

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 PM (Tuesday, August 9, 2022)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

In attendance: Sonali Sharma, Laila Alhajeri, Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan, Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Antionette "Toni" Cousins (excused at 8:36 PM), and Matthew "Matt" Davis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

On behalf of the approximately 19,500 students of SLPS and 3800 staff, I would like to thank the community for the passage of Proposition S, 2022, the District's no-tax-increase bond issue. We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support of the bond issue's 87% passage on August 2. This means 160 million dollars to renovate, repair, and replace significant systems in buildings districtwide. These funds will touch all schools. I want to publicly thank: Patrick Wallace – YES Campaign Chair, Byron Clemons, Michael McMillan – Treasurers, Gregory F.X. Daly, and Darlene Green – Co-Chairs, Donors, and the team of Institutional Advancement, led by Deputy Superintendent Lori Willis, for their well-run informational campaign.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Toni Cousins moved to approve the June 14, 2022, June 28, 2022, July 12, 2022, July 26, 2022, and August 3, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Alisha Sonnier.

Aye: Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Abstain: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan

The motion passed.

AUGUST CONSENT AGENDA

Natalie Vowell moved to approve consent agenda items (08-09-22-01) through (08-09-22-02), seconded by Matt Davis.

Aye: Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Abstain: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan

The motion passed.

Toni Cousins moved to approve the consent agenda item (08-09-22-03), seconded by Matt Davis.

Aye: Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Abstain: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan

The motion passed.

Alisha Sonnier moved to approve consent agenda items (08-09-22-04) through (08-09-22-20), seconded by Matt Davis.

Aye: Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Abstain: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan

The motion passed.

Natalie Vowell moved to approve the consent agenda item (08-09-22-21), seconded by Matt Davis.

Aye: Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Abstain: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan

The motion passed.

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

Aye: Dr. John Wright, Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Abstain: Brittany Hogan

The motion passed.

Natalie Vowell moved to approve the consent agenda item (08-09-22-23), seconded by Matt Davis.

Aye: Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Abstain: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan

The motion passed.

Natalie Vowell moved to approve the consent agenda item (08-09-22-24), seconded by Matt Davis.

Aye: Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Abstain: Dr. John Wright, Brittany Hogan

The motion passed.

(08-09-22-01) To approve a contract renewal with St. Louis Community College (STLCC) for the Career & Technical Education (CTE) Dual Credit and Early College Academy (ECA) and Access Point Dual Enrollment programs for the period August 10, 2022, through May 31, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$244,250.00. High schools include Carnahan, Central VPA, Clyde C. Miller, CSMB, Gateway STEM, McKinley, Metro, Roosevelt, Soldan, Sumner, and Vashon. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College & Career Readiness.

(08-09-22-02) To approve the revisions to Policy 3321, Requesting Goods and Services (Creating Requisitions) to update the procurement cost thresholds and applicable procedures and approval process. This policy supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(08-09-22-03) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission through the fiscal agent St. Louis Mental Health Board to implement a process (Handle With Care) across the entire district to address student exposure to trauma and violence for the period of August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 5; Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B; Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-09-22-04) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Safe Connections to provide violence prevention education programming to approximately 200 students and behavioral health services to about 50 students in grades 6-12 at sites to be determined pending funding decisions and need for the period of August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 5; Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B; Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-09-22-05) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding renewal with CHADS Coalition for Mental Health to provide their Suicide Prevention Program to any school across the district and Social and Emotional Wellbeing Programs or Family Support Program in the following schools: Central VPA, Long Middle School, and McKinley CLA; and Bryan Hill pending grant funding for a period of August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-09-22-06) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding with Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri to provide school-based counseling and prevention services to students at Hodgen, Hickey, Carver, Froebel, and Lexington for the period of August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-09-22-07) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Annie's Hope to provide comprehensive grief support to students between the ages of 3-18 at schools across the district (See Appendix A for a list of schools) for the period of August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-09-22-08) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Bilingual International Assistant Services to provide culturally competent, trauma-informed, somatic-based individual and group counseling to eligible ELL students between the ages of 5 and 19 attending St. Louis Public Schools for the period of August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-09-22-09) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with The Little Bit Foundation to provide core programming, academic support, and wellness programs at 19 sites across the district, including Ashland Elementary, Bryan Hill Elementary, Columbia Elementary, Herzog Academy, Hodgen Tech, Pierre Laclède Junior Career Academy, Mann, Meramec, Nahed Chapman New American Academy Elementary and High School, Nance Elementary, Peabody Elementary, Patrick Henry Downtown Academy, Sigel Elementary, Walbridge Elementary, Yeatman/Liddell College Preparatory Middle School, Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning, Long International Middle School, and Sumner for the period of August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 5; Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B; Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-09-22-10) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Trina Jansen Counseling to provide behavioral health therapy to approximately 25 students at Dewey Elementary School, Busch Middle School of Character, and Lyon at Blow Academy for the period of August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-09-22-11) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding with NAMI St. Louis to provide their Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Program to any school across the district for a period of August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-09-22-12) To approve the Memorandum of Understanding and the acceptance of gift-in-kind. Long International has been awarded a Verizon Innovative Learning innovation lab with a monetary and in-kind value of approximately \$450,000. This amount includes a \$15,000 stipend per year for every two years to support the district's plan for facilitating Lab Mentor duties. Agreement runs for the period of August 10, 2022 (or upon approval) through June 30, 2025. The lab will be installed in fall 2022 for availability beginning in spring 2023. This opportunity aligns with Transformational Plan 3.0, Pillar 4: All students learn, read, and succeed. 4.4 – All students have access to enrichment resources, support, and opportunities that advance their success and love of learning. Pillar 5: Community partnerships and resources. 5.1 – SLPS continues to grow private and public dollars for Transformation Plan

(08-09-22-13) To approve a contract renewal with Panorama to provide culture and climate survey services to all SLPS students and staff within all schools and offices and Social, and emotional surveys to all students within all schools for the period August 10, 2022,

through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$93,200. This is the second of two renewals.

(08-09-22-14) To approve a contract with ArchKey Technologies to perform fire alarm system upgrades at various schools/facilities throughout the District for the period August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,197,582.73. With an additional 10% contingency of \$119,758.27, the total cost will be \$1,317,341.00, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(08-09-22-15) To approve a contract with Gateway Tree Care to provide tree removal and pruning services in selected District schools and buildings for the period August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$444,325.00, pending funding availability. The contract will cover only one fiscal year. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(08-09-22-16) To approve the acceptance of funds for \$239,480 from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to support 136 Afghan refugee students across all district schools for the period of August 10, 2022, through September 30, 2023. This funding supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4C: English Language Learners.

(08-09-22-17) To approve a memorandum of understanding for the period of August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2024. To establish a partnership between Vision for Children at Risk and the SLPS to introduce mental health consultation in early care and education to ensure that childcare and educational settings provide optimal learning environments for young children and social, emotional, and behavioral concerns are identified and addressed through screening, assessment, and intervention. This partnership supports Pillar 5: Community partnership resources; Goal 5D: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-09-22-18) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Craft Alliance to provide opportunities for SLPS students to learn about contemporary art crafts that go beyond the traditional classroom art experience for the period August 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This renewal is in support of Pillar 2; Fairness Equity Across System and Goal 2D: Partner w / Community Allies

(08-09-22-19) To approve the St. Louis Public Schools' group benefits costs for the plan year 2023, January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, 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 estimated cost was based on 3,489 eligible employees is \$36,869,733. These services were publicly bid through RFP 041-2021. This is the second year of the agreement. There are two contract renewal options. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 3B Teacher Retention, and 1D Efficient Equitable Staffing.

(08-09-22-20) To approve the renewal of a sole source purchase from Data Dash, Inc. to provide Laserfiche software licenses and technical support to maintain and scale digital personnel record management features for a period from August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. The increase in cost is a result of increased usage due to the automation of our teacher evaluations, intent to return forms, and teacher retention notices. This request supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1D: Efficient Equitable Staffing of the transformation plan 3.0.

NEW (08-09-22-21) To approve an initial contract with Unleashing Potential to provide before and after school programming to Mason Elementary School for the period of August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$122,254.00. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

NEW (08-09-22-22) To approve a contract with Ray and Associates, Incorporated to provide consulting services related to a Superintendent Search and the selection of a Superintendent in Saint Louis Public School District for the period August 10, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.

NEW (08-09-22-23) To rescind Policy 4623. This request supports Pillar 2, Fairness Equity Across System.

NEW (08-09-22-24) To approve the proposed revisions to Policy 4624. This request supports Pillar 2, Fairness Equity Across System.

September 13, 2022 Items for Consideration

(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) To 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 who mentor 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, 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 annual submission, as noted by the DESE, is 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 Herzog, Jefferson, Monroe, Nance, Peabody Elementary, and Long Middle students. 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

PRESENTATIONS

- Angie Banks presented the Quarterly Finance Presentation
- Square Watson presented the Proposition S Program Overview
- Dr. Adams presented the Back to School Report and School Restart Update.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

- Alisha Sonnier reported on the School Board Cohort
- Toni Cousins gave an update from the City-Wide Planning Committee.
- Natalie Vowell attended the MSBA Summer Board meeting in Columbia, MO. The next Back to School Live event is on August 4, 2022.
- Matt Davis attended the Aldermanic Black Caucus with Toni Cousins.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Natalie Vowell moved to approve Board attendance at the Annual MSBA Conference, November 3-5, 2022, in Kansas City, MO, seconded by Toni Cousins.

Aye: Dr. John Wright, Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Abstain: Brittany Hogan

Absent: Toni Cousins

The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- William "Bill" Monroe
- Makayla Gray-Bridge2Hope
- Charles "Babatu" Murphy-SLPS Staff

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Motion by Alisha Sonner, second by Matt Davis.

Aye: Sonali Sharma, Laila Alhajeri, Brittany Hogan, Dr. John Wright, Alisha Sonnier, Natalie Vowell, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis

Nay: None

Absent: Toni Cousins

The motion passed.

Attested By:



Donna Jones
Board Secretary