

**MONTHLY WORK SESSION BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 PM (Tuesday, July 26, 2022)**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**Attendance:** Matthew Matt Davis, Antionette Toni Cousins, Donna Jones, Natalie Vowell, Alisha Sonnier, Dr. Kelvin Adams, Jayme Major, and Shameika Henry.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

(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. 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 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 every two years to support the District's plan for facilitating Lab Mentor duties. Agreement runs for the period August 10, 2022, 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. 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 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 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 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 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 results from 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**

- Colonel DeAndre Davis presented the Safety and Security update.

#### **REPORTS OF THE BOARD**

- Natalie Vowell met with the Parent Action Council to find ways to strengthen the partnership between them and SLPS. The governance committee plans to include PAC input as SLPS policy revision commences.
- Toni Cousins reported her experience at the Harvard-Great City Schools' Accelerating Board Capacity Institute on July 17-20, 2022. Mrs. Cousins also reported from the ad-hoc City-Wide Planning Committee.
- Matt Davis reported on the 2022 Legislative Breakfast and Legislative Committee.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

**Motion by Alisha Sonnier, second by Toni Cousins.**

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

**Nay:** None

The motion passed.

Attested By:



Donna Jones  
Board Secretary