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

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**OFFICIAL REPORT**

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**Regular Meeting**

**St. Louis, MO, February 25, 2010  
MINUTES**

The Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis met on the date noted beginning at 6:05 p.m., in Room 108 of the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO 63101.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION**

The Spirit of Excellence Award was presented to Soldan International students Deiona Reed and Aaron Bush. They were participants in Soldan's first Annual American Government Contest where they addressed questions in relation to the government curriculum which tested their skill levels. Deiona won first place with a \$50.00 gift certificate and Aaron was named the runner up. The event was sponsored by the Mound City Bar Association.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- MAP testing will begin March 29<sup>th</sup> for elementary and middle school students. Likewise, on April 28<sup>th</sup> EOC testing will begin for high school students. The district has taken proactive steps to assure that parents and students are aware of the importance of these tests by partnering with the Post Dispatch and St. Louis American, encouraging local news station to air the importance of testing, developing a special edition of the parent newsletter and posting informative information on the web-site.
- Resolutions with reference to transportation concerns are underway due to the adjustment in bus routes as a cost savings method.

- The district is continuing to look at ways to increase enrollment. Currently, the district is working on a plan to expand the gifted program at the elementary level. Mallinckrodt teachers are taking courses to earn gifted certification with the intent to expand the gifted program to Mallinckrodt.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Terry Evans of Construction Career Center gave a presentation about the charter. St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) has sponsored Construction Career Center for nine years. The Charter is seeking a five year extension of the sponsorship by SLPS. The Charter shall present an Accountability Plan for review and approval by March 31, 2010 prior to final action by the Board.
- Safety Committee Members Enos Moss, Richelle Clark, Cecil Jenkins, Kevin Coyen and Charles Burton provided preliminary reports on the newly formed Safety and Risk Management Committee. The purpose of the committee is to provide a safe environment within district's schools and buildings and to reduce the cost and the number of claims to effectively and efficiently manage district operations.

Five objectives were presented with timelines for deliverables. The first completed draft of the program will be presented in May or June 2010; a policy statement will be submitted for review by the close of the school year and a web page will be created in March 2010.

Mr. Gaines suggested the district explore the possibility of hiring a person/company who has expertise in safety and risk management for this is an area where the district will notice profits promptly if the program is synchronized suitably in line with district needs.

Mr. Gaines further suggested the committee seek financial resources to offer incentives as an "eye catcher" to attract attention to the program before introducing to district population.

- Lou Kruger presented an update on student recruitment efforts. The number of students projected to attend Magnet/Choice schools exceeded early projections. An increase in magnet enrollment by as many as 1000 students is anticipated. Principals and school sites will take an active role in recruitment and enrollment efforts and endorsement of their respective locations.

At the request of Mr. Gaines, Superintendent Adams will pursue a more aggressive endeavor with the pre-k population in order to retain these students in the district. Superintendent Adams will review data from previous years to determine an approach in developing strategic programming with results being reported to the Board.

- Superintendent Adams presented the 2010-2011 preliminary budget, providing an assessment of the overall budget in terms of assumptions and projections as well as deficits and expenditure reduction options.

An aggressive agenda is underway to actively engage the community and other stakeholders in the budget process seeking feedback and alternatives. Some meetings have occurred. Superintendent Adams is hopeful to present an update at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve consent agenda items 02-25-10-01 through 02-25-10-04, 02-25-10-06 and 02-25-10-08

*(Items 02-25-10-05 and 02-25-10-07 were approved at the February 11, 2010 meeting.)*

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Gaines

- 02-25-10-01** The January 2010 Monthly Budget Transaction Report.
- 02-25-10-02** A contract extension with Tyler Technologies for training and system modification of the Pulse student information management system for the period February 26, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at an additional cost not to exceed \$29,134.
- 02-25-10-03** Test Security Policy and Testing Guidelines per MSIP Standards 7.1-7.4 in consideration of state mandated MAP/EOC testing March 25, 2010 through April 21, 2010. There is no cost associated with this request.
- 02-25-10-04** Adoption of R4610.1 (Attendance policy for certified employees) and R4610.2 (Attendance policy for non-certified employees) to become effective upon adoption by the Special Administrative Board.
- 02-25-10-05 (APPROVED AT THE 2/11/10 MEETING)** Accept funds from Washington University for services for one full-time parent educator with fringe benefits or two (2) part-time educators for two years as part of the Early Childhood Connection (ECC) grant in the amount of \$34,762.
- 02-25-10-06** A Memorandum of Understanding with Preferred Family Health (PFH) to provide support necessary for the District to implement educational services within PFH's residential treatment center for secondary level students.
- 02-25-10-07 (APPROVED AT THE 2/11/10 MEETING)** Ratification of a contract with Ranken Technical College for the Dual Enrollment program with selected Career and Technical Education students at a cost not to exceed \$38,075 for the period January 11, 2010 through June 30, 2010.
- 02-25-10-08** A contract with the Missouri Reading Initiative for Buder Elementary School to provide systemic professional development to enhance the quality of literacy instructions for the period February 26, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$33,000.

### **BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)**

Two district basket ball games will be held at Gateway High School on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. The audience was encouraged to attend.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:20 PM, there being no further business before the Board in open session, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan