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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 MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

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 above date for the 2017-2018 Tax Levy meeting and the regular business meeting. The meetings were held at the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11th Street, Room 108, St. Louis, MO 63101. The Tax Levy meeting was to hear citizens on the proposed property tax rate. The regular meeting was the general business meeting of the District. Those in attendance were Mr. Rick Sullivan, Mrs. Darnetta Clinkscale, Mr. Richard K. Gaines, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin 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 Tax Rate meeting to order at 6:05PM on the following roll call.

AYE: Mrs. Darnetta Clinkscale, Mr. Richard K. Gaines, Mr. Rick Sullivan

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

FY 2017-2018 TAX RATE MEETING

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

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 a total tax rate of \$5.0342 (*Operating Levy \$4.4131 and Debt Levy \$0.6211*) for FY 2017-2018.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve a total tax rate of \$5.0342 (*Operating Levy \$4.4131 and Debt Levy \$0.6211*) for FY 2017-2018.

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn the Tax Levy meeting at 6:15PM and move into the regular business meeting.

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING

STUDENT STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The Spirit of Excellence Award was presented to Camari Rankins, a 5th grade student at Dewey International Studies. Camari was selected from more than one-thousand nominated students as the recipient of the *Do The Right Thing Program 2017 - Candy Green Student of the Year*. Camari, an astonishing individual, sister, daughter and student, was recognized for her selfless act of donating her bone marrow to her brother to help save his life.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Danny Flowers deferred his comments this meeting in honor of Camari Rankins' recognition. Mr. Flowers offers comments each meeting in objection to the District's 11-9-16 final decision letter that denied his claim for financial reimbursement for damages sustained to his vehicle as a result of a theft while parked outside in front of Beaumont High School. Under Board policy Mr. Flowers' claim was ineligible.

Ms. Jasmine Turnage asked when the SAB will meet with the Elected Board to give the voice of governance back to the people now that the District has secured full accreditation. Ms. Turnage is a St. Louis resident and registered voter.

Mr. Percy Green II provided comments in support of restoring full power, without any strings attached, back to the St. Louis Board of Education. Mr. Green stated anything less would be nothing more than the epitome of racism. He stated it's interesting that rich communities are not plagued with the hostility of poor and black communities, in a sense that poor and black communities are not capable of making decisions especially when money is involved. Now that a competent board is in place, there's no reason why the Elected Board should not be reinstated with full powers. Mr. Green believes there's no such thing as a hybrid board. It's Mr. Green's hopes that the status of governance of the St. Louis Public Schools would not lead to protesting. He feels the right thing to do is to restore full power back to the St. Louis Board of Education.

Ms. Maureen McMillan stated she was aware of a letter sent to the SAB requesting a joint meeting between the Elected Board and the SAB for the purpose of transitioning governance back to the Elected Board. She asked when a response could be expected so that a plan to restore governance may begin. Ms. McMillan is a St. Louis resident, registered voter and a parent of a student who attends a St. Louis Public School.

Ms. Susan Turk stated she understood the SAB had taken upon themselves to study alternate forms of governance in preparation of transitioning an elected board (not necessarily the Elected Board now in place) governance over the St. Louis Public Schools. Ms. Turk believes any transition that does not return to the current Elected Board would be an injustice. She stated state laws may be on the side of the SAB, but justice isn't.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the August 29, 2017 regular meeting minutes. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the August 29, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

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

NAY: None

The motion carried.

OPERATION FOOD SEARCH

SAB member Richard Gaines brought forth guest speaker, Ms. Trina Ragain, Director of Community Engagement of Operation Food Search. Ms. Ragain shared a grant opportunity being offered to several school districts within the US who qualify for the "Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom Grant". Missouri was among those states that met the qualifications under the grant. The "Breakfast in the Classroom" program proposes three options - 1) students eat at their desk during the first 20 minutes of the school day; 2) students pick up (*a grab'n go*) breakfast from kiosks taking the breakfast to the classroom; and 3) students retrieve breakfast from a designated location during an extended break after first period (*a second chance breakfast*). The program is administered by Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom and financially supported by the Walmart Foundation. Operation Food Search is the local conduit for the grant. The program also falls under USDA reimbursable meals. State Representative Fred Wessel provided comments in support of Operation Food Search and their efforts to implement the "Breakfast in the Classroom" within the District. At the conclusion of questions/comments, the following motion was put forth by Mr. Gaines.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to refer the "Breakfast in the Classroom" program to District administration to review and research how the "Breakfast in the Classroom" program may mesh with the District's existing Food Service programs and report the findings back to the Board within 2 weeks.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Informational Items

Mr. Roger CayCe, Deputy Superintendent of Operations and Building Commissioner gave an updated report on the Landscaping Initiative in response to the Board's direction to prepare a comprehensive plan for the upgrading and maintenance of the exterior grounds/landscaping of all District schools. The proposed estimated costs presented for the project are summarized below. The report in its entirety can be found on the District's website.

Total Estimated Landscape Renovation	\$616,262.00 (1x cost)
Total Estimated Watering <i>June through September of 1st Year</i>	\$115,600.00 (1x cost)
<i>2 vehicles - 8 hour daily watering</i>	1x COST
	<u>\$731,862.00</u>
Total Estimated Increase to Yearly Maintenance	\$ 60,507.00
Total Estimated Yearly Lawn Care Program	\$ 94,870.00
ANNUAL COST	<u>\$155,377.00</u>

At the conclusion of questions and comments by the Board, Mr. Gaines requested estimated costs be obtained for an irrigation system at each District school in lieu of "manual" watering as reported. Under this initiative, a plan to embrace community involvement within areas of each respective school is to be developed also. Administration is to report their findings at the next board meeting.

Mr. Charles Burton, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer introduced the 2018 Benefits Renewal report. The presentation was given by Michael Kilker and Sharon Morfeld of Understand Service Innovate (USI).

The Benefit Renewals committee is comprised of representatives from Local 420 (active and retired) the PSRSSTL Retirement Office and the District's Finance and Human Resources Divisions. Please see Resolution Number 09-28-17-17 of these minutes on page 6.

Medical:

Based on the marketing, the Medical coverage was moved to United Healthcare (UHC) effective January 1, 2017 with a 7.3% premium rate decrease, for an estimated annual savings of \$1,685,923. To prevent a significant increase the 2nd year with UHC, USI negotiated rate caps for the next two renewal years. Effective January 1, 2018, the rate cap is 9%. (Year 3, the rate cap is 12 %.)

Pharmacy-Express Scripts:

The increase to the District for pharmacy is 1.5% for an estimated annual increase of \$148,778. This increase is well below the District's average trend increase of 9.4% and industry trend of 12-14%.

Dental with Delta Dental:

2 year rate guarantee, with rate cap for 3rd year; added Healthy Smiles, Healthy Lives Program – next renewal January 1, 2019.

Vision with VBA:

3 year rate guarantee – next renewal January 1, 2020.

Life and Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) with Cigna:

3 year rate guarantee – next renewal January 1, 2020.

Voluntary Life with Cigna:

3 year rate guarantee – next renewal January 1, 2020.

Short Term Disability (STD) with Cigna:

3 year rate guarantee – next renewal January 1, 2020.

Long Term Disability (LTD) with Cigna:

3 year rate guarantee – next renewal January 1, 2020.

Business items- Consent Agenda

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 09-28-17-01 through 09-28-17-17, excluding 09-28-17-06. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 09-28-17-01 through 09-28-17-17, excluding 09-28-17-06.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-17-01) 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. This is the annual submission since its inception date, March 30, 2014. No changes apply under this Resolution that will alter the Special Education programs within the District. The adoption of the said plan will be effective September 29, 2017.

(09-28-17-02) To approve the fall bus routes for the FY17-18 School Year. The report detailing the bus routes is available in the Transportation Office.

(09-28-17-03) To approve the Monthly Transaction Report for July 2017.

(09-28-17-04) To ratify and approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Social Services (MDOSS) to set forth the terms and conditions for reimbursement and acceptance of allowable expenditures for the Jobs for America's Graduates program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the period July 1, 2017 through June 15, 2018. The program is year-to-year based on funding availability under the MDOSS. The District received notification on July 28, 2017 that the program was renewed.

(09-28-17-05) To ratify and approve the contracts with Robert-Half, K-Force, and Abacus Service Corporation (staffing agencies) to provide individuals for vacancies and temporary positions in the Finance Division for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This resolution is in response to RFQ 001-1718.

(09-28-17-07) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Louis Justice Center to provide services to special education and general education students who are incarcerated and under the age of 17 for the period September 29, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

(09-28-17-08) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Contemporary Art Museum-St. Louis to provide project-driven art classes for two sophomore classes at Vashon High School for the period September 29, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

(09-28-17-09) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Family and Workforce Centers of America to provide the Love Notes evidenced-based curriculum at Central VPA, Cleveland ROTC, Clyde C. Miller, Gateway STEAM and Vashon High Schools for the period September 29, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

(09-28-17-10) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Wyman Center for the InspireSTL program to provide the Scholars Emerging Leaders Program and College Access Program for the period September 29, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

(09-28-17-11) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Louis Children's Hospital to provide the Wyman's Teen Outreach Program at Busch and Compton Drew Middle Schools for the period September 29, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-28-17-06. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 09-28-09-28-17-06.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-17-06) To rescind Resolution Number 05-04-17-55, a renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Louis Justice Center to provide the continuation of Special Education Services for students who are incarcerated and under the age of 17. This rescission is due to the need to have a dual certified teacher who can provide educational services for both special education and general education students.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-28-17-12. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 09-28-09-28-17-12.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-17-12) To approve the renewal of a contract with Dr. Mascheal Schapper to coordinate professional development services as outlined in the K-6 Mathematics and Science Partnership grant for the period October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00. This is year 2 of a 2-year contract.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-28-17-13. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 09-28-09-28-17-13.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-17-13) To approve the renewal of a contract with Math Solutions, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to provide professional development services as outlined in the K-6 Mathematics and Science Partnership grant for the period October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$91,261.00. This is year 2 of a 2-year contract.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-28-17-14. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 09-28-09-28-17-14.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-17-14) To approve the renewal of a contract with Maryville University to provide professional development services as outlined in the K-6 Mathematics and Science Partnership grant for the period October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$167,045.00. This is year 2 of a 2-year contract.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-28-17-15. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 09-28-09-28-17-15.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-17-15) To approve the renewal of a contract with the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) to conduct evaluation services as outlined in the K-6 Mathematics and Science Partnership grant for the period October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$28,834.00. This is year 2 of a 2-year contract.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-28-17-16. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 09-28-09-28-17-16.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-17-16) To approve a contract with PowerSchool for a new ERP system for the term period September 29, 2017 through June 30, 2018, the 1st phase of the project, at a cost not to exceed \$1,300,000. This system will replace the District's current SAP system. The project will begin an 18 to 24 month implementation of the modules for Finance, Human Resources, Payroll, Fixed Assets, Grants Management and other pertinent modules. This resolution is in response to RFP #001-1718.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 09-28-17-17. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 09-28-09-28-17-17.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(09-28-17-17) To approve the renewal of St. Louis Public School's group benefit cost for plan year 2018, which includes Medical/Pharmacy, Dental, Vision, Short/Long Term Disability and Life/Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance. The estimated renewal is based on 3,555 active employees or \$32,643,455.00.

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 7:28PM.

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.