

MONTHLY WORK SESSION - BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS - Clyde C Miller Academy High School - 1000 North Grand Boulevard - 6:30 PM (Tuesday, April 27, 2021)

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Joyce M. Roberts, Ms. Natalie Vowell, Mr. Matthew Davis, Ms. Antionette Cousins, Ms. Donna Jones, Ms. Regina Fowler, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams, Ms. Jayme Major, SLPS Counsel, and Ms. Shameika Williams, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Adam Layne submitted his resignation from the Board of Education ascribed to his appointment of Treasurer of the City of St. Louis. Mr. Layne thanked the Board for their work and the opportunity to be a member of the Board of Education.

On behalf of Alderwoman Annie Rice of the Eighth Ward of the City of St. Louis, Ms. Willis presented a resolution for Mr. Layne in honor of his service as a member of the Board of Education for St. Louis Public Schools.

Each Board member individually thanked Mr. Layne and expressed well-wishes as he embarks on new endeavors.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Ms. Fowler moved to appoint Dr. Joyce Roberts to the President of the Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Davis.

Aye: Ms. Donna Jones, Ms. Antionette Cousins,
Mr. Matt Davis, Dr. Joyce Roberts, Ms. Regina Fowler
Abstain: Ms. Natalie Vowell
Nay: None

The motion passed.

Ms. Fowler moved to appoint Ms. Donna Jones to the position, Vice President of the Board of Education, seconded by Dr. Roberts.

Aye: Ms. Donna Jones, Ms. Antionette Cousins,
Mr. Matt Davis, Dr. Joyce Roberts, Ms. Regina Fowler
Ms. Natalie Vowell: Donna Jones
Nay: None

The motion passed.

Ms. Vowell moved to appoint Mr. Matthew Davis to Secretary of the Board of Education, seconded by Ms. Cousins.

Aye: Ms. Donna Jones, Ms. Antionette Cousins,
Mr. Matt Davis, Ms. Regina Fowler
Ms. Natalie Vowell: Matt Davis
Dr. Joyce Roberts: Matt Davis
Nay: None

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Fowler moved to approve the minutes from March 30, 2021, Work Session as presented, seconded by Ms. Vowell.

Aye: Ms. Antionette Cousins, Ms. Regina Fowler, Ms. Natalie Vowell,
Mr. Matt Davis, Ms. Donna Jones, Dr. Joyce Roberts
Nay: None

The motion passed.

Ms. Fowler moved to approve the minutes from April 13, 2021, Board Meeting as presented, seconded by Ms. Vowell.

Aye: Ms. Antionette Cousins, Ms. Regina Fowler, Ms. Natalie Vowell,
Mr. Matt Davis, Ms. Donna Jones, Dr. Joyce Roberts
Nay: None

The motion passed.

MAY CONSENT AGENDA REVIEW

(05-11-21-01) To amend the Fund Balance Policy #3160 Minimum Unassigned Fund Balance percentages to "It is the goal of the SLPS to achieve and maintain an unassigned fund balance in the General Fund equal to 30% of the aggregate expenditures in the General and the Teachers Fund. The School District of SLPS considers a balance of less than 20% to cause concern, barring unusual or deliberate circumstances. If unassigned fund balance falls below the balance of 10% of expenditures, the

School Board will develop a plan to replenish the fund balance back to the designated minimum level within 12 to 24 months," from 10%, 5%, and 3%, respectively. This policy amendment supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(05-11-21-02) To approve new contracts with ABACUS Staffing, Advanced Outsource Solutions, ESS, and Tryfacta, Inc. staffing agencies to provide individuals for vacancies and temporary positions and recruitment, as needed, in departments located at the Administrative Building and all District schools and buildings for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, pending funding availability. These contracts have three (3), one-year renewal options. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools; Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of Transformation Plan 3.0.

(05-11-21-03) To approve a new contract with Rose International to provide District-Wide Temporary Staffing Services through the State of Missouri Office Of Administration Division of Purchasing, Temporary Clerical and Laborer Personnel Series – State Contract for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, pending funding availability. This contract's renewal option is contingent upon the State of Missouri approval. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools; Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of Transformation Plan 3.0.

(05-11-21-04) To approve new contracts with I3 Logic, DVL Enterprises and City Apparel as the "Preferred Vendor" status for District-Wide Promotional Items (including but not limited to: lanyards, mugs, pens, keychains, portfolios, etc.) for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at a combined cost not exceed \$300,000.00, pending funding availability. Each department and school may purchase these items using their appropriate budget. The contracts have two (2) one-year renewal options. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools; Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of Transformation Plan 3.0.

(05-11-21-05) To approve new contracts with M3 Embroidery and Apparel, BSN Sports, and City Apparel as the "Preferred Vendor" status to provide screenprinting and embroidery services for District-Wide T-Shirts and Apparel (including but not limited to: T-shirts, hats, hoodies, joggers, polo shirts, etc.) for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at a combined cost not exceed \$300,000.00, pending funding availability. Each department and school may purchase these items using their appropriate budget. The contracts have two (2) one-year renewal options. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools; Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability of Transformation Plan 3.0.

(05-11-21-06) To approve and extend a Memorandum of Understanding with Urban Strategies, Inc, (USI) for an existing partnership, originally established under Board Resolution # 12-07-17-09 (for the Near Northside Choice Neighborhood Grant) opportunity. The extension will support the District's efforts through USI to secure a new grant, the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhood (PN) grant. If funded, the grant will provide funding to enhance programs and new growth opportunities for eight(8) district schools: Carver, Columbia, Jefferson and Gateway Elementary Schools; Carr Lane and Gateway Middle Schools; and Clyde C. Miller and Vashon High Schools. A formal MOU relationship between SLPS and USI is required to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for the Promised Neighborhood grant opportunity. Urban Strategies Inc. is the applicant and SLPS is the primary partner. The period of service for this opportunity is April 14, 2021 through June 30, 2026. This opportunity supports Transformation Plan 3.0's Pillar 5: Community Partnerships & Resources; Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(05-11-21-07) To approve the renewal of a purchase of service from World Press to provide bulk purchases of envelopes in various sizes and styles to cover the District's mass mailing to its students, parents and other business mailings as so determined and to support interoffice communications to off-site locations and all schools at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, pending funding availability. The mailings are managed, processed and distributed via the District's in-house copy services. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(05-11-21-08) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution #03-10-20-17, a contract renewal with Blackboard, to provide website hosting services, training, and software licenses. The increase cost would be \$20,000 to provide an upgrade to our District website. If approved, the total amount of the contract will now be \$85,000. The contract period will remain the same July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Stability.

(05-11-21-09) To approve a contract renewal with AT&T for local phone line telephone service, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$99,713, pending funding availability. This service is primarily for elevator and closed schools location. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability. As a District initiative, this impacts all school leaders and administrators across the District.

(05-11-21-11) To approve a contract renewal with Charter Business Solutions for local phone line telephone service, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, pending funding availability. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability. As a District initiative, this impacts all school leaders and administrators across the District.

(05-11-21-12) To approve a contract renewal with Belcan Info Services for technical personnel for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$186,430, pending funding availability. Personnel are to be used in the Technology Department to support intranet, email accounts, and server administration through our specific District proprietary applications. Their expertise is critical to the software applications we provide. As a District initiative, this resolution impacts all schools—all students. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(05-11-21-13) To approve a contract renewal with Charter Business Solutions for Smart Trunks for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, pending funding availability. This provides the outside lines into the District for the phone system. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability. As a District initiative, this impacts all school leaders and administrators across the District.

(05-11-21-14) To approve a contract renewal with Dell Corporation as the standard vendor for technology purchases such as personal laptops, desktops, tablet computers, servers, storage devices, management software and peripherals for the period

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000.00, pending funding availability. This is the 3rd year of a 3- year agreement. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(05-11-21-15) To approve a sole source contract with Gaggle for email monitoring and archiving for student email addresses for the 2021-22 school year on a 24/7, 365 day basis. The increase is due to us now also monitoring the PreK-2nd grade students' information. The agreement will be effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$88,000, pending funding availability. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(05-11-21-16) To approve a contract renewal with Apple as the sole source for technology purchases for items including iPads, Bretford iPad sync carts, professional development, and other peripherals beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at an expenditure not to exceed \$3,000,000.00, pending funding availability. As a District initiative, this resolution impacts all schools—all students. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(05-11-21-17) To approve a contract renewal with Tyler Technologies, Inc. (SIS K-12) for the annual license renewal of the Student Information System to be provided from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$450,000, pending funding availability. For the 2020-21 school year, the District included new initiatives; i.e., online registration. Tyler SIS is the state preferred vendor for this product. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(05-11-21-18) To approve a contract renewal with MyLearningPlan (FrontLine Education), an online electronic management system for professional development and teacher certification for the 2021-22 school year at a cost not to exceed \$61,900.00, pending funding availability. This board resolution is offered through a state contract as the preferred method of tracking this information. This cost now includes tracking all staff--not just certified members. The agreement will be effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. As a District initiative, this resolution impacts all schools—all students. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(05-11-21-19) To approve contracts with multiple vendors (Haddock/Promethean and TSI/SMART) to provide interactive boards and peripherals including training for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a total combined cost not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, pending funding availability. In a typical year, schools replace or upgrade 400 to 500 interactive boards across the District. This is the third year of a three-year agreement. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(05-11-21-20) To approve a contract renewal with Kronos for maintenance services and licensing for the time-keeping system for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$160,000, pending funding availability. There is a decrease due to the BusinessPlus interface no longer being needed. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(05-11-21-21) To approve a contract renewal for the subscription to SafeSchools (Vector Solutions) Training website for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, pending funding availability. This contract provides the mandatory training and assessment for employees in the District on an annual basis. This vendor is used across the State for this same type of service. This is directly aligned to the goals of Safety Committee sponsored by the District. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

(05-11-21-22) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Assistance League of St. Louis to provide philanthropic programs such as Operation School Bell®, AL'S Closets, Steps to Success, Books from Friends, and the Outreach program to service 24 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, and 10 high schools (See Appendix for a list of schools) for the period of July 19, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Services support Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(05-11-21-23) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Behavioral Health Response in order to increase awareness of the "BHR Youth Connection Helpline", connect students age 18 years and under who live in Saint Louis City with mental health and supportive resources in the community; to provide mental health crisis intervention to students; and to facilitate communication between school staff and providers if necessary to develop strategies for approaching student behavioral concerns in the school setting for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(05-11-21-24) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Bilingual International Assistant Services in order to provide culturally competent, trauma-informed, somatic-based individual and group counseling to eligible ELL students between the ages of 5 and 18 attending St. Louis Public Schools. For the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(05-11-21-25) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding renewal with CHADS Coalition for Mental Health to provide their Suicide Prevention Program, CHADS mentoring and training for school staff to deliver Social and Emotional Wellbeing Programs, or Family Support Program in the following schools: Pamoja @ Cole, Carnahan High School of the Future, Long Middle School, Gateway Middle, Academy of Entrepreneurial Studies, Central VPA, and McKinley CLA for a period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(05-11-21-26) To approve a contract renewal with Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc., to provide the substance abuse treatment program, intervention services, and other related programs to all SLPS' students grades 7 (at least age 12 years or older), through 12th grade and families for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at no cost to the District. Efforts support Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(05-11-21-27) To approve the revisions to the Parent Information Guide and Student Code of Conduct manual for the 2021-2022 school year. The manual supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1B Safe and Secure Schools.

(05-11-21-28) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL) to provide free clothing, school supplies, books and other essential needs to the students at Dewey, Hamilton, Hickey, Jefferson, Monroe, Oak Hill, Mullanphy, Shaw, Stix, and Wilkinson for the period of through a period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Services support Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(05-11-21-29) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Annie's Hope to provide comprehensive grief support to approximately 84 students between the ages 3-18 at 16 schools across the district (See Appendix A for a list of schools) for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(05-11-21-30) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Safe Connections to provide violence prevention education programming to approximately 200 students and behavioral health services to approximately 50 students in grades 6-12 at Lyon at Blow Academy, Sumner High School, Roosevelt High School, Vashon High School, and Central and Visual Performing Arts High School for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar 5; Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B; Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(05-11-21-31) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Trina Jansen Counseling to provide behavioral health therapy to approximately 25 students at Dewey Elementary School, Busch Middle School of Character, and Lyon at Blow Academy for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar 5B, Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(05-11-21-32) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution 08-11-20-11 for the purchase of hygienic kits, uniforms, supplies and backpacks from the preferred vendors, Backpack Gear Co., Kitz for Kids, Office Essentials and A+ School Supplies to increase the amount by \$37,302.75 for students who are in transition with housing/homelessness challenges since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are incumbent through the students in transition. If approved, the combined cost of the two purchases for students in transition will be \$96,424.75. The period remains unchanged from August 12, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This purchase supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1A: Student Attendance of Transformation Plan 3.0.

(05-11-21-33) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Veteran Affairs (VA) St. Louis Health Care System to create a High School Project SEARCH Transition training program at the VA St. Louis Health Care System for senior-level high school students attending Gateway STEM and Nottingham CAJT, who have an Individual Education Program (IEP) with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities, in their final year of high school and has an identified goal of competitive employment post-secondary for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar 4: All students learn to read and succeed, Goal: 4D: College and Career Readiness

(05-11-21-34) To approve the renewal of the purchase of services from Follett School Solutions to provide library collections, (fiction and non-fiction print books) processing, and cataloging for all District schools and all students, for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost not to exceed \$250,000, pending funding availability. This Service was awarded via RFP 032 – 1920. This purchase will support Pillar 4: Read to Succeed and Transformation Goal 4B: Student Reading Support

(05-11-21-35) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Ready Readers to read aloud high-quality children's literature to Pre-K children for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar 4: All Students Learn to Read and Succeed, Goal 4.A Student Reading Proficiency

(05-11-21-36) To approve a contract renewal with Springboard during Summer Learning 2021 for all elementary students for the period June 1, 2021 through July 16, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$40,000. This program support Pillar 4 Students Read to Succeed, and 4A – Student Reading Proficiency

(05-11-21-37) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Louis Chess Club/Scholastic Chess Center to provide chess instruction to schools within the District for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar 5: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Volunteer and Mentor Engagement

(05-11-21-38) To approve a purchase of services from Burlington English to provide an English curriculum that combines academic and workforce readiness skills that actively engage and prepare our ESOL students for postsecondary education, job training, and ultimately, succeed in their careers. The services will be provided for the period July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022 at an expenditure not to exceed \$19,200.00, pending funding availability. This service supports Pillar 3: Cultural Responsive Environment, Goal 3A: Career Pathways.

(05-11-21-39) To approve a sole source membership renewal with MOREnet for the use of the database system for all school libraries for the 2021-2022 school year, with a one-year renewable option, at a cost not to exceed \$16,733, pending funding availability. Each student attending a school has access to the database. Membership in MOREnet gives the District access to a variety of online resources including, academic databases, newspapers, magazines, journals, career/college information, and ACT and other test preparation sites. This membership supports Pillar 4; Students Learn to Read and Succeed, Goal 4B, Student reading support.

(05-11-21-40) To approve the renewal of an Agency Agreement with Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS) to provide after-school programs to 24 District elementary schools during the period August 23, 2021 through May 26, 2022. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships

(05-11-21-41) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Saint Louis University - Department of Nutrition and Dietetics to provide nutrition education opportunities for the District's staff and students, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships:

(05-11-21-42) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Missouri Extension to provide nutrition education programs at selected District schools yet to be determined for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(05-11-21-43) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution Number 06-09-20-08, a contract renewal with Steven R. Carroll and Associates to provide legislative services and related legislative services, as the District's Lobbyist to increase the contract amount by \$15,000.00 for the same period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. If approved, the total amount of the contract will be \$98,000.00. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools. Goal 1C: Financial Stability.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Adams presented the 2020-2021 Calendar Revision presentation.

Mr. Davis moved to approve the recommended calendar adjustment for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Ms. Vowell.

Aye: Ms. Antionette Cousins, Ms. Regina Fowler, Ms. Natalie Vowell,
Mr. Matt Davis, Ms. Donna Jones, Dr. Joyce Roberts

Nay: None

The motion passed.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

Ms. Fowler moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cousins.

Aye: Ms. Antionette Cousins, Ms. Regina Fowler, Ms. Natalie Vowell,
Mr. Matt Davis, Ms. Donna Jones, Dr. Joyce Roberts

Nay: None

The motion passed.

Attested By



Natalie Vowell
Board Secretary