

TAX HEARING-BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS-Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:15PM (Tuesday, September 24, 2024)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Sadie Weiss (Excused)

Matt Davis moved to approve the proposed tax rate, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Motion by Matt Davis, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

MONTHLY WORK SESSION - BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30PM (Tuesday, September 24, 2024)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Sadie Weiss (Excused)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Matt Davis moved to approve the August 22, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

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

Nay: Natalie Vowell

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

Matt Davis moved to approve the September 26, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

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

Nay: Natalie Vowell

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

Matt Davis moved to approve the October 24, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

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

Nay: Natalie Vowell

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

Matt Davis moved to approve the January 23, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

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

Nay: Natalie Vowell

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

Matt Davis moved to amend the February 27, 2024, meeting minutes changing the spelling of Emily Koeltzow's name, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

Matt Davis moved to approve the amended February 27, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Emily Hubbard.

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

Nay: Natalie Vowell

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

Matt Davis moved to approve the March 26, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

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

Nay: Natalie Vowell

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

Matt Davis moved to approve the April 23, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

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

Nay: Natalie Vowell

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

Matt Davis moved to approve the May 28, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

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

Nay: Natalie Vowell

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

Natalie Vowell moved to approve the June 25, 2024, July 23, 2024, and August 27, 2024 at the next Board of Education meeting, seconded by Matt Davis.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

OCTOBER CONSENT AGENDA

(10-08-24-01) To approve the purchase of twenty-five American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) certification accounts. This an alternative certification pathway approved by the Missouri legislature This will be for current non-certified St. Louis Public Schools staff who have proven themselves as capable teachers of record in an Interim Learning Associate or Building Learning Associate role. The American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence offers an online training program for individuals who already hold a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university and can pass appropriate exams in Content and Pedagogy. Along with the supports provided from our district professional development office, this purchase will allow twenty-five individuals otherwise blocked from the path to certification due to financial, time or personal commitments to become fully certified teachers in St. Louis Public Schools. Individuals will be selected based off instructional evaluation, principal recommendation, and demonstrated barriers to our other certification pathways. This one-time purchase is at a maximum cost of \$45,000.00 to the District, paid out our remaining ESSER DESE Teacher Retention Grant funds. This service will support Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1.3: Innovative Staffing and Recruitment Practices. Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments, Goal 3.2: High Quality and Effective Teachers.

(10-08-24-02) To approve a contract with Scholastic, Inc. to provide professional development around Strengthening Family Engagement Practices to Increase Student Academic Achievement for parents and families in all Title I buildings for the period of October 9, 2024 – June 30, 2025. This service supports Transformation Plan 4.0, Pillar 5: Grow Community Partners and Resources; Pillar 5, Goal 2: Increase the number of strategic partnerships by 5%.

(10-08-24-03) To approve a resolution to pay off \$14,490,000 of outstanding General Obligation (GO) Bonds early, reducing the District's future interest expenditures. This service will be completed by December 31, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 with an interest savings of ~\$380,000. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(10-08-24-04) To approve the 2024 proposed tax rates per \$100 of assessed valuation as presented at the September 24, 2024, work session. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Financial Sustainability.

(10-08-24-05) To approve a contract with Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Tours for the period of October 9,

2024, to June 30, 2025, to provide tours for one hundred SLPS students (50 students in the fall and fifty students in the spring) to connect classroom learning to various historical sites and museums that support learning of American History via social studies and English courses. This contract supports Pillar 4: This contract supports Pillar 4: Ensure students learn to read and succeed.

(10-08-24-06) To purchase instructional materials and services from 95% Group, for the period 2024-2025 school year (with potential for future use based on evidence of student growth). Participating schools are Lyon @ Blow, Laclede, and Pamoja. The number of schools receiving materials and services are Lyon @ Blow: 210, Laclede: 233, and Pamoja: 200. The cost is \$73,134.09 (Pamoja, Lyon @ Blow, and Laclede). Funds for this come from the DESE Evidence Based Reading Instruction Program. This resolution supports Pillar 4: Ensure Students Learn to Read and Succeed.

(10-08-24-07) To approve for Boiler Replacement at Hickey Elementary School by TMI, Impacting Hickey Elementary School with approximately 250 students, with a project cost not to exceed \$409,235. Transformation Plan Pillar(s) and Goal(s): Infrastructure Stability and Operational Efficiency.

(10-08-24-08) To approve Boiler Replacement and Repair Feasibility Study at Pruitt Building. Vendor: American Boiler Maintenance. Service Period: October 8, 2024 - June 30, 2025 Participating School: KIPP Charter School. Number of Students Affected: Approximately 300 students. Total Cost of Transaction: Not to exceed \$523,815.00. Transformation Plan Pillar(s) and Goal(s): Infrastructure Stability and Operational Efficiency.

(10-08-24-09) To approve of Emergency Water Main Repair Services by Mick's Plumbing for Mallinckrodt Academy. Period of Service: Immediate to Completion. Estimated 500 students impacted. Total Cost: \$38,400.00. Supports Transformation Plan Pillar Safety and Goal 4.1.

(10-08-24-10) To approve a new contract with Focus School Software, LLC through the Allied States Cooperative for the implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system for HR, Payroll and Finance Departments to be provided from October 9, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$500,000.00, pending funding availability. This initial cost includes the license/subscription fee plus initial implementation cost. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability

(10-08-24-11) To ratify and approve a contract with Navigate360 to provide emergency management platform that supports visitor management, site mapping, virtual policy binder's emergency reunification support, drill and planning management and EOP development daily security monitoring and response for all district schools drill logs and safety planning. Platform would also support panic buttons in buildings and emergency awareness for all staff, from May 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed (436,656.00) (pending performance) The contract will continue to support pillar 1: A system of excellent schools; Goal 1B: Safe and Secure Schools and MSIP 6 - L10

(10-08-24-12) To approve a budget of \$118,500 for graduation ceremonies in May 2025. Expenses will include venue rentals, regalia, purchase of floral arrangements for ceremonies, and live entertainment to support graduates at Clyde Miller, Metro, McKinley, Soldan, Virtual K-12, Roosevelt, Sumner, Gateway STEM, Vashon, Nottingham, Collegiate School of Biomedical Sciences, and Central Visual Performing Arts Center.

(10-08-24-13) To approve the acceptance of funds from the 50/50 grant from DESE in the amount of \$2,699.55, and the purchase of a SmartstitchS-1501 embroidery machine from Amazon, in an amount not to exceed \$5,999 for the CTE Business and Entrepreneurship students at Gateway STEM High School. This school was selected because of the school store that they operate as a part of the business program. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed) and Student Success Goal 3 (College and Career Readiness).

(10-08-24-14) To approve the acceptance of reimbursement funds in the amount of 20,360.65 from the 50/50 Grants from DESE for Cengage Curriculum online licenses for 2000 + students – which includes the MindTap online platform for CTE Pathways.

(10-08-24-15) To approve a sole source purchase of the Aztec online HiSet prep software for the period October 9, 2024- June 30, 2025. This program will provide students with the necessary curriculum to prepare for the HiSet equivalency required by DESE. AEL student will receive academic skills remediation and TABE 11/12 prep. 60 unlimited seats at a cost not to exceed \$14,940.00per year. This service supports Pillar 3:Culturally Responsive Environment, Goal 3A Career Pathways. DESE mandates the AEL program to provide educational services to adult learners for Title I/II, WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) funds received. This service will impact students by increasing their academic achievement, employment skills, and student retention. TABE 11/12 Pre/Post-assessments gauge students' academic performance.

(10-08-24-16) To ratify the contract with Missouri Department of Social Services and acceptance of grant funding from Jobs for America's Graduates – Missouri (JAG) in the amount of \$90,000 for the 2024-2025 school year. These funds will support JAG programs at Vashon, Roosevelt, and Sumner High Schools. The JAG grant provides funding that covers approximately 50% of the total cost to operate an active JAG program. For the 2024-2025 school year, JAG-Missouri will provide \$30,000 each for the three high school programs, totaling \$90,000 for the district.

(10-08-24-17) To approve a sole source purchase of the Essential Education online HiSet prep software for the period October 9, 2024- June 30, 2025. This program will provide students the necessary curriculum to prepare for the HiSet equivalency required by DESE. AEL students in need of additional levels of support will receive academic skills remediation and TABE 11/12 prep. 300 unlimited seats at a cost not to exceed \$8,250.00 per year. This service supports Pillar 3:Culturally Responsive Environment, Goal 3A Career Pathways.

(10-08-24-18) To approve a service contract with International Baccalaureate Organization to purchase the annual school fee for

the period of 09/01/2024 through 06/30/2025 for an amount not to exceed \$12,660.00 and to approve payment no to exceed \$30,000 for the registration of 80 students who will take a total of 220 individual I.B. exams and submit for I.B. grading Extended Essays and Theory of knowledge essays/presentations in the May 2025 I.B. examination session.

(10-08-24-19) To approve the purchase of the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3) online licenses from Pearson Assessments for universal screening for all 2nd grade students (not already identified as gifted) for the period of October 9, 2024 – June 30, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$13,750 pending funding availability for 1,100 licenses. Universal screening and the aforementioned software to facilitate testing supports the district's strategic value: Personalized Supports and Innovative Pathways.

(10-08-24-20) To approve the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$13,305.95 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Enhancement Grant) and approve the purchase of turf, fencing, benches, waste stations, shade poles and installation from Xtreme Green in an amount not to exceed \$119,080 for the CTE Pre-Veterinary Science program at Gateway STEM High School. This aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4.4 (All Students Learn to Read and Succeed) and Student Success Goal 3 (College and Career Readiness).

(10-08-24-21) To approve an Agreement with EducationPlus and the SLPS Beginning Teacher Assistance Program for the period of October 9, 2024, to June 30, 2025, in support of ensuring that the SLPS Beginning Teacher Assistance Program is in alignment with all DESE requirements for teachers during their first four years of service. This Agreement is at no cost to the district. This Agreement supports Pillar 3: Cultivate Leaders who foster culturally responsive learning environment learning environments.

(10-08-24-22) To approve a contract renewal with School Mint for hosting and licensing associated with the District's Magnet School Application Management Website the period August 1, 2024 though June 30, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$53,747, pending funding availability. This is the final year of a three-year agreement. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

PRESENTATIONS

- Back to School-Dr. Millicent Borishade
- Transportation-Tiffani Ingram
- Audit Response & Policy Update-Dr. Millicent Borishade

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

• Professional Development Request

Matt Davis moved to approve the professional development request to attend the annual Missouri Schools Board's Conference in Kansas City, MO October 17-19, 2024 open to all Board members, seconded by Tracy Hykes.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

• Board Reports

Matt Davis-Gave an update on the MSBA Policy Project outlining the current priorities for the policy of analysis and review. The Parent Action Council meeting at the Gateway Complex was a great success.

Toni Cousins-Gave an update from the real estate committee. The District sold Simmons school. Although some Board members don't chair committees, they are encouraged to attend committee meetings if possible. Meetings are posted. President Cousins recognized Board Member Hykes as the current commissioner on the Land Reutilization Committee.

Board member Hubbard was asked for a report from the Retirement Committee and had none.

Tracy Hykes-Gave a report from the LRA Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Motion by Matt Davis, seconded by Toni Cousins.

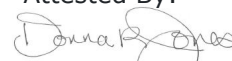
Aye: Tracy Hykes, Emily Hubbard, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Matt Davis, Toni Cousins

Nay: None

Absent: Sadie Weiss

The motion passed.

Attested By:



Donna Jones
Board Secretary