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

OFFICIAL REPORT

Regular Meeting

**St. Louis, MO
May 15, 2010
MINUTES**

The Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis met on the date noted beginning at 6:00PM, 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.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The Spirit of Excellence Award was presented to LaMondra Beckley, a freshman at Vashon High School. LaMondra was awarded Channel 4 New Station's "Do the Right Thing Award" for his leadership skills. Lamondra is viewed by teachers and students as intelligent and hard working. Within his peer group, he is known to lead by example. Congratulations were extended to LaMondra.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ray Cummings, Local 420 and citizen, expressed that one should be mindful when addressing students' disciplinary occurrences. One's tone of voice and non-verbal could have a social and behavioral impact on students. He reminded the audience at times a strong and stern voice tone is required that could benefit students' accomplishments in the long-run.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Adams extended congratulatory remarks to the 2009-2010 graduating classes. The dates and times of each school's ceremonies are posted on the web-site.

Shaw Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Elementary School was selected to the exclusive list of the NAMM Foundation, "Best Communities" for their music education program. Shaw VPA was the only school in St. Louis to receive this honor. The NAAM Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to advancing active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and service programs for the international music products industry.

Due to the reconfiguration of some schools, the International Welcome School will be relocated to the Kottmeyer School on S. Grand Avenue beginning the 10/11 school year.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Deputy Superintendent of Academics, Dr. Carlinda Purcell provided an update of Summer Schools. It was uncertain if summer school would proceed due to State funding reductions. She reported summer school will be held at 27 sites; 14 of those sites are elementary with 3 to be enrichment sites. There are 6 middle school sites, 4 high school sites and 3 special sites. Summer school for elementary, middle high school levels begin on June 14th with the conclusion date for elementary and middle grades on July 2nd and high school on July 9th.

The Summer School program will serve:

- pre-school through age 4 students who will participate in the Kindergarten round-up Program and students in grades 3 and 4 who are not reading at grade level;
- IEP students for extended summer learning experiences as well as the ESOL and ELL students;
- KG-8 grade students will carry out the researched based curriculum to increase their academic proficiency in content areas;
- high school level students will work towards credit(s) make-up and lastly
- a professional development for teachers is scheduled June 11th.

It should be noted that current legislation states summer schools should focus on the 4 content areas, therefore eliminating physical education.

Dr. Cleopatra Figgures, Deputy Superintendent of Accountability gave a status report of the district's Accountability Plan. She reported progress within the performance areas are documented and compiled into scorecards regularly; some indicators were revised to reduce duplication and overlapping and the student performance accreditation points will not be completed nor determined until Fall when the assessment data is returned by DESE. Based on the report presented, Dr. Figgures feels the district is on target. She expects to provide an update of the Plan to the public sometime in June 2010.

On a question by Ms. Adams and Mr. Sullivan, Dr. Figgures advised the revised indicators of each performance area as reported and any future revisions will be forwarded to the Board for review.

Mr. Sullivan noted some goals and objectives were not definite and defined. He requested these areas be review for specific detailed targets.

Dr. Figgures responded the team has begun to gather tangible evidence for Superintendent Adams made the same observation.

A status report on the Office of Institutional Advancement (OOIS) was presented by Deputy Superintendent Blake Youde. This year is the first year of the department's conception. The OOIS was developed with the guidance of United Way and comprises three divisions; the Development Office, Public Information and Volunteer Services. Primary functions include securing funds and resources, provide internal and external communications and to engage volunteer services. He reported the number of grants submitted to date along with the dollar amount received. The district's communication with the public and the community has improved. An example is the partnership with faith based leaders. Volunteer services hours are at 40,000 plus. Institution request to provide services projects to students have

increased. Mr. Youde reported since the department's onset, a reporting system to track progress and to identify goals have been developed. Four areas of improvement have been recognized.

Mr. Sullivan requested the department's reporting areas for 2010-2011 school years be more distinct, i.e., target specific number of volunteers and contacts the department wishes to maximize; what can be done to improve the district's web-site as a communication tool; target specific communication to parents and an overall strategy to increase global communication.

Mr. Sullivan encouraged board members to make other recommendations of measurements.

FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TOMORROW'S SCHOOL (FACT)

As Chairman of the FACT, Mr. Gaines introduced Kathy Osborne and Claude Brown to report the Committee's recommendation.

Mr. Brown shared the opportunity that has been afforded the District to fund a facility improvement plan by way of construction bonds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Acts at a zero/near zero interest to complete school building improvements without any additional taxes incurred on the citizens of St. Louis.

Mrs. Osborne reported the purpose of the committee as follows:

- to review administrators' plans and provide input;
- to develop a community development strategy;
- to oversee the District's implementation of the community engagement process and;
- review outcomes and make recommendations.

To that end, the Committee recommended the District go forth with the Bond Issue with no additional taxes.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Ms. Adams, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve legal counsel to develop a resolution to include valid language to consider a ballot initiative for August 2010 ballot that will be presented for action at the May 20, 2010 SAB meeting.

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

At the request of Mr. Sullivan due to time limitations, counsel will present the ballot language on May 18th for members' review.

BUSINESS ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of Superintendent Adams, item 05-13-10-01 was pulled.

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve items 05-13-10-02 through 05-13-10-15 and items 05-13-10-17 through 05-13-10-22.

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

- 05-13-10-01** **(PULLED)** To approve a contract with the Missouri Charter Public School Association to assist the St. Louis Public Schools with the conversion of four schools into charter schools for the period May 13, 2010 through August 30, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$65,000, pending the availability of funds.
- 05-13-10-02** A contract with Environmental Consultants, LLC to provide hazardous materials consulting as needed for District schools and buildings for the period July 1, 2010 through June 20, 2011 at a total cost not to exceed \$270,000, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-03** A contract renewal with Hackett Security, Inc. to provide daily security alarm monitoring and investigative response services for all District schools and buildings for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$200,000, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-04** A contract renewal with The Brenco Company to provide annual District-wide water treatment and treatment equipment repairs for air conditioning equipment systems for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$18,406, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-05** A contract renewal with Advanced Elevator Company, Inc. to provide elevator inspections maintenance and repair services for District schools and buildings for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$300,000, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-06** A contract renewal with Crown/Excel Disposal, LLC through Cooperating School Districts to provide solid waste management services in selected schools and buildings in the District for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$350,000, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-07** A contract renewal with Weber Fire and Safety Equipment Company to provide inspections and repairs of fire extinguishers in selected schools and buildings in the District for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-08** A contract renewal with Engineered Fire Protection, Inc. to provide inspection and repair services of fire sprinklers and associated backflow preventers in selected schools and buildings in the District for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$72,100, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-09** A contract renewal with International Systems of America, Inc. to provide annual testing and inspection services of fire alarm systems in all schools and buildings in the District for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$75,766, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-10** A contract renewal with Bieg Plumbing Company to provide domestic water backflow inspections, maintenance and repair services for District schools and buildings for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$55,000, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-11** A contract renewal with Grease Masters, LLC to provide cleaning and the repair of kitchen exhaust hoods in selected schools and buildings

in the District for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, pending the availability of funds and legal review.

- 05-13-10-12** A contract renewal with Grease Masters, LLC to provide cleaning and repair of kitchen grease traps in selected schools and buildings in the District for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$17,800, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-13** A contract renewal through Cooperating School Districts with Tremco/Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. to provide roofing inspections, repair and replacement services for District schools and buildings for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$2,500,000, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-14** A contract renewal with American Boiler and Mechanical, Inc. and Kickham Boiler and Engineering to provide repair services for District schools and buildings for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$50,000, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-15** A contract renewal with McCann Pest and Termite Control, Inc. to provide pest control services in all schools and buildings in the District for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$32,800, pending the availability of funds and legal review.
- 05-13-10-17** A contract amendment with Cumberland Therapy to provide clinical counseling services for the period May 21, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.
- 05-13-10-18** A contract with Gerber Technology to provide training for specialized equipment and software purchased for the Career and Technical Education Fashion Design Program for the period May 14, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at a total cost not to exceed \$10,500.
- 05-13-10-19** A contract with Riddell/All American Sports to recondition and sanitize all high school football helmets and shoulder pads for the period May 14, 2010 through June 10, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$25,125, pending the availability of funds. The helmets will also be recertified to ensure that they are structurally sound and capable of preventing injury.
- 05-13-10-20** Purchase of hygienic kits and supplies from Backpack Gear Company for the period May 14, 2010 through June 30, 2010 for students in transition at a cost not to exceed \$16,850.
- 05-13-10-21** Purchase of one portable and two permanently mounted smartboards, plus one projector by June 30, 2010, from Kansas City Audio-Visual for the Shaw Elementary VPA Communication Full Service School at a cost not to exceed \$16,835.
- 05-13-10-22** March 2010 Monthly Budget Transaction Report.

After some discussion, on a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve item 05-13-10-16

- 05-13-10-16** A contract renewal with Aramark Management Services Limited Partnership to provide facilities management services in all schools

and buildings in the District for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$20,713,490 pending the availability of funds and legal review.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: Mr. Gaines

After some discussion, on a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve item 05-13-10-22

05-13-10-23 To approve the FY 2010-2011 Non-General Operating Budget.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

Mr. Gaines announced the Roosevelt's annual "Day of Love" bar-b-que area community residents and business. The event will take place, May 15th from 10am until 2pm.

Mr. Sullivan announced the May 27th SAB meeting has been moved to May 20th; start time is 5PM. He also announced the 2010-2011 SAB Meeting schedule is and will be posted on the district's web-site.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 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