

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS - Clyde C Miller Academy High School - 1000 North Grand Boulevard - 6:30PM (Tuesday, December 8, 2020)**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Dorothy Rohde-Collins, Ms. Susan R Jones, Ms. Natalie Vowell, Ms. Donna Jones, Dr. Joyce M Roberts, Mr. Adam Layne, Ms. Regina Fowler, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams, Mr. Jeffrey St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, and Ms. Pamela Bell, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

**STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

Ms. Rohde-Collins recognized SLPS alum, Jamal Burns. She indicated that Dr. Adams mentioned this young man at the last work session, and he has achieved something very, very special. Jamal Burns, a Gateway STEM graduate and current senior at Duke University, has been named a Rhodes Scholar, arguably the most prestigious scholarship in the world. What this means for Jamal is that he will now be able to study for up to three years, all expenses paid, at the University of Oxford in England. Jamal is a history major and plans to study social anthropology and comparative education. To give you an idea of how competitive this program is, this year 953 students applied, and 32 were awarded scholarships. We are so excited for Jamal and his family and want to also thank his many teachers and counselors at Gateway STEM that mentored and encouraged this special student.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Adams reported that we are at that exciting time in the year when we begin to find out what our seniors will be doing after graduation. Tonight, I am happy to announce that four of our seniors have been awarded full four-year scholarships through the Questbridge National College Match Program. They are:

- Amastou Mback of Soldan High School, who was matched with Washington University
- Benjamin Dizdar of Metro High School, who was also matched with Washington University
- James Mosley of Collegiate School and Medicine and Bioscience, who was matched with Dartmouth University
- Lorene Tran, also of Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience, who was matched with University of Pennsylvania

The Questbridge program matches high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds to the nation's top colleges. Congratulations to these students and their families.

Also, a quick reminder, surveys went out via email yesterday, asking all District families to select in-person or virtual instruction for their student for Quarter 3. Please be sure to fill out the survey completely and get it back to us, so we can finalize preparations to restart school on January 4, 2021, following winter break.

Finally, the financial update will be presented at the December 15, 2020 meeting.

**DECEMBER 8, 2020 CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Ms. Rohde-Collins, seconded by Mr. Layne to approve Resolution Numbers 12-08-20-01 through 12-08-20-04.**

**Final Resolution: Motion passed, all ayes, no nays**

**(New): (12-08-20-01)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Louis Job Corps Center for the period of December 9, 2020 through December 31, 2021, to provide students with the opportunity of completing a Union trade, as well as obtain their HSD/HISET. There is no cost to the District. This service supports Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments, Goal 3A: Career Pathways and 3C: Culturally Responsive Schools.

**(New): (12-08-20-02)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Urban Strategies Inc for the period of December 9, 2020 through December 31, 2021, to provide non-traditional students in the Adult Education and Literacy Program with the opportunity of completing a Union trade, as well as obtain their HSD/HISET. There is no cost to the District. This service supports Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments, Goal 3A: Career Pathways and 3C: Culturally Responsive Schools.

**(12-08-20-03)** To approve an amendment to Board Resolution (03-10-20-21), a contract renewal with Tyler Technologies, Inc. (SIS K-12), to increase the amount by \$40,000. This increase will cover the additional modules of On-Line Registration (OLR) and E-Forms to create electronic documentation submissions for parent completion through a virtual environment. If approved, the total amount of the contract will be \$430,000. As a District initiative, this resolution impacts all schools—all students. Tyler SIS is the state preferred vendor for this product. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

**(New): (12-08-20-04)** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Girls Inc. of St. Louis to support an estimated 2,000 students at Nance, Mullanphy, Patrick Henry, Meramec, Sigel, Mallinckrodt, George Washington Carver, Gilkey Pamoja @ Cole, Yeatman Liddell, Carr Lane, Vashon, Gateway STEM, Clyde C. Miller, Sumner and Carnahan, as they navigate gender, economic and social barriers, as they grow into healthy, educated, independent adults. These services include remote learning and

curriculum support for the period of December 9, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This service supports Pillar 5: Community Partner Resources and Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

## **JANUARY 12, 2021 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

(01-12-21-01) To approve the application for Purchasing Cards with US Bank at no cost to the District. The Purchasing Cards will be used for vendor or travel-related purchases. The District will receive rebates based on eligible purchases. The Purchasing Cards will remain in effect for the period January 13, 2021 through June 30, 2025. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(01-12-21-02) To approve a contract renewal with the Alliance of Parents and Children for Educational Empowerment Inc. (APCEE) to provide parent resource centers and a comprehensive attendance and behavior support model to approximately 323 students in grades preK-8 at the Bertha Gilkey Pamoja @ Cole Elementary school for the period January 13, 2021 through June 30, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, pending funding availability. The contract delay is due to the virtual school format at the start of the 2020-2021 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Efforts support Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B: Culturally Strategic Partnerships.

(01-12-21-03) To approve a contract with Mechanical Solutions to remove and replace two boilers at Woerner Elementary, for the period January 13, 2021 through June 30, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$142,500.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$14,250.00, the total cost will be \$156,750.00, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

Action, Contract (Renewal): (01-12-21-04) To approve a contract renewal with USI to provide benefit consulting services District for the period of January 13, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$112,000. The benefits consulting services consist of but is not limited to the following: Negotiation of rates, development of the Benefits Guide and support around open enrollment, etc. This is the second year of the two year renewal option. Efforts support Pillar 1: Excellent schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of the Transformation Plan 3.0.

(01-12-21-05) To approve a contract renewal with Harris Stowe State University (HSSU) for the SLPS "Finish Line" dual enrollment partnership to allow up to 50 Saint Louis Public School High school students to attend college level or college preparatory classes two days a week during the Spring Semester at a cost not to exceed \$53,350. Classes are designed to provide students an opportunity to earn college credit and to support their goals after graduation. Students are mentored along their journey by SLPS/Finish Line Alumni who attend HSSU. This program runs from January 19, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Harris Stowe State University is prepared to offer this program completely virtual in support of all district High Schools. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed 4D: College and Career Readiness and Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources 5A -Volunteer and Mentor Engagement

(01-12-21-06) To approve the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$116,559.00 from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to support 707 refugee students across all district schools for the period of January 13, 2021 through September 30, 2021. This funding supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4C: English Language Learners.

(01-12-21-07) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution 04-14-20-62, a sole source contract renewal with Agile Sports Technologies Inc., dba "Hudl", to increase the contract by \$21,000 to provide live stream cameras for Cleveland, Gateway, McKinley, Miller, Northwest, Soldan, and Vashon. The amended resolution predates the 12/02/20 start date of Athletic Games. If approved, the total amount of the contract will be \$55, 805.20. The contract period will remain the same, July 07, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 2A: Equitable Resource Distribution.

(01-12-21-08) To approve a sub-grant agreement with the City of St. Louis and the City of St. Louis Workforce Development Board to implement an "Out of School Youth" (OSY) program, serving 60 youth ages 17 - 24, who are out-of-school, for the period January 13, 2021- June 30, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$148,158.00. This program will provide HiSet assistance, basic skills remediation, Career Pathway planning, employability skills training, financial literacy training, tutoring, paid work experience, support services, job placement, and quarterly follow up, This program supports Transformation Plan 3.0: Pillar 4, Goal 4D.

(01-12-21-09) To approve the sole source purchase of an E911 Simulator system from SAVE Corporation for the approximately 50 students in the EMT and Fire Programs at Gateway STEM High School and the approximately 45 students in the Law Enforcement Program at Northwest High School. The total cost will not exceed \$27,856.35 for the 2020-2021 school year. This purchase supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

(01-12-21-10) To approve the acceptance of funds with the City of St. Louis and the City of St. Louis Workforce Development Board in the amount of \$148,158.00 to support the Adult Education Literacy program implementation of an "Out of School Youth (OSY) program which will serve 60 youth ages 17 - 24 who are out of school. The Grant period is January 13, 2021 - June 30, 2021. This program supports Transformation Plan 3.0 Pillar 4, Goals 4D.

(01-12-21-11) To approve the purchase of Microsoft Office Specialist Exam License Package (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) from Certipoint/NCS Pearson, Inc. for Carnahan, Gateway STEM, McKinley, Roosevelt, Soldan, Sumner, and Vashon High Schools in the amount of \$18,782.40 for 12 months from the date of purchase. The purchase supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College and Career Readiness.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Ad-Hoc Mission and Vision Committee**

Ms. Fowler, Dr. Roberts, and Mr. Layne presented the proposed Mission and Vision statements and indicated the final execution of the statements will be forwarded to the Governance Committee for inclusion in all governing documents.

**Ad-Hoc Budget Committee**

Mr. Layne stated the committee had a presentation from the finance team and continues to work towards making the District's finances a transparent process. The committee will have another presentation from the finance department to fully understand the District's process. He asked the Board for a two-month extension to fully complete the committee's goals.

**Motion by Mr. Layne, seconded by Ms. D Jones, for a two-month extension to the Ad-Hoc Budget Committee.**

**Final Resolution: Motion passed, all ayes, no nays**

**REPORTS OF THE BOARD**

Dr. Joyce Roberts reported that she attended the curriculum team meeting and STAR and Scantron testing continues. She indicated there are issues with zoom and students engaging. The District has an equity point person and is working on options for students' voice to redesign school as we know it with a sense of empathy. ACT test will be taken onsite. She attends weekly meetings with the Council of the Great City Schools.

Mr. Layne thanked the Board and SLPS staff for the Town Hall that was held prior to the Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM

**Motion by Mr. Layne, seconded by Ms. S Jones**

**Final Resolution: Motion passed, all ayes, no nays**

ATTESTED BY:



**MS DOROTHY ROHDE-COLLINS  
BOARD PRESIDENT**

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