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

OFFICIAL REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
ST. LOUIS, MO
AUGUST 2, 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. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to move into open session.

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

A quorum was present

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

There were no student recognitions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the March 10, 2011, March 31, 2011 and April 21, 2011 open minutes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parent Carol Prombo stated her concerns about the lack of air conditioner units at the Gateway High School. Considering high temps for the summer have not ended, she asked the Board to consider this as a reason for early dismissals. Ms. Prombo has a son who attends Gateway.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Operations Division is addressing final "house cleaning" areas in preparation for the 2011-2012 school year. Principals have returned and are engaged in the yearly Summer Leadership Academy experience. On August 8th teachers will attend professional development activities. The first day of school for KG through 12th grades is August 15th. Pre-school will start August 22nd.

As part of *Creating Great Options 2012 - Multiple Pathways*, Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning will open for 3rd and 4th grade students; Woerner Elementary will open as a single gender classroom school; Cole E-mints will open as the African

Center Curriculum School and Beaumont High School is transitioning into a Technical High School. Madison and Meda P. Washington will open within two weeks with Madison reopening as an alternative school and Meda P. Washington as Fresh Start South.

- Back-to-School information packets were mailed to parents. Some did not receive their information because of a computer glitch. The problem has been corrected and those parents should receive their packets within a couple of days. Apologies were extended for this mishap.
- To remind parents of the first day of schools, SLPS initiated its practices of robo phone calls, text messaging, radio and TV announcements and the yearly visit to area churches.

Mr. Sullivan asked if an email data base could be added as an informational tool. Ms. Adams suggested looking into social networking, such as SLPS' Face book page as an alternative to emails because this would cut down on the junk emails received. Superintendent Adams interjected the governor has just signed a policy relative to social networking. The District is working on a policy and is expected to present it to the Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Mrs. Sheila Smith-Anderson, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction provided a status report of Summer School 2011. The program concluded June 30th with 3,317 students enrolled. Summer School offered extended school year for special needs students from Pre-K through high school, reading and math remediation for 3rd and 4th grade students, 8th grade transitioning to high school, credit recovery for high schools students, end of course support courses and GED classes. In general, the program demonstrated average to moderate results.
- Mr. John Windom, Executive Director of Community Education provided an update on the Back-to-School Fair which will be held on Saturday, August 6th at the Chaifetz Arena from 9AM until 3PM. This year, Satellite locations have been set-up at the International Welcome Schools from 9AM until 1PM and The Dream Center from 2PM until 6PM. The Fair is expected to serve some 9,000 participants. Parents will be given assistance in areas such as student registration, transportation scheduling, free and reduce meal application completions, and eye exams. One hundred and seventy vendors are expected. Methods to track the success of the fair have been amended. Organizations who partnered with SLPS this year are the Human Development Corporation, St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation, Chartwells, Healthcare USA, the Urban League and Harris Stowe-State College. Mr. Sullivan gave accolades to staff for their organizational endeavors in putting this event together.

BUSINESS ITEM(S): CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the August 2, 2011 Consent Agenda item.

- 08-02-11-01** A contract renewal with Steven R. Carroll and Associates for legislative representation of the St. Louis Public Schools for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$78,000, pending the availability of funds.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Gaines

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

Mr. Sullivan advised the audience he will assume the role as Committee Chair of the Real Estate Committee and Ms. Adams will serve as Committee Chair of the Academic Committee as well as continuing as the Committee Chair of the Accountability Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board in open session, on a motion by Ms. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 6:45PM.

AYE: Ms. Adams, Mr. Sullivan

ABSENT: Mr. Gaines