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

OFFICIAL REPORT

ST. LOUIS, MO

TAX RATE MEETING

REGULAR SAB MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

(REGULAR SAB MEETING MOVED FROM 9/28/16 TO 9/26/16)

M I N U T E S

The Special Administrative Board (SAB) of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis met on the date noted in Room 108 of the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. Prior to the regular meeting, the Tax Levy meeting convened for citizens to be heard on the proposed property tax rate to be set by the SAB. Those in attendance were Mr. Rick Sullivan, Mr. Richard Gaines, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin R. Adams, Ms. Ruth Lewis and the District's legal counsel, Jeffrey St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, LLC.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:10PM on the following roll call.

AYE: Mr. Richard Gaines, Mr. Rick Sullivan

A quorum was present.

Mrs. Darnetta Clinkscale, newly appointed member of the SAB joined as a guest.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

TAX RATE MEETING

Mrs. Angela Banks, CFO/Treasurer gave the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Tax Levy presentation. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues the budget for the fiscal year shows to be required. The proposed tax rate must be submitted to the City of St. Louis Tax Assessor and the State Auditor's Office by October 1, 2016.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Sullivan called for public comments. There being none, Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the \$5.1211 tax rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

On a motion by Mr. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the \$5.1211 tax rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion carried.

There being no further business, at 6:18PM the Tax Levy meeting adjourned and regular session convened. This report can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website.

REGULAR MEETING

STUDENT STAFF RECOGNITIONS

High school seniors Rebecca Harrington (Gateway STEM), Abigail Foehrkolb (McKinley Classical Leadership Academy) and Cameron Roe (Metro Academic & Classical High School) are semi-finalists in the 62nd Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They now have the opportunity to continue in the competition to win one of the 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million that will be offered next spring.

Adams and Woodward Elementary Schools were acknowledged for successfully meeting the *Let's Move Initiative* in their respective schools. The project is designed to promote physical education, nutritional education and other educational programs that give students the appropriate tools on how to improve fitness and choose healthy, nutritional meals and snacks as a lifestyle. First Lady Michelle Obama launched the initiative in 2010 to address the challenges of childhood obesity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Danny Flowers came back before the board as a follow-up to his August 25, 2016 public comments for assistance to help with the damages to his car that was caused by vehicle theft as it was parked outside of Beaumont High School during the early morning hours when he reported to work. Mr. Flowers' claim was denied by district personnel because under Board policy since his vehicle was not actually parked on the premises of Beaumont during the time of the theft, his claim was ineligible.

Mr. Sullivan apologized for the Board's delay in responding and advised Mr. Flowers a response is forthcoming.

Elected Board member Mr. William "Bill" Monroe read a prepared statement. That statement is attached to these minute. (see pages 9 and 10)

Mr. Gaines provided 3 points of clarity to Mr. Monroe's statement.

#1: His comments were made directly to the fact the District's schools had a lead paint problem that was prior to the SAB being appointed. The former elected board had allocated \$500,000 a year to abate it. That \$500,000 a year on a \$10M project to eliminate the lead paint in the District's schools would have taken 20 years. One of the first matters the SAB took without the budgetary funds to address it, was a vote for \$10M to address the lead paint problem in all schools that had a population of children 6 years of age or younger. The work took approximately 18 months to eliminate during 2008 and 2009.

#2: In 2008 in conjunction with the City of St. Louis, a study was conducted by MGT of America, Inc. that identified over \$300M of needed improvements within the St. Louis Public Schools. On May 20, 2010, the SAB voted to accept Proposition S for placement of a bond issue on the August 3, 2010 ballot in the amount of \$155M for building and facilities improvement with no tax increase to St. Louis City residents. SAB member Richard Gaines spearheaded the venture as Campaign Chairman.

#3: The Flint, Michigan water issues caused St. Louis Public Schools to be the first school district in the St. Louis region and one of the first in the country to take proactive steps to test for and remediate lead related problems in the water systems in our schools. Once the SAB found out lead contamination existed in the District's schools, the SAB moved forward and allocated up to \$1M and directed the District's building commissioner to spare nothing to see the situation was corrected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the August 25, 2016, regular meeting minutes. On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the August 25, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Informational Items - Superintendent Adams gave the *Opening of School Update report*.

Student Enrollment Analysis – There was a 3-4% decrease in enrollment over prior years with the greatest loss being at the elementary level. Numbers reported for elementary were at a minus 315 students, middle school at a minus 283 students, and high school at a minus 268 students. North city schools continue to have the greatest lost in zip codes 63104 and 63106. Enrollment in alternative schools increased by 34.

Staffing Update – As of these minutes, teacher new hires were 258, Teach for America hires were at 17, resignations 38; retired teachers 4; terminations 0 and separations 0.

Reported numbers of vacancies

Instructional	87
Non-Instructional	22
Principals/Assistant Principals	0

Reported hard to fill areas

Foreign Language	3
Secondary Math	10
Science	13
ESOL	0
Special Ed	11
Career & Tech Ed	3
Music	14
Reg Classroom	19
Kindergarten	5
Pre-K	8
Military Science	3
Art	2

Pupil Teacher Ratio – The total number of teachers serving Pre-K through 6th grade was reported at 15.3 and the total number of teachers serving grades 7th through 12th was at 14.4.

School Portfolio Planning and Proposed Actions - In 2011, the SAB identified four factors for school consolidation (**combining** *low enrollment and under-utilized elementary, middle, and high schools allowing for better economy of scale and more services for students*) or transformation (**development** *of design/specialty schools*). It is the intent of the Superintendent to present his recommendations at the November 2016 SAB meeting concerning the disposition of certain schools based on the four factors. Those factors are 1) Capacity Utilization and Enrollment; 2) Accreditation Performance; (3) Age and Condition of Building and 4) Feeder Patterns / City-wide Development Plans.

Community meetings will be held in the month of October 2016 to address the low utilization of the identified schools and to share the recommendations that were presented to the Superintendent of same. In December 2016, a final board approval will be sought to proceed.

Recruitment Realignment – In an effort to strategically attract potential families to the District, a more hands-on approach will be applied by going door-to-door in neighborhood communities, starting next school year. An in-depth analysis of the District's Recruitment and Placement office revealed only 5% of time was geared towards the recruitment of students. Based on the requirements of the DESEG agreement, most of its function is spent on student placement and managing the application process. Another strategic effort for next school year is splitting the Recruitment and Placement office into two departments with each having its exclusive purpose; one being Student Recruitment and the other Student Placement. Since 2011, the Special Administrative Board has allocated between \$500-750,000/year for marketing to improve public perception with the hope of increasing student enrollment. Despite all efforts, enrollment continues to decline. Board members urged Dr. Adams to continue to invest \$1,000,000 in marketing and the additional funds necessary to implement the Recruitment Realignment.

Business items – Consent Agenda

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers **09-28-16-01** through **09-28-16-20**. On a motion by Mr. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers **09-28-16-01** through **09-28-16-20**.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-16-01) To ratify and approve a contract with Mentoring Innovations, LLC to provide eight (8) training sessions in Cognitive Coaching to consultant teachers, lead mentor teachers, district leaders and other associated cost for the period August 15, 2016 through May 2, 2017 at a total combined amount not to exceed \$28,000.

(09-28-16-02) To ratify and approve the 2016-2017 purchase of athletic equipment including helmets and uniforms for high school and middle school sports programs from BSN Sports, Johnny Macs Sporting Goods, Winning Streak, Lee's Sports, MF Athletics, and Riddell All-American at a total combined cost not to exceed \$197,750.

(09-28-16-03) To rescind Resolution Number 07-07-16-02, a renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Veteran Affairs St. Louis Health Care System (VASLHCS) to create a High School Project SEARCH Transition training program at VASLHCS for senior level students with disabilities and replace it under this request, Resolution Number 09-28-16-03. Following the July 7, 2016 approval, VASLHCS' administrators went back and made several adjustments that necessitated the rescission. The period of services will be September 29, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

(09-28-16-04) To approve the acceptance of grant funding from the Parsons-Blewett Memorial Fund in the amount of \$584,190.67 for the St. Louis Plan related projects.

(09-28-16-05) To adopt the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Local Plan for Compliance with State Regulations for the implementation of state regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This is the annual submission since its inception date, March 30, 2014. There are no changes to the Plan that will alter the Special Education programs within the District. The adoption of said plan will be effective September 29, 2016.

(09-28-16-06) To approve the execution by the Chief Executive Officer and delivery of up to \$30,000,000 in tax anticipation notes (TAN) with an interest rate pursuant to the terms of the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note and delivery of all related documents, pledges, deposit agreements, and other agreements and certificates. Interest and fees for the TAN will not exceed \$150,000.

(09-28-16-07) To approve the renewal of a contract with the Missouri School Boards' Association to provide Third Party Medicaid Claiming Management of Direct Therapy Services for the period September 29, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a cost not to exceed 10% of claimed funds of Direct Therapy Services.

(09-28-16-08) To approve contracts with Lysander Baseball Association of Umpires, Assignor's Plus LLC and Sports Scheduling Service to provide assignor services that includes scheduling and processing payments for officials for select Public High League sports for the 2016-2017 school year at a total combined cost not to exceed \$119,608. The contracts are for 1 year with a one-year renewal option.

(09-28-16-09) To approve the acceptance of year 1, of a 5-year grant award agreement with Franklin Covey for The Leader in Me (TLIM) training and materials for Mann Elementary School for the period September 29, 2016 through June 30, 2017 with the option to renew over a four-year period (2017-2021) at an annual cost not to exceed \$7,000 for TLIM Coaching System and Online/Intellectual Property License. The total amount of the five-year grant award is approximately \$50,000.

(09-28-16-10) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the YWCA Metro St. Louis, YW-Teens Program to provide the Emerging Entrepreneurs Program for students in grades 8-12 to introduce and provide a practical application and understanding of the concept of entrepreneurship for the period September 29, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This is a three-year partnership to be submitted each academic year for review and approval.

(09-28-16-11) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the YWCA Metro St. Louis Prevention Education Program to provide the Sexual Health and Disability Education (SHADE) program for special education high school students with developmental disabilities for the period September 29, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

(09-28-16-12) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Near Southside Employment Coalition to provide school-to-work transition training for high school junior and senior level students with disabilities for the period September 29, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

(09-28-16-13) To approve the purchase of the 2016-2017 music supplies and repair services on an as needed basis at a total combined cost not to exceed \$80,000. Selected vendors are Austin Guitar Curriculum, Band Instrument Service Company, City Music Company, Dancewear Solutions, J.W. Pepper, Nottelmann Music, Midwest Sheet Music, Mozingo Music, Music and Arts, Music Folk, PianoTek Supply Company, Pioneer Drama Service, St. Ann's Music Publications, St. Louis Strings, Top Notch Strings, Wessell, Nickel & Gross, West Music, Woodwind & Brasswinds, and the vendors for the Music Repairs are Band Instruments Service Company, C Bout Music, City Music Company, Fazio Frets and Friends, Nottelmann Music, Mozingo Music, Music and Arts, St. Louis Strings, Top Notch Strings.

(09-28-16-14) To approve a purchase from Pearson for the MyMathLab online College Algebra supplemental materials at a cost not to exceed \$37,477.50.

(09-28-16-15) To approve a sole source purchase from Pearson for the psychological educational assessment and evaluation test kits, supplemental protocols and scoring software for use by the school psychologists and psychological examiners at a cost not to exceed \$27, 651.02.

(09-28-16-16) To approve a sole source purchase from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Corporation for the psychological educational assessment and evaluation test kits, supplemental protocols and scoring software for use by the school psychologists and psychological examiners at a cost not to exceed \$28,389.40.

(09-28-16-17) To approve a sole source purchase from Cengage Learning for instructional materials for newcomer ELLs (English Language Learners) at a cost not to exceed \$ 32,502.36.

(09-28-16-18) To approve a sole source purchase from Renaissance for the subscription renewal of the *Learning for the AM Real Time and Accelerated Math Fluency* subscription for the 8 SIG schools - Dunbar, Laclede, Meramec, Nance, Oak Hill, Yeatman-Liddell Roosevelt, and Sumner for school years, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 at a total combined cost to exceed \$109,776. This 3-year purchase is to sustain the subscription as the SIG's funding will terminate as of September 30, 2016.

(09-28-16-19) To approve a sole source software subscription and professional services from Curriculum Advantage for the Classworks Learning System to be implemented at Laclede Elementary School for a one-year period at a cost not to exceed \$10,625. This is the first year of a 3-year subscription at a total cost of \$31,875 that will be submitted each academic year for review and approval.

(09-28-16-20) To approve a membership renewal with the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) to cover the sports and activity registrations for the period September 29, 2016 through August 31, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$27,550.60.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **09-09-28-16-21**. On a motion by Mr. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number **09-28-16-21**.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-16-21) To approve the acceptance of year 1 of a 2-year grant award agreement with Virtual Enterprises International (VEI) for the implementation of the Virtual Enterprise program at Clyde C. Miller Academy for the period September 27, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$24,600. The total amount of the grant award agreement is \$26,600 with year 2 being \$2,000. Year 2 of this agreement will be brought before the Board for review and approval during the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **09-09-28-16-22**. On a motion by Mr. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number **09-28-16-22**.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-16-22) 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 *Fuel Up to Play 60* program and the acceptance of allocated funds in the amount of \$34,703. The *Fuel Up to Play 60* program and associated funds are designated for participating schools - Clyde C. Miller Academy, Metro Academic and Classical High School, Vashon High School, Gateway STEM High School, Compton Drew ILC Middle School, Long Middle School and Yeatman-Liddell Preparatory Middle School. The program will be implemented in October of 2016 but program requirements mandates a September 28, 2016 deadline.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **09-09-28-16-23**. On a motion by Mr. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number **09-28-16-23**.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-16-23) To approve a contract with Concentra Medical Centers to provide pre-employment medical screenings, TB skin tests, fit-for-duty exams, and for cause drug testing as needed for all District new hires for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number **09-09-28-16-24**. On a motion by Mr. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number **09-28-16-24**.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-16-24) To approve the renewal of qualified firms Clifton Larson Allen, Brown Smith & Wallace and Showalter & Jambouri to perform internal audit services on an as needed basis during the period September 27, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$25,000.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

Mr. Gaines inquired of the status of bringing Telemedicine to the District. Mr. Stacy Clay, Deputy Superintendent of Student Support Services is leading the endeavor and a meeting is scheduled with Telehealth. Telemedicine is the remote delivery of healthcare services over the telecommunications infrastructure.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:46PM.

AYE: Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Per the Missouri Sunshine Law, recordings are public record and therefore are available for public inspection.



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**Public Comments of Bill Monroe, Elected Board Member
Special Administrative Board Meeting
September 25, 2016**

Good Evening, Special Administrative Board, Superintendent Adams:

Please remember my comments tonight are my personal comments and in no way are reflective of the sentiments of the full Elected Board of Education.

My comments tonight are in response to Mr. Richard Gaines comments of your August 25th meeting, regarding the lead in our children's water. I would be remised if I did not offer comment on some of the misinformation and deceptive comments Mr. Gaines made.

First I would like Mr. Gaines to publicly state to which board he was referring to when he made the statement; it was the previous board's responsibility to ensure the issue of lead in the water or pipes was addressed, before we assumed governance. I find it strange that on many occasions, Mr. Sullivan and even Richard Gaines himself have stated it was not the SAB concern or intention to point fingers at anyone or at any organization when incidents such as the leaded water arise under their watch, so why now is the SAB trying to point fingers and look for a scapegoat.

It should be noted for record, in 2008 the SAB had just contracted with a firm, MGT of America, to give an assessment of the condition of all school buildings in. MGT of America met with the SAB and the school administration on their assessment of the school buildings throughout their process. There were many deficiencies found including lead pipes and MGT of America submitted a recommend cost for upgrades to the facilities and buildings at a cost of

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approximately \$300 million dollars. The Citizens of St. Louis City passed a Bond Issue in which the SAB laid out a plan on addressing and correcting those deficiencies. Ironically, Mr. Gaines was appointed Chairman of the Bond Issue Committee, the person to oversee the planning of the work, what schools to be addressed and many other issues as it relates to the anticipated contractual work.

Maybe the SAB or the Administration can tell this audience why wasn't the issue of lead in the pipes addressed with the MGT Comprehensive Report and the Bond Issue. In addition, what's really troubling is the comments made by the SLPS Building Commissioner, Mr. Roger Cayce to the media saying; these buildings are very old and everyone knows they are outdated and have these lead issues. It also should be noted Mr. Cayce was directly in charge of the work directly associated with the Bond issue.

The public also must know the leadership of the elected Board offered to assist with the planning of the work, especially since the selected Bond construction management contractor of work had a previous rocky and questionable relationship with the District, even though Mr. Gaines excused himself from voting for this Bond Construction Manager, due to his professional relationship with the firm.

What is more mind boggling than anything is; the SAB had continued a contract with the same firm; Environmental Consultant to assess and assist with any environmental issues associated within the school buildings. Why didn't this contractor's services not include leaded pipes, please keep in mind Environmental Consultants has reaped over \$10 million dollars of SLPS funds for their work as an environmental consultant.

It appears someone missed the ball on this one, and it was not any elected board from previous years, and I can assuredly say the tenure of the much professional and experienced SAB, over the nine years of its existence should have seen or at least known there should have been some type of environmental study on these leaded pipes in these very old buildings.

Thank You.

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