

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 PM
(Tuesday, September 13, 2022)**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

In attendance: Rayquan Strickland, Sonali Sharma, Laila Alhajeri, Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Antionette "Toni" Cousins, and Matthew "Matt" Davis.

Absent: Alisha Sonnier

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra honors the important work of school music educators with their concert: EXTRA CREDIT On Stage At Powell Hall on October 7 at 7 pm. In this unique concert experience, educators from Collegiate, Gateway Elementary, Roosevelt, Shaw Elementary, Metro, Ames Elementary, central office, and our very own member Natalie Vowell will share the stage with SLSO musicians in a concert for the community. This event is free, but tickets will be required. For more information, visit WWW.SLSO.ORG or the SLPS Facebook page.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Wright moved to approve **the August 9, 2022, Board meeting minutes**, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Absent: Alisha Sonnier

The motion passed.

SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

Natalie Vowell moved to approve **consent agenda items (09-12-22-01) through (09-12-22-07)**, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Absent: Alisha Sonnier

The motion passed.

Toni Cousins moved to approve **consent agenda item (09-12-22-08)**, seconded by Natalie Vowell.

Aye: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Absent: Alisha Sonnier

The motion passed.

Natalie Vowell moved to approve **consent agenda items (09-12-22-09) through (09-12-22-21)**, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Absent: Alisha Sonnier

The motion passed.

Matt Davis moved to approve **consent agenda item (09-12-22-22)**, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Absent: Alisha Sonnier

The motion passed.

Dr. John Wright moved to approve **consent agenda items (09-12-22-23) through (09-12-22-25)**, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Abstain: Natalie Vowell

Absent: Alisha Sonnier

The motion passed.

(09-13-22-01) To approve entering into a listing agreement with Development Resource Partners, LLC (DRP) for the period

September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023, to provide District real estate services, including standard brokerage services with a 6.0% real estate commission, and potentially additional consulting services on an as-approved by BOE basis at \$100.00/hour, not to exceed \$5,000 a month, pending funding availability. This listing agreement has an option to renew for an additional two one-year terms. This will support Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(09-13-22-02) To approve a sole source contract with Springboard to Learning to provide (as the Greater St. Louis Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning affiliate) job-embedded, arts-integration, professional development for over 40 District Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers (including 400 students) for the period September 14, 2022, through April 30, 2023, at the cost not to exceed \$38,000, pending funding availability. This program will serve up to 20 North-side schools (north of Interstate 44), providing after-school professional development, job-embedded PD, and coaching during the school day. This contract will support Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments, 3C: Culturally Responsive Schools, and Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, 2B: Equitable Resource Distribution

(09-13-22-03) o, approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Gateway to the Great Outdoors (GGO) to provide schools with extensive environmental and STEAM education through hands-on instruction that pairs area college students that mentor 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. Note: This program provided volunteers that offered virtual support during the pandemic. They are now prepared to pivot between virtual and in-person support as needed. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness and Equity Across the System and Goal 2D: Partner with Community Allies and Pillar 5: Community Partnership Resources, and Goal 5A: Volunteer and Mentor Engagement

(09-13-22-04) 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 \$84,000.00 for the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, 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.

(09-13-22-05) To ratify and approve contract renewals with M3 Embroidery and Apparel, BSN Sports, and City Apparel 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, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a combined cost not exceed \$500,000.00, pending funding availability. Each department and school may purchase these items using their appropriate budget. This is the first year of two renewal year options. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools; Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of Transformation Plan 3.0.

(09-13-22-06) To approve contracts, goods, and services from Choice Partners purchasing cooperative for the period September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023, not to exceed \$1,000,000. This service supports Transformation Plan 3.0 Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(09-13-22-07) To approve the Policy Adoption/Change with the 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, 2022, thru June 30, 2023. 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, 2022. This plan will support Transformation Plan Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources and Transformation Plan Goal: 5C- Community and District Pride.

(09-13-22-08) To approve a contract with Urban League to operate the Student and Family Support Program to provide case management and dropout prevention assistance for the period of September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$500,000.00. Services are extended to students at Herzog, Jefferson, Monroe, Nance, Peabody Elementary, and Long Middle. This is year one of the three-year renewal option. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(09-13-22-09) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Urban League formally to operate the Student and Family Support Program servicing approximately 300 students grades K-5 between Laclede, Walbridge, and Bryan Hill Elementary schools for the period of September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Efforts support Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships

NEW (09 13-22-10) To approve a sole source contract with The Leadership Academy (TLA) to build on the principal supervisory leadership work that TLA led under the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) during the 2021-2022 school year. TLA will focus on deepening coherent practices among the cadre of Saint Louis Public Schools (SLPS) principal supervisors to support their work with developing SLPS principals to be effective, culturally responsive instructional leaders. This work will take place during the period of September 2022 through June 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$180,000.00. Continuing this DESE initiative, this resolution impacts all schools— all students. The initiative supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools; Goal 2B: Equitable Resource Distribution.

NEW (09 13-22-11) To approve a contract with Ajuma Counseling Services to provide support services on an as-needed basis that includes mentoring; cultural-related services designed to support and stimulate school climate; techniques for creating a bully-free environment; for the period of September 14, 2022 through June 30, 2023, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$140,000.00. Services are extended to twenty (20) students per site at four schools yet to be determined. The contract is being reduced to a nine-month contract since the program will not begin until after school starts. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships

NEW (09 13-22-12) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding with Power4STL for the period of September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023, to train and equip SLPS nurses, staff, administrators, and students in trauma first aid, which includes Stop the Bleed certification, Overdose(OD) Response as well as How to Heal trauma recovery. This training is appropriate for youth aged 10 and older. This training includes a 90-minute session with a didactic and hands-on portion. It also provides review of trauma first aid material. The training is to be performed by Stop the Bleed certified instructors and qualified Power4STL volunteers. It will include the provision of Naloxone (Narcan) at no charge to the district. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnership Resources and Goal: 1B- Secure Schools and Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments and Goal: 3C- Culturally Responsive Schools.

NEW (09 13-22-13) To approve the acceptance of funds from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in the amount of \$399,998.00 for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers/ Afterschool Program at Gateway Elementary and Shaw Elementary for the period of September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2024. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 2C- Decrease Chronic Absenteeism.

NEW (09 13-22-14) To approve an initial contract with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri to provide professional mentors and provide group mentoring for youth in the Saint Louis Public Schools; for the period of September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$124,366.00. The contract is being reduced to a nine-month contract since the program will not begin until after school starts. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships

NEW (09 13-22-15) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis, to provide trauma-focused group therapy utilizing evidence-based treatment models deemed clinically appropriate, such as but not limited to, Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS), Bounce Back, and Resilience and Coping Intervention (RCI) to approximately 80 students at Peabody Elementary, Roosevelt High School, Soldan International High School, Carnahan High School of the Future, and Vashon High School for the period of September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023. These services are delayed due to The Mental Health Board's three-year cycle funding. This service supports Pillar 5; Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B; Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

NEW (09-13-22-16) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Behavioral Health Response to increase awareness of the "BHR Youth Connection Helpline," which connects students aged 18 years and under who live in Saint Louis City with mental health and supportive resources in the community; to provide mental health crisis intervention to students; and to facilitate communication between school staff and providers if necessary to develop strategies for approaching student behavioral concerns in the school setting for the period of September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023. These services are delayed due to The Mental Health Board's three-year cycle funding. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

NEW (09-13-22-17) To approve a contract with General Waste Services to perform the cleaning of all HVAC systems in their entirety at Bertha Knox Gilkey - Pamoja Preparatory Academy @ Cole, Hamilton Elementary, Betty Wheeler CJA, and Lyon @ Blow schools for the period September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,389,500.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$138,950.00, the total cost will be \$1,528,450.00 pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

NEW (09-13-22-18) To approve a contract with Advanced Environmental Services to clean all HVAC systems in their entirety at Henry, Herzog, Meramec, and Oak Hill schools, for September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,187,000.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$118,700.00, the total cost will be \$1,305,700.00 pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

NEW (09-13-22-19) To approve a contract with AAA/MSG to perform the cleaning of all HVAC systems in their entirety at Laclede, Mann, Washington Montessori, and Yeatman, for the period September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,646,880.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$164,688.00, the total cost will be \$1,811,568.00 pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

NEW (09-13-22-20) To approve a contract with AAA/MSG to perform the cleaning of all HVAC systems in their entirety at Ashland, Bryan Hill, Busch, and Dewey schools, for the period September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,488,951.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$148,895.10, the total cost will be \$1,637,846.10 pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

NEW (09-13-22-21) To approve a contract with Alloy to perform the cleaning of all HVAC systems in their entirety at Shaw VPA, Wilkinson @ Roe, and Woodward schools, for the period September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,235,250.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$123,525.00, the total cost will be \$1,358,775.00 pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

NEW (09-13-22-22) To approve and ratify a Memorandum of Understanding with Aim High for the period of June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to provide academic support programming for SLPS middle school students. Students will participate in an intensive, full-day summer school program that includes math, science, language arts, and social studies classes each morning, followed by lunch, physical fun and enrichment opportunities. Additionally, participating students will engage in Saturday workshops and another scheduled programming during the school year. SLPS will reimburse Aim High St. Louis for transportation and provide staffing to accommodate the percentage of scholars attending the program. Aim High St. Louis will track participating students and report on programmatic outcomes annually, by December 31 of 2022, following the preceding summer program. This service supports Pillar 4: Students Read to Succeed; Goal: Student Reading Proficiency.

NEW (09-13-22-23) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HomeWorks!, the Teacher Home

Visit Program for the period of September 14, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to provide academic support at Hickey Elementary and Nance Elementary. The cost for this Program will not exceed \$107,000.00, 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.

NEW (09-13-22-24) To approve a ratification for advertising and informational services for Proposition S, the Districts no tax increase bond issue which was on the August 2 ballot. Services included billboards, street boards, yard signs, broadcast and print advertising, meetings, and special services, to share an informational campaign and provide needed information for students, families, and the community before the election. Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools and Goal 1A: Student Attendance and Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources and Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships

NEW (09-13-22-25) To approve the acceptance of the Ben Blewett Memorial Trust proceeds (\$208,513.09) from the Parsons Blewett Memorial Fund. The funds will be used for a permanent memorial to the late Ben Blewett. This supports the Transformation Plan Pillar 1 – The District Supports a System of Excellent Schools

October 11, 2022 Items for Consideration

(10-11-22-01) To approve the sole source purchase of academic graduation regalia, diploma packages and keepsakes from Jostens for the graduating class of 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$110,000.00. The graduating class of 2023 is comprised of 1400 seniors. High schools and programs include Carnahan, Central VPA, Collegiate, Gateway, ICA Blewett, McKinley, Metro, Nottingham, Roosevelt, Soldan, Sumner, Vashon, and Virtual K12. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 2A: Equitable Resource Distribution and Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments, Goal 3C: Culturally Responsive Schools.

(10-11-22-02) To ratify and approve a contract renewal with Frontline Technologies Group, LLC for the Online Observation Tool, Frontline for the period July 1, 2022 through July 30, 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$27,755.07, pending funding availability, which represents a 5.5% increase. The price adjustment is associated with the increase in the Consumer Price Index. This service supports Pillar 3, Culturally Responsive Environments; Goal 3A-Career Pathways.

PRESENTATIONS

- Michael Brown and Colleen Pace presented the CHADS update.
- Dr. Marion Smith Jr. and Dr. Kimberly Moody presented the Summer Learning Update.
- Square Watson presented the Water Testing for Lead Content update.
- Dr. Adams presented the Opening School Update.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

Dr. Wright moved to approve the Professional Development Requests for the SLDC Mayor's Luncheon and the Council of Great City Schools Conference open to any Board member, seconded by Brittany Hogan.

Aye: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Absent: Alisha Sonnier

The motion passed.

Natalie Vowell moved to approve rescheduling the November Board meeting to November 15, 2022, the November Work Session to November 29, 2022, and combining the December Board Meeting and Work Session on December 13, 2022, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Absent: Alisha Sonnier

The motion passed.

- Toni Cousins-The Ad-hoc City-Wide Planning Committee is on schedule. The next committee work groups are September 28, 2022 and September 29, 2022.
- Matt Davis-The Legislative Committee's next meeting is September 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM. The Superintendent Search has kicked off. Surveys for Superintendent Focus Groups are forthcoming.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- William "Bill" Monroe-Harriet Tubman College Preparatory Academy
- Harvey Cloyd
- Miguel Alexander-JVL Neighborhood Association
- Carla Alexander-JVL Neighborhood Association
- Jackie Gold-SLPS Parent
- Charles "Babatu" Murphy-SLPS Staff
- Susan Jones-SLPS Parent
- Erma Bevels McNeil-Retired SLPS Employee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Motion by Toni Cousins, second by Natalie Vowell.

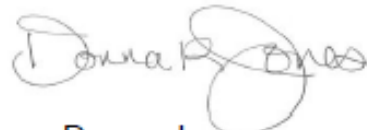
Aye: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Absent: Alisha Sonnier

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, looping flourish at the end.

**Donna Jones
Board Secretary**