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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

OFFICIAL REPORT

**Special Session
St. Louis, MO
November 28, 2017**

MINUTES

The Board of Education of the City of St. Louis met in Open Session pursuant to Board Bylaw B9350 on the date noted above at Carr Lane Visual Performing Arts Middle School, 1004 N. Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis MO, 63106.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting came to order at 8:17 p.m.

Present: Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Dorothy Rohde Collins,
Natalie Vowell, Katherine Wessling

Absent: Bill Haas

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:18 p.m.

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APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2017 SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA

On a motion by Vice President Katherine Wessling and seconded by Secretary Natalie Vowell, the Board voted to strike Item Numbers 5, 7a, 7b, and 8, on the following roll call vote:

Aye: Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Dorothy Rohde Collins,
Natalie Vowell, Katherine Wessling

The motion carried.

On a motion by Secretary Natalie Vowell and seconded by Vice President Katherine Wessling, the Board voted to approve and adopt the November 28, 2017 Special Session Agenda with the changes as noted above, on the following roll call vote:

Aye: Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Dorothy Rohde Collins,
Natalie Vowell, Katherine Wessling

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Secretary Natalie Vowell presented a resolution to support only fully elected school board governance. (Full final resolution attached.)

On a motion by Secretary Natalie Vowell and seconded by Vice President Katherine Wessling to accept the resolution as written, the board opened discussion on the resolution.

- ❖ President Susan Jones expressed concerns regarding whether Paragraph 3 should be included in the final version.
- ❖ Vice President Katherine Wessling proposed amending the language of Paragraph 3 to add “this resolution is timely given that” after “AND WHEREAS”.
- ❖ Secretary Natalie Vowell requested striking the “.” [period] at the end of Paragraph 4.

On a motion by Vice President Katherine Wessling and seconded by Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins, the Board voted to accept the resolution that “the Board of Education of the City of St. Louis opposes any form of governance of the St. Louis Public School District other than the current existing democratically elected Board of Education”, with the above-noted amendments, on the following roll call vote:

Aye: Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Dorothy Rohde Collins

FINAL

Natalie Vowell, Katherine Wessling

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by President Susan Jones and seconded by Ms. Dorothy Rohde Collins, the Board voted by acclamation to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

NATALIE VOWELL, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION ON SLPS SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS since 2007, the Saint Louis Public School District (SLPS) has been—and is currently—governed by a three-member Special Administrative Board (SAB), one member each appointed by the Governor of the State of Missouri, the Mayor of the City of St. Louis, and the President of the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis

AND WHEREAS SLPS regained accreditation in January of 2017, the current designation of SLPS as a "Transitional School District" may now, per Section 12 of RSMO 162.1100, be ended at will by the Missouri State Board of Education

AND WHEREAS this resolution is timely given that the SAB is considering restructuring governance to replace the democratically elected Board of Education with either a fully appointed board or a hybrid board

AND WHEREAS the taxpayers of St. Louis City, for the past ten years, have continued to vote for and elect the seven-member Board of Education of the City of St. Louis which has, since 2007, had no control over management of SLPS business

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the City of St. Louis opposes any form of governance of the St. Louis Public School District other than the current existing democratically elected Board of Education.