

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

OFFICIAL REPORT

**REGULAR MEETING
ST. LOUIS, MO
AUGUST 16, 2011**

M I N U T E S

The Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis met on the date noted beginning at 6:10PM, in Room 108 of the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to move into open session.

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

A quorum was present

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 April 27, 2011 (special meeting) and the May 5, 2011 (regular meeting) minutes.

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

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. John Windom, Executive Director of Community Education and Chairperson of the Back to School Community Empowerment Festival (Back-to-School Fair) bestowed special recognitions to partners Michael McMillan, Chairman of the Board of the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation (STLCEP), 19th Ward Alderwoman, Marlene Davis and Ruth Smith, Director of the Human Development Corporation (HDC). Others who were recognized were James Forbes of HDC, Darrius Chapman of the (STLCEP), Chartwells', District staff Keesha Chapman, Blake Youde, Patrick Wallace, Kevin Coyne, Nahed Chapman, Maureen Nolan and the Division of Operation's staff. The Fair services 13,068 individuals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Caprice Turner, Alicia Hubbard, Mary Holloway, Shaneeka Peoples, Maxine Johnson, Janice Johnson, Bishop Thomas Reynolds, Veronica Young, Lois E. Strickland, Dorothy Brown and Pamela McLucas spoke in support of the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) Program that is engaged in seven of the District's schools. Elected Board member David Jackson stated his position of not being in support of BAEO.

On another matter, Mr. Jackson shared comments on behalf of some parents he received calls from concerning the start date and transportation schedules for pre-school and kindergarten students. He also shared parents' comments about the changes in student assignments and class schedules without their being notified.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- First day attendance totals for the 2011-2012 school year was 18,397 students (KG through 12th). This marked the second straight year the District has reached the 80% projection for enrollment in those grade levels. This year's projected enrollment for KG through 12th grades is 23,072.
- The U.S. Department of Education announced today St. Louis Public Schools will receive a three-year Advanced Placement Incentives Program grant worth \$1,766,925 to encourage students to participate and succeed in advanced placement (AP) courses. SLPS is the only school district in Missouri to receive this grant.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Mr. Roger CayCe, Executive Director of Operations provided an updated in-depth report relative to Prop S readiness. An excerpt of that report included areas around design and construction, demolitions that are underway, schools that have been completed with window shades, bids received and reviewed for upgrades of science labs and metal detectors, air conditioned and non-air conditioned schools installation. At the conclusion of the report, members entertained questions. This report can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website.

The Office of Operations also took part in the Student Engagement Initiative Internship Program. Those students participating were Omar Ahmed, Kathryn Jassen, Tajia Williams, Khadijah McCaine, Haidera Wilhite, RaChell Richards and LaQudra Bunett.

- Mrs. Cheryl VanNoy provided a Technology Update. She reported upgrades in internet and bandwidth, desktops updates for teachers, the installation of interactive boards in classrooms, the completion of wireless connections and parent portal have been instituted where parents can access their child's grades, attendance, discipline records and transcripts. Continued work is underway to address other methods of communications for those parents who do not have access to computers. This report can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website.

Mr. Gaines acknowledged Ms. VanNoy for her works. As a possible alternative to emails, he suggested utilizing the parent centers in the District whereby a building person could serve as a helpful addition in getting information out through PTO's, PTAs, and parent conferences. Superintendent Adams added the Department of Institutional Advancement is currently working on this area as mentioned.

Mr. Sullivan asked how often schools' websites are updated for this could also prove to be a source of information for parents. Superintendent Adams will follow-up with the appropriate personnel.

- Dr. Cleopatra Figgures, Deputy Superintendent of Accountability gave a preliminary report on student performance relative to the District's Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) and Annual Performance Report (APR) numbers. The *No Child Left Behind Act* requires school districts and States to meet annual proficiency targets towards meeting a 2014 goal of 100% proficiency in communication arts and math for grades 3-12.

On September 16, the final AYP and APR results will be posted on DESE's website. The District will appeal the results of five high schools and two elementary schools under the category level not determined. This presentation can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website.

▫ *The District Scorecard presentation was listed on the agenda, but was not presented.*

BUSINESS ITEM(S):

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the August 16, 2011 Consent Agenda item.

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- 08-16-11-01** The June 2011 Monthly Board Transaction Report.
- 08-16-11-02** A Memorandum of Understanding with MERS Goodwill to provide school-to-work transition training for special education high school students for the period August 3, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
- 08-16-11-03** A contract renewal with Chartwells Food Service to provide food services to the St. Louis Public Schools' students for the 2011-2012 school year at a cost not to exceed \$13,240,148.
- 08-16-11-04** A contract renewal with Preferred Meal Systems, Inc. to lease the District's warehouse located at 5020 Lexington Avenue. Preferred Meal will pay the District a monthly lease rate of \$6,991.67. The total lease payment is \$83,900.00.
- 08-16-11-05** Adopt and approval a Policy Statement of the Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis in Relation to Working Conditions for Stationary Engineers for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.
- 08-16-11-06** Contracting for services with any identified pre-approved provider by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for Supplemental Educational Services in an amount not to exceed the per student allocation as designated by DESE for after school tutorial programs for the period August 3, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$4,035,238.00.
- 08-16-11-07** A sole source contract with CTB McGraw-Hill to purchase and administer the Acuity formative assessment program for grades 3-8 that includes tests, scoring, reporting and professional development at a total combined cost not to exceed \$395,000.00.
- 08-16-11-08** The purchase of Reading Street pre-school instructional and training materials from Pearson at a total combined cost not to exceed \$44,002.46.
- 08-16-11-09** The purchase of up to 150 uniforms for Safety and Security Officers from Leon Uniform Company for the 2011-2012 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$16,145.00.
- 08-16-11-10** Authorize the District to proceed with the issuance of the remaining Proposition S Bonds. The Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$73,356,000 represent the remaining amount of the original \$155,000,000 approved by voters on August 3, 2010 as Proposition S.

WALK-ON ITEM

Superintendent Adams requested the Board to approve Items 09-20-11-01, 09-20-11-02 and 09-20-11-03 from the September 20, 2011 Items for Consideration.

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, the Board voted to approve 09-20-11-01 and 09-20-11-02. Mr. Sullivan called for questions/comments/discussion. There being none, on the following roll call vote, the Board approved items 09-20-11-01 and 09-20-11-02

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

09-20-11-01 A contract with Advance Security & Technology, LLC to install metal detectors at ten District locations. The work shall begin August 17, 2011 and completed by September 16, 2011 at a total cost not to exceed \$50,600 that includes a 10% contingency of \$4,600.

09-20-11-02 A contract with Midwestern Design & Construction/Blanton, a joint venture to provide stair tread replacement at Sumner High School. The work shall begin August 17, 2011 and completed by September 16, 2011 at a total cost not to exceed \$125,167 that includes a 10% contingency of \$11,379.

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, the Board voted to approve 09-20-11-03. Mr. Sullivan called for questions/comments/discussion. Mr. Gaines called for discussion and clarity to the District's level of authority in deciding what type of snacks would be put into the vending machines.

Mrs. Mary Houlihan, Deputy Superintendent of Operations addressed Mr. Gaines' concern. She reported the District has total input into what goes into the vending machines at the schools. With that, Mr. Gaines noted for the record that he will support this item with the understanding that it does not cancel out the Board's ability to select nutritional balanced snacks they feel would be in the best interest of District's students. Mr. Sullivan reiterated. He stated it is his understanding the Board has full right and full flexibility to put what the Board feels is a nutritional balanced snack into the vending machines in the schools. Mrs. Houlihan responded, yes.

After discussions, on the following roll call vote, the Board approved item 09-20-11-03.

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

09-20-11-03 A contract with Dynamic Vending to provide beverage and snack machine services to District buildings and schools. The District estimates the commissions under the new program will be in the range of \$100,000 to \$125,000. The contract period is for 5 years and is to be renewed annually. The first period will start September 21, 2011-June 30, 2012.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

There were no Board member updates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board in open session, on a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:55PM.

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