

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 PM (Tuesday, July 12, 2022)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Attendance: Matthew Matt Davis, Antionette Toni Cousins (6:48 PM) (Excused at 7:47 PM), Donna Jones, Natalie Vowell, Alisha Sonnier, Dr. Kelvin Adams, Jayme Major, and Shameika Henry.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The Spirit of Excellence is highlighting Candace Boyd, director of Special Education and the Special Education Department. Just as the U.S. Department of Education makes an annual determination for each state, Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education also makes an annual determination of each local education agency (LEA) or school district. In a recent letter, we were informed that the District's annual determination for 2022 was "Meets the Requirements and Purposes of the IDEA," which stands for, "Individuals with Disabilities Act." That ranking supported DESE's overall successful ranking and highlighted a particular area. In the summary of the rankings of the regulatory requirements related to these determination categories, DESE indicated that a perfect 4 out of 4 scores went to Candice Boyd and the SLPS special education team for their good work over the past year in serving students.

Thank you to this team for their unwavering dedication to students and families. Congratulations to our Special Education Team!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Toni Cousins moved to approve April 12, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Matt Davis.

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

Nay: None

The motion passed.

Toni Cousins moved to approve April 26, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Alisha Sonnier.

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

Nay: None

The motion passed.

JULY CONSENT AGENDA

Natalie Vowell moved to approve consent agenda items (07-12-22-01) through (07-12-22-06), seconded by Toni Cousins.

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

Nay: None

The motion passed.

Toni Cousins moved to approve the consent agenda item (07-12-22-07), seconded by Matt Davis.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

Alisha Sonnier moved to approve consent agenda items (07-12-22-08) through (07-12-22-11), seconded by Toni Cousins.

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

Nay: None

The motion passed.

Toni Cousins moved to approve the consent agenda item (07-12-22-12), seconded by Natalie Vowell.

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

Nay: Donna Jones

The motion passed.

Natalie Vowell moved to approve the consent agenda item (07-12-22-13), seconded by Toni Cousins.

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

Nay: None

The motion passed.

Toni Cousins moved to approve the consent agenda item (07-12-22-14), seconded by Alisha Sonnier.

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

The motion passed.

Toni Cousins moved to approve the consent agenda item (07-12-22-15), seconded by Alisha Sonnier.

Aye: Alisha Sonnier, Donna Jones, Toni Cousins, Matt Davis
Nay: None
Abstain: Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

(07-12-22-01) To accept grant funding in the amount of \$51,000 from the Innovative Technology Education Fund (ITEF). The funding is for Gateway STEM to fund its Gemini Lab (Makerspace). 1 – Excellent Schools, goal 1A: Attendance. Pillar 5 – Community Partnerships Resources, 5C: community and district pride.

(07-12-22-02) To approve the purchase of goods for \$23,994 with vendor VEX Robotics. Expense covered by accepted grant funding Innovative Technology Education Fund (ITEF). The purchase is part of equipment for Gateway STEM to create its Gemini Lab (Makerspace). 1 – Excellent Schools, goal 1A: Attendance. Pillar 5 – Community Partnerships Resources, 5C: community and district pride.

(07-12-22-03) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Veteran Affairs (VA) St. Louis Health Care System to create a High School Project SEARCH Transition training program at the VA St. Louis Health Care System for senior-level high school students attending Gateway STEM and Nottingham CAJT, who have an Individual Education Program (IEP) with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities, in their final year of high school and has an identified goal of competitive employment post-secondary for the period July 13, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 4: All students learn to read and succeed, Goal: 4D: College and Career Readiness:

(07-12-22-04) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Northview Rehabilitation Center to provide school-to-work transitional training for high school juniors and senior-level students with disabilities in all SLPS High Schools for the period July 13, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal: 4D College and Career Readiness.

(07-12-22-05) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Office of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation - Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to provide transition services to students with disabilities in all SLPS High Schools for the period July 13, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed; Goal: 4D College and Career Readiness and 5: Community Partnerships Resources; Goal: 5A Volunteer and Mentor Engagement.

(07-12-22-06) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University of Missouri-Columbia to assign and evaluate College Advisors at Carnahan, Gateway STEM, Roosevelt, Soldan, Sumner, and Vashon High Schools for the period August 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(07-12-22-07) To renew the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) and the St. Louis Police Department (SLPD). An approved MOU between SLPS and SLPD is required to meet the agreement on the acceptance of funds for the grant award from the United States Department of Justice through its, "STOP School Violence" program. The awards funding was previously approved for the SLPS project entitled "St. Louis Public Schools Safety Enhancements." The attached MOU focuses on the working relationship and establishing guidelines between the SLPS security team and SLPD. The district's goal is to increase surveillance, improve communication, and facilitate the tracking of security incidents. The original Board Resolution was #04-13-21-48. Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe Secure Schools.

(07-12-22-08) To approve a Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the Midwest Dairy Council that outlines the responsibilities to be assumed by the Midwest Dairy Council and the St. Louis Public School District to ensure implementation of the Smoothie Program and the acceptance of equipment in the amount of \$30,066.42. The Smoothie Program and associated funds are designated for all elementary schools. The program start date is September 12, 2022, and the project will be implemented by September 30, 2022 deadline.

(07-12-22-09) To approve an initial contract with Sown to Grow for a one-year term to provide a social and emotional platform districtwide that includes social and emotional learning tools and mental health awareness; to encourage healthy and active lifestyles districtwide; for the period of July 13, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$149,500.00. This is the first year of a three-year renewable contract. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(07-12-22-10) To approve an initial contract with Rethink Ed for a one-year term to provide curriculum and support services that include social and emotional learning tools and mental health awareness; to encourage healthy and active lifestyles districtwide; for the period of July 13, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$141,000.00. This is the first year of a three-year renewable contract. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(07-12-22-11) To approve contract renewals with ABACUS Staffing and Advanced Outsource Solutions, staffing agencies to provide individuals for vacancies and temporary positions and recruitment, as needed, in departments located at the Administrative Building, District schools, and buildings for the period July 13, 2022, through June 30, 2023, not to exceed \$1,000,000 pending funding availability. These contracts have three (3), one-year renewal options. This is year two of three. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools; Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of Transformation Plan 3.0.

NEW (07-12-22-12) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the newly created Community Partnership Network to support designated SLPS schools for the period July 13, 2022, through June 30, 2024. The Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA) requires the District to provide to schools that are identified as Comprehensive schools. The Community Partnership Network, under the guidance of a newly established board, will provide additional support and flexibility to identified schools through the school-based Teacher Leadership Teams. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

NEW (07-12-22-13) To approve the contract with St. Louis Children's Hospital (SLCH), as part of a mission to provide health care services to children/adolescents. SLCH has developed and operates the "Healthy Kids Healthy Minds Express" program, which provides health services, including the provision of nursing services to schools. These services will be offered to three sites to be determined for the period of July 13, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$366,000.00. This service supports Pillar 5; Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B; Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

NEW (07-12-22-14) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution Number (06-14-22-81), a contract renewal with Steven R. Carroll and Associates to provide legislative representation for the district for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$98,000.00, pending funding availability to increase the cost by \$10,000. If approved, the total cost for these services will be \$108,000.00. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools of Transformation Plan 3.0.

(07-12-22-15) To approve a contract with the Missouri School Board Association to revise District Policies. MSBA will merge recommended original district language and practices with MSBA's standard policies and procedures and provide the District with customized draft policies and procedures manual with explanatory comments as needed for a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the period January 1, 2023, through December 30, 2023. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

August 9, 2022 Items for Consideration

(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 June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$244,250.00. Participating 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 approximately 50 students in grades 6-12 at sites to be determined pending funding 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 approximate 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 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 in order 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 supports, 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 each of the two years, intended to support the district's plan for facilitating Lab Mentor duties. Agreement runs for the period of August 10, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The lab will be installed fall 2022 for availability beginning spring 2023. This opportunity aligns to Transformational Plan 3.0, Pillar 4: All students learn and read and succeed. 4.4 – All students have access to enrichment resources, supports 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/or offices and Social 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. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(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 in the amount of \$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 of 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 in order 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 goes 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 was the estimated cost 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. 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 features related to digital personnel record management 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.

PRESENTATIONS

- Charles Burton and Karen Shelton-Henry presented the Employee Benefits update.
- Square Watson presented the Facilities update.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

- Natalie Vowell gave an update from the Governance Committee. Alisha Sonnier will be the vice chair of the committee.
- Matt Davis-The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for July 22, 2022, at Vashon High School at 9:00 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- William "Bill" Monroe-Harriet Tubman College Preparatory High School.
- Charles "Babatu" Murphy
- Miguel Alexander-Communities One Project
- Carla Alexander-Communities One Project

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Motion by Alisha Sonnier, second by Matt Davis.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Toni Cousins

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, prominent initial "D".

Donna Jones
Board Secretary