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TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

OFFICIAL REPORT

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

ST. LOUIS, MO

M I N U T E S

The meeting convened on the above date at the Administrative Building, Room 108, 801 N. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. Those in attendance were Mr. Rick Sullivan, Mrs. Darnetta Clinkscale, Mr. Richard K. Gaines, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams, SLPS Assistant General Counsel, Mrs. Jayme Major, and Ms. Ruth Lewis, Executive Administrative Assistant. General Counsel, Mr. Jeffery St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, LLC did not attend.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:05PM on the following roll call.

AYE: Mrs. Darnetta Clinkscale, Mr. Rick Sullivan
Mr. Gaines was enroute during the time of roll. He attended the full meeting.

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Student Shillah Shah was one of two second placed winners in the 2018 Walgreens Expression Challenge. Ms. Shah's entry was in the Visual Arts category. More than 3,000 teens across the metropolitan area of Missouri and Illinois submitted entries in their respective forms of art expression. The Walgreens Expression Challenge held a ceremony in recognition of all awardees and their teachers on January 25, 2019 at the Busch Stadium Cardinals Clubs. Ms. Shah attends Central Visual and Performing Arts High Schools. Mr. William Perry is Ms. Shah's art teacher. The Walgreens Expressions Challenge is a peer-to-peer based health awareness initiatives for high school teens.

Student Dorian Simms, a junior at Central Visual and Performing Arts High School took sole possession as *set drummer* for the 2019 Missouri All-State Jazz Band. Dorian earned this honor by winning a coveted spot as a drum-set drummer at the Metro District 8 conference level. His performance was so outstanding that he drew the attention of several schools nationwide as a scholarship recipient. The full honored jazz ensemble will perform during the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to present this meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Informational Items

Ms. Melody Ellington, Budget Director reported on the 2nd Quarter Financial Update. Below is a snapshot of that report.

- ☐ General Operating Budget
 - Revenues – Property & Sales Taxes (\$5.6M) & State Aid (\$1.2M), Building Sales \$700k
 - Expenditures – December 2018 \$3M Budget Amendment
- ☐ Federal Funds
 - Reduction in Title I (\$866k)
 - Carry Forward/New – School Improvement Grant \$830k, Refugee Impact Grant \$206k, Title IV \$1.2M
- ☐ Food Service (changes resulted in a decline in expenditures)
 - 680 fewer supper meals than budgeted (\$285k)
 - January 1 minimum wage increase (\$45k)
- ☐ Debt: Federal interest subsidies continue (~\$5.0M per year)
- ☐ Trust (revenues increase due to grants received from Parsons' Blewett)
 - Parsons Blewett – St. Louis Plan \$773k, Gifted and Reading Certification \$175k
 - SLPS Foundation funding of 29 Early Childhood classrooms

Mr. Ernest Clark, Internal Auditor provided a report on School Board Policy – Review and Update. Many of the District's policies are outdated and some are not in alignment with current practices. In an effort to restore this alignment across the board, the District conferred with the Missouri School Boards' Association, a private not-for profit organization that supports local school boards. As of this report, the Articles reviewed were Foundation and Basic Commitment, School Board Governance and Operations, General School Administration Fiscal and Facilities Management, Personnel, Negotiations, Instructions, Students, and School-Community Relations. The objective was to seek approval within the next two board meetings to move forward with the lengthy and arduous process of compliance. However, in light of the pending recommendation regarding the governance transition of the District by the State Board of Education, the SAB deferred any recommendations until that decision is made.

Dr. Paula Knight, Deputy Superintendent of Academics provided the final report on the proposed 2019-2020 Calendar. Below are the changes to the 2019-2020 Calendar as a result of the feedback. The final calendar was approved per Board Resolution Number 02-21-19-01 (see page 4).

August

- Added 1 PD day on Thursday and moved the classroom preparation days to Friday and Monday.
- First class day for all students – August 13th instead of August 12th

October

- Changed PD Day to Oct. 18th from Oct. 11th
- PTC changed to Tuesday (15th) and Wednesday (16th) from Thursday (17th) and Friday (18th)
- Friday the 18th is now a PD Day

January

- Change Winter Break to Two-Weeks
- Site-based PD Day added on January 17th

March

- PTC changed to Tuesday (10th) and Wednesday(11th) from Thursday (18th) and Friday (19th)
- Friday will be regular school/work day
- Spring Break moved from the week of the 23rd to the Week of the 16th

April

- Added one PD day (half site-based/half district) on April 10.

Teacher days remain 188 and student days increase to 178.

Mrs. Cheryl VanNoy, Deputy Superintendent of Assessment and Accountability reported on the Annual Performance for the 17-18 School Year. Below are APR results over a 5-year progression period with and without hold harmless points. Hold harmless began during the 2015-2016 school year. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education provides the higher of the achievement subgroup points in ELA and Math only. The total available points are 140 divided over the five standards.

Points **WITHOUT**

Hold Harmless	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Total	60.5	106.5	97.5	80.5	91.5
Percentage	43.2%	76.1%	69.6%	57.5%	76.3%

Points WITH	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Hold Harmless					
Total	60.5	106.5	104.5	95.5	94.2
Percentage	43.2%	76.1%	74.6%	68.2%	78.5%

Science points with a value of 20 has been removed for 2017-18 only. Denominator was 120 rather than 140.

Dr. Paula Knight, Deputy Superintendent of Academics gave an in-depth updated report on Reading. Reading has been the content area that has systematically plagued instructional performance in students' testing. The Board, at the request of administration approved an additional allocation of \$1M to the Reading Initiative. Each school with the exception of Stix Early Childhood, received additional funding towards improving student achievement. These schools were required to develop a *Reading Plan* in alignment with the Key Action Strategies - *Tutoring in Reading Before, During, or After-School, Professional development, Professional books, Classroom libraries, and Supplemental Reading Materials*. Each school identified its tools and source needs to allocate their dollars in order to achieve the desired result of increasing student achievement in reading based on the STAR data. Dr. Knight provided many instances of per grade level growth or as referred to "Evidence of Impact". In closing, the plan is to continue and strengthen all areas as the evidence has shown and to propose a K-8 reading adoption to ensure consistency in programming and instruction across schools and grade levels.

These five reports listed in these minutes can be viewed in their entirety via the District's web-site.

BUSINESS ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 02-21-19-01 through 02-21-19-22. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 02-21-19-01 through 02-21-19-22.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

- (02-21-19-01)** To approve and adopt the 2019-2020 School Calendar.
- (02-21-19-02)** To approve an amendment to Board Resolution Number 05-30-18-07, a membership renewal with Education Plus, to increase the amount by \$1,500.00 to include the District's cost of the Homeless Transportation Feasibility Study for participating members. The period remains the same, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. If approved, the total membership will now be \$131,958.17.
- (02-21-19-03)** To approve a contract renewal with BTU, LLC to provide E-Rate consulting services for the period February 22, 2019 through January 31, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$88,000.00.
- (02-21-19-04)** To approve a contract renewal with AT&T to provide a Fiber Wide Area Network (WAN) infrastructure Opt-e-man to support high speed data access for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$82,402.00, pending funding availability. (SLPS match after E-Rate approval for the 2019 funding time period).
- (02-21-19-05)** To approve a contract renewal with AT&T for cellular/wireless telephone services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$216,000.00, pending funding availability. This service is no longer available with E-Rate funding.
- (02-21-19-06)** To approve a contract renewal with AT&T for local telephone services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$99,713.00, pending funding availability. This service is no longer available with E-Rate funding.
- (02-21-19-07)** To approve a contract renewal with Blue Bird Network to provide High Speed Internet Access for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00 (pre-discount). The reflected cost is the total cost of the contract, pending receipt of the 2019 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$4,000.00 (10% SLPS match based on the Free and Reduced Rate).
- (02-21-19-08)** To approve a contract renewal with Charter Business Solutions for local telephone services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00, pending funding availability. This service is no longer supported through the E-Rate funding source.

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- (02-21-19-09)** To approve a contract renewal with Charter Business Solutions to support the SLPS telephone system SMART Trunks for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$23,520.00, pending funding availability. This service is no longer supported through the E-Rate funding source.
- (02-21-19-10)** To approve a contract renewal with IPNS, LLC for CISCO network monitoring services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00, pending funding availability.
- (02-21-19-11)** To approve a contract renewal with IPNS, LLC for CISCO network equipment end-of-life maintenance services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 (SLPS match based on the Free & Reduced Rate) for maintenance at all eligible locations pending receipt of the 2019 E-Rate Funding. The annual cost will not exceed \$120,281.00.
- (02-21-19-12)** To approve a contract renewal with IPNS, LLC for the SmartNet maintenance on the existing core and other related infrastructure hardware for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$85,000.00, pending funding availability. With the recent upgrade to the network infrastructure, this maintenance agreement includes the replacement of defective equipment at a significantly reduced cost.
- (02-21-19-13)** To approve a contract renewal with IPNS, LLC for UPS equipment for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$13,428.00 after E-Rate funding. The contract will be at a cost of \$89,760.00, before E-Rate reimbursement.
- (02-21-19-14)** To approve a contract renewal with IPNS, LLC for Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) maintenance services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$36,400.00 (pre-discount) pending receipt of the 2019 E-Rate Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The discounted cost to SLPS will be \$3,640.00 after receipt of the E-Rate funding.
- (02-21-19-15)** To approve a contract renewal with IPNS for Wide Area Network (WAN) and Local Area Network (LAN) maintenance services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$740,000.00 (pre-discount). The SLPS discounted portion is anticipated to be \$111,000.00, contingent upon the availability of E-Rate under the new reauthorization.
- (02-21-19-16)** To approve a contract renewal with IPNS for the maintenance/support on the Dell Sonic wall internet filtering solution/firewall used on internet surfing at SLPS for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$34,050.00, pending funding availability. This service is a requirement for E-Rate funding and an integral part of the technology plan. The cost will be paid the first year with no cost for 2020-21 if renewed, pending funding availability.

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- (02-21-19-17)** To approve a contract renewal with TSI, Inc. for cable maintenance services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$59,783.00 (SLPS match based on the free and reduced rate) for local area network cabling maintenance at all eligible locations. These services are pending upon receipt of the 2019 E-Rate funding commitment decision letter. The total value of the contract is \$423,730.00.
- (02-21-19-18)** To approve a contract extension with Ricoh USA, Inc. through June 30, 2019 for the Student Microfilm Records and Records Digitization services at no additional cost. The Board approved a dollar amount of \$100,000.00 for these services at the March 6, 2018 meeting. The extension will cover the period for the 2nd phase of the project. The funds used for this project are Non-GOB revenue funds collected from transcript/record requests distribution over the past 9 years.
- (02-21-19-19)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Ruffs Kitchen for the period February 22, 2019 through June 30, 2019 to provide gardening training, and nutrition and culinary education classes for Beaumont Multiple Pathways and Clyde C. Miller Career and Technical Programs.
- (02-21-19-20)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with GeoVisions, Inc. to facilitate international recruitment of teachers to teach through the J-1 Visa Visiting Teacher Program for the period February 22, 2019 through February 21, 2020.
- (02-21-19-21)** To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with The Green House Venture for the period February 22, 2019 through February 21, 2020 to develop and conduct mutually beneficial programs, projects and activities consistent with the missions of both organizations and to facilitate the participation of Mullanphy School in the Urban Educational Alliance District.
- (02-21-19-22)** To approve the purchase of the 2018-2019 Action Plan items for schools that are participating in the Schools as the Hub Program at a total combined cost not to exceed \$143,635.00. This is year 5 of a 5 year grant agreement.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-23. On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-23.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

- (02-21-19-23)** To approve the acceptance of Refugee Children School Impact Grant funding from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in the amount of \$206,326.00. These funds will support academic and social adjustment needs of refugee students. The funding period runs October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-24. On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-24.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

- (02-21-19-24)** To approve an amendment to Board Resolution Number 06-28-18-11, a sole source contract renewal with the International Institute to increase the amount by \$20,000 to support additional translation and interpretation services for refugee students and families. Services that are also provided under this contract but requires no additional dollars, are onsite supervision of the Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) assessments and classes, substitute teachers, and consulting services for testing. If approved, the total cost of this contract will be \$52,000.00. The period of service remains the same July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-25. On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-25.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

- (02-21-19-25)** To approve a purchase of non-fiction reading materials from Benchmark Education Company to support English Language Learners (ELLs) in acquiring academic language and literacy in Science, Social Studies, and Math at a cost not to exceed \$ 91,000.00.

The Board at the request of the Superintendent pulled 02-21-19-26.

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(02-21-19-26) To rescind Resolution Number 06-28-18-36, a contract with Tech Electronics, Inc. to remove and replace the fire alarm systems at Metro High school, Nahed Chapman and Wilkinson @ Roe. In August 2018, a new requirement by the City of St. Louis increased the costs of the code changes. None of the bidders' proposals included the increased costs. As a result, the project will be rebid.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-27. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-27.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(02-21-19-27) To rescind Resolution Number 12-06-18-06, a contract with Hayes Mechanical in the amount of \$197,725.00 to replace the chiller at Stevens Middle School. Hayes Mechanical was unable to agree to the terms of the Design-Build Contract. As a result, the project will be offered to the next lowest bidder, per Resolution Number 02-21-19-28.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-28. On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-28.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(02-21-19-28) To approve a contract with Mechanical Solutions to replace the chiller at Stevens Middle School. Work will begin on February 22, 2019 and be completed no later than June 30, 2019, at a total cost not to exceed \$197,725.00, which includes a 10% contingency of \$17,975.00. This resolution replaces Resolution Number 12-06-18-06 which was rescinded.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-28. On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 02-21-19-28.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(02-21-19-29) ¹To ratify and approve a payment to the University of Missouri- St. Louis, Public Policy Research Center (Dr. Jerome Morris) for developing a research and action proposal that addresses The St. Louis Desegregation Plan: Gains, Losses, and Community Recommendations for Future Success in the amount of \$192,563.31.

¹ Item was originally presented before the Board at the January 17, 2019 meeting under Resolution Number 01-17-19-07. The item was withdrawn.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:28PM.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.