

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

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**OFFICIAL REPORT**

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**SPECIAL TAX LEVY MEETING  
&  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
ST. LOUIS, MO  
SEPTEMBER 20, 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 in Room 108 of the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. Prior to the regular 6PM meeting, the Special Tax Levy meeting convened for citizens to be heard on the proposed property tax rate to be set by the Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis. President Rick Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:45PM.

**ROLL CALL**

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

A quorum was present

Mr. Enos Moss, Treasurer/CFO gave the FY 2010/2011 Tax Levy presentation. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues, which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 shows to be required from the property tax. A copy of the presentation can be obtained via the District's web site.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Sullivan called for public comments; there were none presented. Mr. Sullivan called for a motion to approve the Tax Rate.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the Tax Rate of \$4.1743.

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

There being no further business, the Tax Levy meeting concluded. The Board moved into regular session at 6:05PM.

**ROLL CALL**

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

A quorum was present

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the May 26, 2011 minutes.

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

## **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

The Spirit of Excellence Award was presented to Rich Qian, a third grader at Kennard Classical Junior Academy. Rich was accepted into Webster University's Music School orchestra which consists of mostly high school students. Rich played a Concerto in G minor, first movement composed by Vivaldi for Board Members, the Superintendent and audience.

## **OTHER RECOGNITION**

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to the Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the 23 consecutive years this award has been presented to the District. Mr. Moss and the Financial Division staff were acknowledged for their hard efforts in sustaining the honor of this award.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ◆ On Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> the District hosted an Open House at each Magnet and Choice School. The event drew some 360 visitors. On September 27<sup>th</sup>, the District will hold a recruitment fair at the Emerson Education Center of the St. Louis Magic House from 6PM to 8PM.

It should be noted that the acceptance date for Magnet and Choice Schools has been moved up to mid December 2011 from the original dated noted as February 2012.

- ◆ Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> is a District-wide Professional Development Day. There will be no classes for students and schools will be closed.
- ◆ The District received notification from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) that the District will receive the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant for the After-School Programs at Gateway Institute of Technology High School and Gateway Elementary School. The grant is for five (5) years. The schools will partner with the St. Louis Zoo, Botanical Gardens and the Magic House.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- ◆ Mr. Michael Hagen, Associate Superintendent of the Office of Innovations provided members with the end of year report for the eleven (11) SIG Schools/Missouri School Improvement Grant (MSIG). The MSIG is a three year initiative that engage the lowest 5% of performing schools by restructuring processes to support Turnaround and Transformation models that ultimately improve student learning and academic success. Successes of the program in the areas of MAP/EOC Communication and Art performance, attendance and discipline were revealed as well as other areas.

Dr. Robert Taylor and Dr. Dennis Dorsey of DESE shared comments about the first year's performance of the program. They communicated to the State that St. Louis Public Schools has set a model for this initiative.

- ◆ Dr. Cleopatra Figures, Deputy Superintendent of Accountability provided members with an update concerning Student Performance. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, DESE released the final Annual Performance Report (APR) which revealed SLPS received six (6) points towards accreditation. Ways to make AYP are through Target, Confidence Interval, Growth, Safe Harbor and Safe Harbor with Confidence Interval. Superintendent Adams extended congratulatory remarks to teachers, staff and students.
- ◆ Patricia Canada, Executive Director of Human Resources along with Matt McGrath of Holmes Murphy and Associates gave the 2012 Benefits Renewal presentation. It was recommended that the Board renew its agreement with United Health Care for medical benefits and continue with Express Scripts as the pharmacy benefit manager. *(Note: See Business Items-Consent Agenda, Item number 10-04-11-30 for Board's action.)*
- ◆ *The Health and Wellness Policy Update Report was not presented.*

**BUSINESS ITEM(S):** CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve items 09-20-11-04 and 09-20-11-06 and to pull item 09-20-11-05 of the September 20, 2011 Consent Agenda. *(Note: Items 09-20-11-01 through 09-20-11-03 were approved at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.)*

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

- 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.  
*Approved at the 8/16/11 Meeting*
- 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.  
*Approved at the 8/16/11 Meeting*
- 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.  
*Approved at the 8/16/11 Meeting*
- 09-20-11-04** A sole source contract renewal with the SEK Group to provide professional development and training relative to the Smaller Learning Communities Grant at Roosevelt and Gateway High Schools for the period September 21, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.
- 09-20-11-05** A Memorandum of Understanding with the Human Development Corporation to provide support services directly to students at Yeatman Liddell Preparatory Academy and the surrounding community through the school's Community Education Full Service School function for the period September 21, 2011 through June 30, 2012.  
 WITHDRAWN

- 09-20-11-06** To authorize and direct the issuance, sale and delivery of taxable general obligation qualified zone academy bonds (Series 2011A - \$35,000,000), general obligation bonds (Series 2011B- \$38,355,000) and taxable general obligation refunding bonds (Series 2011C - \$6,220,000) as well as the authorization of certain other documents and actions in connection therewith.

WALK-ON ITEM

Superintendent Adams requested the Board to approve items 10-04-11-02 through 10-04-11-04; 10-04-11-07 through 10-04-11-10; 10-04-11-15; 10-04-11-17 through 10-04-11-19; 10-04-11-22 through 10-04-11-28; and 10-04-11-30 from the October 4, 2011 Items for Consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve items 10-04-11-02 through 10-04-11-04; 10-04-11-07 through 10-04-11-10; 10-04-11-15; 10-04-11-17 through 10-04-11-19; 10-04-11-22 through 10-04-11-28; and 10-04-11-30 from the October 4, 2011 Items for Consideration.

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

- 10-04-11-02** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Harris Stowe State University and AFT St. Louis Early Childhood Education Innovation Fund to build a professional development program for Early Childhood, Pre-K teachers and paraprofessionals for the period October 5, 2011 through October 30, 2012.
- 10-04-11-03** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Webster University to provide specialized services that improve student functioning in school and create strong connections between home and school for the period October 5, 2011 through June 30, 2012. These services will be provided at Long Middle School and Long's feeder schools.
- 10-04-11-04** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Jewish Family and Children's Services to provide specialized services that improve student functioning in school and create strong connections between home and school for the period October 5, 2011 through June 30, 2012. These services will be provided at Monroe Middle School.
- 10-04-11-07** To approve a membership with the International Baccalaureate Organization for Metro Academic and Classical High School for the period September 20, 2011 through August 31, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$10,200.
- 10-04-11-08** To approve a membership renewal with Focus St. Louis for the period September 20, 2011 through May 31, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.
- 10-04-11-09** To approve a membership renewal with CharacterPlus of Cooperating School Districts for the period October 5, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$6,280.
- 10-04-11-10** To approve the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$337,668 through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant for Gateway Elementary School and Gateway Institute of Technology High School.

- 10-04-11-15** To ratify the purchase of the Early Childhood classroom furniture, equipment and supplies for twelve (12) additional classrooms in an amount not to exceed \$364,124.44.
- 10-04-11-17** To approve the purchase of System 44, Expert 21, Read 180 Tiered reading interventions from Scholastic, Inc. for Fanning, Langston and L'Ouverture Middle Schools in an amount not to exceed \$223,701.90.
- 10-04-11-18** To approve the purchase of System 44, Expert 21, Read 180 Tiered reading interventions from Scholastic, Inc. for Vashon High School in an amount not to exceed \$39,230.40.
- 10-04-11-19** To ratify a contract with CTB McGraw-Hill to re-score the MAP test for the period September 2, 2011 through November 1, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.
- 10-04-11-22** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the Center for Applied Linguistics to design and deliver an in-depth training of the eight (8) components of the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) for the period October 5, 2011 through September 30, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$17,508.
- 10-04-11-23** To approve a contract renewal with The Children's Academy for the District to provide lunches for 30 students at the Academy on a daily basis for the period October 5, 2011 through September 30, 2012. The Academy will reimburse the District at a rate of \$2.44 per meal. The total reimbursement amount is \$18,446.40
- 10-04-11-24** To approve a contract renewal for Virtual School through Connections Academy, Aventa Learning, Missouri Council on Economic, Florida Virtual School, The North Kansas City School District and any other approved DESE vendor for the period September 20, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in a total combined amount not to exceed \$100,000.
- 10-04-11-25** To approve a sole source with Kronos to provide an upgrade of the Kronos Timekeeping System for the period October 5, 2011 through February 28, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$125,000.
- 10-04-11-26** To approve a contract with Midwestern Design and Construction/Blanton, joint venture and Hankins Construction Company to renovate science labs at eight (8) high schools. The work shall begin September 21, 2011 and completed by December 31, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$4,059,000 which includes a 10% contingency of \$369,000.
- 10-04-11-27** To approve a contract with Midwestern Design and Construction/Blanton, joint venture to renovate career and technical education classrooms at Beaumont High School. The work shall begin September 21, 2011 and completed by December 31, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$676,903 which includes a 10% contingency of \$61,537.
- 10-04-11-28** To approve a contract with Rhoday Construction, Inc. to renovate two (2) Parent Infant Interaction Program locations. The work shall begin September 21, 2011 and completed by December 31, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$1,043,768 which includes a 10% contingency of \$94,888.

**10-04-11-30** To approve the District's group benefit cost for plan year 2012 at an estimated annual renewal of \$27,249,754.

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)**

Mr. Sullivan announced the October 4, 2011 meeting will be moved to October 11, 2011 due to conflicts in members' schedules.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board in open session, on a motion by Mr. Gaines, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:33PM.

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