

**MONTHLY WORK SESSION - BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:38 PM (Tuesday, January 25, 2022)**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Dr. Joyce M. Roberts, Donna Jones, Matthew Davis, Regina Fowler, Toni Cousins, Alisha Sonnier, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams, Jeff St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, and Shameika Williams, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education. Absent: Natalie Vowell

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**FEBRUARY CONSENT AGENDA**

(02-08-22-01) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding with St. Louis Community College TRiO Upward Bound for the period February 9, 2022, through June 30, 2022, at no cost to the District to provide academic enhancement activities that equip students at Roosevelt and Soldan High Schools with the motivation and academic skills necessary to complete high school and enter post-secondary education. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(02-08-22-02) To approve the sole source purchase of academic graduation regalia, diploma packages, and keepsakes from Jostens for the graduating class of 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00. The graduating class of 2022 is comprised of 1400 seniors. High schools and programs include Carnahan, Central VPA, Cleveland, Collegiate, Gateway, ICA Blewett, McKinley, Metro, Northwest, Nottingham, Roosevelt, Soldan, Sumner, Vashon, and Virtual K12. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 2A: Equitable Resource Distribution, Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments, Goal 3C: Culturally Responsive Schools.

(02-08-22-03) To approve a three-year contract with Mickes O' Toole to provide comprehensive legal services that will support all programs and departments that include but not be limited to counsel, direction, and legal representation regarding all operations of the Saint Louis Public School District. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(02-08-22-04) To approve a contract with Ittner Cordogan Clark Group to be the designated Project Manager for the design-build process for the Froebel playground redevelopment plan. The goal is to break ground within six months with an MSD grant required on March 30, 2023, a groundbreaking date. 1 - Excellent Schools, goal 1A: student attendance. Pillar 5 - Community Partnerships Resources, 5C: community and District pride.

(02-08-22-05) To approve acceptance of funds (approximately \$36,000) from US Bank Wealth Management on behalf of the Ben Blewitt Memorial Fund. The gift requires the funds to establish a memorial in the donors' name. The Ben Blewitt Memorial Scholarship Fund will award an annual \$1,500 college scholarship to a deserving graduating senior. The SLPS Scholarship Committee will select the recipient. This grant supports the District's Transformation Plan 3.0 goals, Pillar 4 - All students learn to read and succeed, Goal 4.3: HS students are prepared for the college and career of their choice. Pillar 4 - Goal 4.4: All students have access to enrichment resources, support, and opportunities to advance their learning success and love.

(02-08-22-06) To approve a renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Roosevelt Community Council (RCC) for the use of Roosevelt High School and to provide approximately six to nine District teachers to carry out the City of St. Louis' Youth at Risk Crime Prevention Program (program) if the City funds the. This afterschool program would be grant funded by the same City program. District teachers will receive extra pay via the grant dollars paid to the District. If funded, the program will run from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. The St. Louis Public Schools Foundation acts as the fiscal agent under the grant. Working in conjunction with the building leadership and athletics department, RCC also provides pregame meals before each season's football game. The RCC partnership supports the District's Transformation Plan 3.0 goals, Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 2D: Partner with Community Allies and Pillar 5: Community Partner Resources, Goal 5C: Community and District Pride.

(02-08-22-07) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saint Louis Research-Practice Collaborative for the period of February 9, 2021, through June 30, 2021, to partner with SLPS to develop and pilot a research-practice partnership (RPP) for St. Louis education. This supports Pillar 1: The District supports a system of excellent schools.

(02-08-22-08) To approve a contract renewal with BTU, LLC to provide E-Rate consulting services to be delivered March 10, 2022, through March 9, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$83,106. This is the second of a two-year renewal contract. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

NEW (02-08-22-09) To approve the acceptance funds from the Missouri Department of Education and Secondary Education (DESE) to support urban high-poverty schools affected by gun violence for a period of February 9, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$67,900.00. A gun violence prevention program will be implemented through the Urban League and Employment Connections, providing services to Yeatman, L'Ouverture, Carr Lane, Compton Drew Middle Schools, and Carnahan and Sumner High Schools. This service supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 2D- Partner w/Community Allies.

NEW (02-08-22-10) To approve a contract with The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis to support the gun/violence prevention program at the following schools: Yeatman Middle, Carr Lane Middle, and Sumner High School for a period of February 9, 2022, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$29,100.00. The program is being funded through the Department of Education and Secondary Education (DESE) Gun Violence Prevention Grant. This service supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 2D- Partner w/Community Allies.

NEW (02-08-22-11) To approve a contract with Employment Connection to support the gun violence prevention program at the following schools: Compton Drew, L'Ouverture Middle Schools, Carnahan, and Soldan High Schools for a period of February 9, 2022, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$38,800.00. The program is being funded through the Department of Education and Secondary Education (DESE) Gun Violence Prevention Grant. This service supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 2D- Partner w/Community Allies.

NEW (02-08-22-12) To approve the Acceptance of Funds from DESE for the CTE Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$51,865.61 to provide instructional materials and equipment for Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs at Beaumont Technical Center, Clyde C. Miller Career Academy, and Gateway STEM High School. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

Dr. Adams gave a COVID-19 update.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Alisha Sonnier moved to adjourn, seconded by Toni Cousins.

**Aye:** Toni Cousins, Alisha Sonnier, Regina Fowler  
Matt Davis, Donna Jones, Dr. Joyce Roberts

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

Attested By:



Matthew Davis Board Secretary