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

OFFICIAL REPORT

Regular Meeting

**St. Louis, MO, December 3, 2009
MINUTES**

The Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis met on the date noted beginning at 6:07 p.m., in Room 108 of the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101.

ROLL CALL

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

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS

The Spirit of Excellence Award was presented to Ricardo Redd, 8th grade student at Gateway Middle School and Toranna Burch, Safety Officer assigned to Sumner High School.

Ricardo won first place in the Governor's End Homelessness Poster Contest. The annual event was held on November 19, 2009 in Jefferson, City MO. Ricardo received a \$15.00 gift card and a traveling mug.

Officer Burch exemplified bravery and alertness when performing her duties on October 19, 2009. Without hesitation, Officer Burch put her training into action when gunfire erupted. She immediately responded to the safety of the students who were in the area. Samuel Moore, 4th Ward Alderman was also in the area and witnessed first hand Officer Burch's training. In a letter to the Superintendent and the SAB, Alderman Moore commended Officer Burch. The City of St. Louis, MO presented Officer Burch with a Resolution documenting her bravery.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were 6 public comments regarding Sumner High School. The speakers were Jacqueline Vanderford, President and Eric Oliver, Executive Board Member of the Sumner Alumni Association, John D. Abram, graduate of Sumner, Mary Armstrong, Local 420 President, Bill Moore and 4th Ward Alderman Samuel Moore. All parties expressed their concerns and offered alternative suggestions to keeping the historical high school open.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the Regular Minutes of the October 20, 2009 and November 5, 2009 SAB Meeting.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Race to the Top application is due mid January 2010. The application must be submitted jointly by the Governor and State Education Commissioner. Updates will be provided as they become available.
- Regarding Public Comments, Superintendent Adams advised the speakers that he applauded their passionate concerns regarding Sumner High School. He continued that he hoped that all stakeholders will proceed in a collaborative manner.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Deputy Superintendent Dr. Cleopatra Figgures presented an update on Student Performance. The Key Indicators were the Annual Performance Report (APR) whereby the district met 3; Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), District and State AYP comparisons, Graduation and Attendance Rates; Acuity Assessment Data.

Regarding the information presented on schools for 08/09 in the areas of math, communication arts and attendance, Mr. Sullivan requested previous years for comparisons.

- John Niemeyer, Coordinator gave an overview of the Advance Placement Incentive Program (APIP). The grant for APIP will end September 30, 2009. As a requirement of the grant, the presentation is being presented. Outlined objectives were met and far exceeded expectations, with the exception of the drop in students enrolled in advanced placement courses. The report is due December 2009.
- Patrick Wallace, Executive Director of Communication gave a visual tour of the District new website. The website is now 75 sites in one and provides a variety of tools/highlights for teachers and schools. The website also provides a data tracking component that tracks visitors to the site. The website went live on August 20, 2009.

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 approve items 12-03-09-01 through 12-03-09-05 and items 12-03-09-07 through 12-03-09-08.

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

{Item 12-03-09-06 was pulled at the November 19, 2009 meeting and Items 12-03-09-09 through 12-03-09-11 were approved at same meeting.}

On a motion by Mr. Gains, and seconded by Ms. Adams, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the FY 2009-2010 Furloughs between the Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis and the American Federation of Teachers - St. Louis, Local 420, representing teachers, secretarial/clerical and paraprofessional employees of the St. Louis Public Schools.

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

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