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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, November 5, 2009  
MINUTES**

The Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis met on the date noted beginning at 6:15 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 RECOGNITIONS**

The Spirit of Excellence Award was presented to Gateway High students Kiontey Turner, Najma Nasiruddin, Latasha Renner and Kanisha Hayes for being finalist of the Brenda Schaefer Memorial Scholarship Award. The students are enrolled in Gateway's Emergency Medical Technician Program. Honors were extended.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two members of the audience presented their comments/concerns.

- The Reverend Vickie Caldwell expressed her dismay regarding the displacement of some Special Ed Teachers.
- Parent Terry Hall expressed concerns regarding Compton Drew's process of student eligibility for the Honor Society. Ms. Hall has made several attempts to address this matter to no avail, which resulted in her grandson being omitted from the September 2009 induction.

Superintendent Adams directed William Park, Executive Director of Student/Parent Engagement to rectify the matter expeditiously.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Announcements**

- Honorable mentions were given to Beverly Whittington, Elementary Music Teacher at Ames Visual and Performing Arts School and Marquita Reef, Secondary Music Teacher at Metro High School. The teachers were selected as Music of the Year Teacher and were honored at a formal gathering on November 4, 2009.
- Likewise, congratulations were given to Kennedy Stomps, a junior at the Metro High School. Student Stomps was featured on the game show Jeopardy. She was selected as part of the National Team Jeopardy Tournament.
- The District will be closed in observance of the Veteran's Day Holiday, Wednesday, November 11, 2009. Activities are planned throughout the District. Please check the Spot Light News for details.

### **Information Items**

- The 2010 Benefits Renewal Package was presented by Sharonica Hardin, Chief Human Resource Officer.

Ms. Hardin will present to the SAB the preliminary recommendation(s) regarding the dependent audit at their next scheduled meeting Thursday, November 19, 2009.

Mr. Gaines commended Holmes Murphy and Associates for a job well done.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Ms. Adams, on the following roll call votes, the Board voted to approve the 2010 Benefits Renewal Package.

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

- Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Brian Wolfe along with staff persons Dr. Joycelyn Larry and Sheila Madkins presented their Technology Driven by Academic Report. The report addressed information strategy, food services, upgrading teacher computer deployment, network implementation, server/network upgrade and the improvement of the help desk support services. It is the intent of Mr. Wolfe to present at an upcoming meeting a recommendation to approve upgrading the server/network for implementation of the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Gaines asked if the telephone communication system will be addressed.

Mr. Wolfe responded that his department would be looking at all call areas across the Board. This issue is a priority for Technology Services. He further advised that significant improvements should be seen within the next two months.

Regarding the server/network upgrade and the forthcoming recommendation to the SAB, Mr. Sullivan expressed a concern regarding the various types of software used within the District. Taking into consideration that Technology's plan is to establish a data warehouse whereby the various types of software will be integrated, Mr. Sullivan requested Mr. Wolfe to secure at least two professional opinions that have expertise in this area and have those individuals/companies present their findings to the SAB.

- Dr. Carlinda Purcell presented the Curriculum Audit with a presentation by Dr. James Scott, Phi Delta Kappa (PDK).

Dr. Scott presented an overview of what the Curriculum Audit will entail. He advised that the Audit is based on effective schools research and examines the effectiveness of a curriculum. This Audit will develop a prioritize list of tasks that the District needs to address immediately in order to improve its goals. The Curriculum Audit differs from the MSIP as the Audit focuses on how to fix the findings as listed by the MSIP Review.

The Audit will be conducted January 25-20, 2010, followed by a preliminary assessment report. The final report will be presented in May 2010.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gains, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approved the November Consent Agenda items 11-05-09-01 through 11-05-09-07.

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

For the November 19, 2009 meeting, Superintendent Adams requested that item number 11-19-09-08 be removed.

For the November 19, 2009 meeting, Superintendent Adams requested an additional item be placed on the agenda - item number 11-19-09-16.

Mr. Gaines requested a verbal presentation relative to the changes of item number 11-19-09-16 at the November 19, 2009 meeting.

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

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:20 p.m., 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