5C- Community and District Pride.

October 10, 2023 Items for Consideration

(10-10-23-01) To approve a new Memorandum of Understanding with Nike, Inc. to initiate a formal evaluation process for the potential inclusion of Nike's Starting Line curriculum in the educational offerings of Clyde C. Miller Career Academy at no cost to the District for the period of October 11, 2023, through June 30, 2024, per Transformation Plan Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(10-10-23-02) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a partnership between The Center for Ignatian Service at Saint Louis University and the St. Louis Public Schools to provide Kick & Code, an afterschool program for elementary school students. Kick & Code combines programming for soccer, literacy, and robotics (STEM). The volunteers for this program will all be SLU students enrolled in a service-learning class. This MOU supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships; Goal 5B: Cultivate School Partnerships.

(10-10-23-03) To approve a purchase from Henry Schein through Omnia Partners (COOP) for the purchase of a LIFEPAK 15 Monitor/Defibrillator/EKG machine for the EMT Program at Gateway STEM High School at a total cost not to exceed \$44,224.54 for the 2023-2024 school year. This purchase supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College & Career Readiness.

(10-10-23-04) To approve the Acceptance of Funds in the amount of \$22,112.27 from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) 50/50 Grant for a LIFEPAK15 Monitor/Defibrillator/EKG machine for the EMT Program at Gateway STEM High School. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(10-10-23-05) To renew the MOU for Gateway to the Great Outdoors (GGO) to provide schools with extensive environmental and STEAM education through hands-on instruction that pairs area college students and mentors students in science classrooms through weekly lessons in environmental science. GGO intends to provide support at the following schools: Froebel Elementary, Long Middle, and Nance Elementary while using a shared space within Froebel Elementary. This supports Pillar 1: Creating Excellent Schools and Pillar 2: Fairness and Equity Across the System, as well as Pillar 5.

(10-10-23-06) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Eating Disorders Association (MOEDA) to provide prevention education to all middle and high school students about eating disorders in collaboration with the health classes for the period of November 13, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

PRESENTATIONS

Review of Professional Development Partners: Who are they accountable to, and what are they accountable for?-Dr. Claire Crapo

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

- Sadie Weiss/Emily Hubbard-Proposition S Oversight Committee and Budget Committee report.
- Matt Davis-Local Progress Cohort report.
- Tracy Hykes-Yeatman Visit report.
- Donna Jones-Ms. Jones is asking parents of the SLPS community to join the PTO/PTA at their child's school.

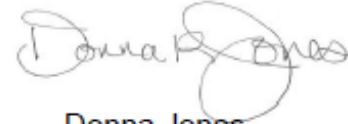
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Motion by Matt Davis, second by Tracy Hykes.

The motion passed.

Attested by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

Donna Jones
Board Secretary