

**MONTHLY WORK SESSION - BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS -Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 PM  
(Tuesday, December 7, 2021)**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**DECEMBER CONSENT AGENDA**

**(12-07-21-01)** To approve and adopt the 2022 Legislative Platform for the St. Louis Public School District.

Matt Davis presented the 2022 Legislative platform.

Regina Fowler moved to approve the 2022 SLPS Legislative Platform with the addendum; we will insert a statement on the Board of Education's support on a broader dive into history, added at a later time. Alisha Sonnier seconded this motion.

**Aye:** Regina Fowler, Toni Cousins, Alisha Sonnier

Matt Davis, Dr. Joyce Roberts

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Donna Jones

**Vote not recorded:** Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

(12-14-21-01) To approve an initial sole-source contract with MedPro Disposal to provide biohazard waste disposal pickup at all SLPS school sites for a period of December 15, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at the cost of no more than \$2,720.00 per month totaling \$24,480.00 for the term of the contract. This contract supports the following pillars: Pillar 1: Excellent Schools; Goal 1B – safe, secure schools and Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across Systems; Goal – 3C-Culturally Responsive Schools.

(12-14-21-02) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding with Urban Golf of Greater St. Louis (UGolf) to provide after-school programming for 30-40 high school students that attend Clyde C. Miller Career Academy. The students will be engaged in weekly golfing and/or mentorship experiences twice a week. UGolf's core programming is golf education, school golf curriculum, and next-level golf training. Training will take place at "The Highlands Golf Course" in Forest Park and "Norwood Country Club," and will include obtaining an internship with some collaborating partners, enhancing leadership capabilities, and practicing soft skills through a variety of social interactions for the period December 15, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillars 2 and 5, Community Partnerships Resources and Fairness Equity Across System respectively, and Goals 2D and 2C- Partner w/ Community Allies and Decrease Chronic Absenteeism.

(12-14-21-03) To approve a sole source contract with Thinking Collaborative subcontractor Jane Ellison, LLC to provide eight training sessions in Cognitive Coaching to a selected group of district leadership for the period January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022, at a cost to not to exceed \$40,000.00. This contract supports Pillar 1: The District Supports a System of Excellent Schools and Pillar 3: The District Cultivates Teachers and Leaders who Foster Effective Culturally Responsive Learning Environments.

(12-14-21-04) To approve a contract renewal with Harris Stowe State University (HSSU) for the SLPS "Finish Line" dual enrollment partnership to allow up to 55 Saint Louis Public School High school students to attend college-level or college preparatory classes two days a week during the Spring Semester at a cost not to exceed \$53,350. Classes are designed to provide students an opportunity to earn college credit and to support their goals after graduation. Students are mentored along their journey by SLPS/Finish Line Alumni who attend HSSU. This program runs from January 18, 2021, through June 30, 2021. Harris Stowe State University is prepared to offer this program using a hybrid model – one day virtual and the other on campus in support of all district High Schools. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed 4D: College and Career Readiness and Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources 5A –Volunteer and Mentor Engagement.

(12-14-21-05) To approve the acceptance of funds from Parsons Blewett Memorial Fund in the amount of \$425,000 to support teacher certification programs in Gifted Education (\$75,000) and Reading Specialist Certification (\$350,000). This opportunity is open to all certificated teachers in SLPS in all elementary, middle, and high schools who apply for the available spots. The grant period is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. This opportunity aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0 Pillar 3, Goals 3B, and 3C.

(12-14-21-06) To approve a contract renewal with Lindenwood University to provide training for Gifted Certification for teachers to continue coursework from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000 pending funding availability. The slight increase in funding will support the growing number of teachers applying for the program. This opportunity is open to all certificated teachers in SLPS in all elementary, middle, and high schools who apply for the open spots, prioritizing designated gifted SLPS schools. This opportunity aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0 Pillar 3, Culturally Responsive Environments; Goals 3B-Teacher Retention and 3C-Culturally Responsive Schools.

(12-14-21-07) To approve a contract renewal with the University of Missouri-St. Louis to provide training for Reading Certification for teachers to continue taking coursework during a period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$350,000 pending funding availability. This opportunity is open to all certificated teachers in SLPS in all elementary, middle, and high schools who apply for the open spots. This opportunity aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0 Pillar 3, Culturally Responsive Environments; Goals 3B-Teacher Retention and 3C-Culturally Responsive Schools.

(12-14-21-08) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Association for Education Excellence to provide post-secondary transition services through a TRiO College Access Program to Vashon High School students from December 15, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at no cost to the District. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(12-14-21-09) To ratify and approve the purchase of services with various Missouri Course Access and Virtual Program (MOCAP) providers for the respective period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00, to provide virtual learning services to students not utilizing the District preferred Edmentum virtual program. Per Senate Bill 603, all St. Louis Public Schools students in grades K-12 may use any DESE-approved vendor. The District had 23 students in the program last year, and currently, there are 33 students in the program. This request supports Pillar 1: EXCELLENT SCHOOLS; from the District's Transformation Plan 3.0.

(12-14-21-10) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Better Family Life, Inc to provide services, resources, and assistance to support the socio-emotional needs of students and families at the following schools: Washington Montessori, Carr Lane, Gateway Middle, Yeatman-Liddell, Soldan, Sumner, and Vashon, Note: There is not a vendor report for the last two years due to inactivity during the pandemic. The program is 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 and Pillar 5: Community Partnership Resources and Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(12-14-21-11) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Mindful Schools for the period December 15, 2021, through June 30, 2022, to provide online courses, consultation, and coaching to support educator mindfulness practice and build staff capacity to implement mindfulness and micro-practices in their classrooms and school communities. Nance Elementary, Sigel Elementary, Shaw Elementary, Mullanphy Elementary, and Yeatman

Middle School serve this partnership. CThe Cigna Foundation funds comprehensive school implementation through February 2023. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness & Equity, Goal 2 – D, Partner with Community Allies.

(12-14-21-12) To approve the renewal of the Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy with State National Insurance through the District's insurance broker, Marsh USA, for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$ 119,700 pending funding availability. This includes a 5% contingency (\$5,700) to allow premium increases due to market conditions and claims activity. This insurance supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of the Transformation Plan 3.0.

(12-14-21-13) To approve the renewal of the Automobile Liability and Physical Damage Insurance Policy with State Farm Insurance Company for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$ 195,000.00 pending funding availability. This insurance supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of the Transformation Plan 3.0.

(12-14-21-14) To approve a contract with Marsh USA to provide property and casualty insurance broker services for July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not exceeding \$78,000.00, pending funding availability. The contract was competitively bid through an RFP process, and Marsh USA was selected to continue providing the services. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of the Transformation Plan 3.0.

(12-14-21-15) To approve a contract with Cannon Cochran Management Services (CCMSI) to provide workers' compensation claims administration services for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$140,000.00, pending funding availability. The contract was competitively bid through an RFP process, and CCMSI was selected to continue providing these services. This is the first year of a five-year contract. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of the Transformation Plan 3.0.

(12-14-21-16) To approve the renewal of the Athletic Accident Insurance Policy purchased through our broker, Marsh USA, for July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$37,354.00 pending funding availability. This includes a 5% contingency(\$1,779) to allow premium increases due to market conditions. This insurance supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of the Transformation Plan 3.0.

(12-14-21-17) To approve the School Management Liability insurance policy renewal with Landmark/RSUI through Marsh USA, from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not exceeding \$ 368,137 pending funding availability. This includes a 20% contingency (\$17,171) to allow for premium increases due to market conditions, claims activity. This insurance supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of the Transformation Plan 3.0.

(12-14-21-18) To approve the All Risk Insurance Policies renewal purchased through our insurance broker, Marsh USA, from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not exceeding\$1,124,824, including contingency \$ 187,471, pending funding availability. The premium increase is due to hardening market conditions, catastrophic claims activity, and covid. This insurance supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of the Transformation Plan 3.0 To approve the renewal of the All Risk Insurance Policies purchased through our insurance broker, Marsh USA, for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,124,824, including contingency of \$ 187,471, pending funding availability. The premium increase is due to hardening market conditions, catastrophic claims activity, and covid. This insurance supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of the Transformation Plan 3.0

(NEW) (12-14-21-19) To approve the acceptance of funds from Parsons Blewett Memorial Fund in the amount of \$762,544.00 for St. Louis Plan-related projects along with the approval of a reallocation of \$58,660.72 in unexpended funds from St. Louis Plan grants in previous years. The grant period is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. This opportunity aligns with Transformation Plan 3.0 Pillar 3, Goals 3B, and 3C.

(NEW) (12-14-21-20) To approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the Compliance Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(NEW) (12-14-21-21) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution number 02-09-21-05, contract renewal for Environmental Consultants, to provide hazardous material consulting for all District schools and buildings for the period of December 15, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at an additional cost not to exceed \$750,000.00, to be funded by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II). If approved, the original amount of \$479,050.84 will be increased to a combined total of \$1,229,050.84. The contract will continue to support Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools; Goal 1B: Safe and Secure Schools.

(NEW) (12-14-21-22) To approve a one-year extension to the contract renewal with St. Louis Parking to operate the 911 Garage and designated District-owned surface lots as a commercial parking garage and special events parking, for December 15, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This extension will add another year to the three-year renewal option. All fees due to the St. Louis Parking will be paid from the gross revenues generated from the operation of the surface lots and the 911 Garage. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(NEW) (12-14-21-23) To approve an amendment to the Board Resolution number 02-09-21-03, contract renewal for Cord Moving & Storage, to provide decommissioning, District-Wide moving, relocation, and storage service, for the period of December 15, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at an additional amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to be funded by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II). If approved, the original amount of \$500,000.00 will be increased to a combined total of \$1,000,000.00. The contract will continue to support Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools; Goal 1B: Safe and Secure Schools.

(NEW) (12-14-21-24) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution number 06-08-21-75, contract for Asphalt Paving & Concrete, Inc. to perform asphalt and concrete repairs on parking lots, playgrounds, sidewalks, and steps at various schools throughout the District, for the period of December 15, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at an additional cost not to exceed \$150,000.00, to be funded by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II). If approved, the original amount of \$134,714.80 will be increased to a combined total of \$284,714.80. The contract will continue to support Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools; Goal 1B: Safe and Secure Schools.

(NEW) (12-14-21-25) Transportation has been challenged by the shortage of drivers and driver absenteeism by our current service provider, First Student. This resolution is to approve a contract with multiple vendors to perform alternate transportation services for the period November 10, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 pending staffing and vehicle availability. (Initial service providers include: We Are Brave LLC, Away2Go LLC, and Zipcare; additional approved transportation vendors will be forthcoming.) The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(NEW) (12-14-21-26) To approve an amendment of the contract with STL Youth Jobs to increase the contract by \$760,005.00, increasing the rate of pay for all interns to \$12/hour, adding job readiness training and financial literacy training already provided to non-CTE interns for CTE interns as well, adding additional job coaches, providing DEI and trauma-informed training for internship sites as needed, and funding costs related to intern placement, site recruitment, payroll services for the CTE interns, and general administrative costs. This will increase the total contract amount to \$2,397,788.92. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Adams presented the ESSER II and Learn & Earn Program updates.

## **REPORTS OF THE BOARD**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.  
Alisha Sonnier moved to adjourn, seconded by Toni Cousins.

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Donna Jones

**Vote not recorded:** Natalie Vowell

The motion passed.

Attested By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew Davis  
Board Secretary