

MONTHLY WORK SESSION - BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS - Administration Building - 801 North 11th Street - 6:30 PM (Tuesday, July 27, 2021)

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Joyce M. Roberts, Ms. Natalie Vowell, Mr. Matthew Davis, Ms. Antionette Cousins, Ms. Donna Jones, Ms. Regina Fowler, Ms. Alisha Sonnier, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams, Mr. Jeffrey St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, and Ms. Pamela Bell, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AUGUST CONSENT AGENDA

(08-10-21-01) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding with HLK Agency for student participation in the Creative Intelligence Program for a minimum of three Sophomores or Juniors for the period September 1, 2021, through November 30, 2021, at no cost to the District. This service supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4D: College & Career Readiness.

(08-10-21-02) To approve an extension of a sole-source contract with Mentoring Innovations, LLC to provide bi-quarterly training in Cognitive Coaching to consultant and mentor teachers who support probationary teacher effectiveness and retention for the period August 11, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$29,000.00, pending fund availability. This contract supports Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments and Goal 3B: Teacher Retention.

(08-10-21-03) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding with the Circuit Attorney, the City of St. Louis to provide year-round, small group, trauma-informed, therapeutic, and case management services and supports for a maximum of fifteen (15) male and female Walbridge Elementary School students and their families, in grades three through five, to occur before, during and after-school hours. The services and supports will be both school and home-based for the period of August 11, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar 5; Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B; Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-10-21-04) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding to establish a partnership between Saint Louis Public Schools and Health and Human Services (HHS) Testing and Diagnostic Work Group (TDWG) Increasing Community Access to Testing (ICATT) Program to perform testing for the SARS-CoV-2 virus (Covid-19) among the students and personnel associated with Saint Louis Public Schools. Testing for Covid-19 will only be conducted on individuals that have consented in writing to be tested. In the case of minors, their parents or legal guardians will provide consent, consistent with applicable state law, for the period of August 11, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar:2 Fairness Equity Across System. Goal 2B: Equitable Resource Distribution, as well as Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-10-21-05) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding with St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission through the fiscal agent St. Louis Mental Health Board to implement a process (Handle With Care) across the entire district to address student exposure to trauma and violence for the period of August 11, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This service supports Pillar 5; Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5B; Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-10-21-06) To approve an amendment to board resolution number 04-13-21-49, a sole source purchase for the facility rental of Busch stadium, to increase the amount by \$5000. The additional funds are needed to purchase insurance and parking - to host the Commencement Exercises for the graduating class of 2021 on May 26 & 27, 2021, with an alternate date of May 28, 2021. If approved, the total cost of the event will total \$63,296. The District received a discount on the rental amount of the stadium to ensure that the price was comparable to the initial facility rental costs before the global pandemic (see attachment 1). The graduating class of 2021 is comprised of more than 1200 graduates. Approximately 1000 students from all 15 high schools and programs will participate in two ceremonies at Busch. Schools and programs include Carnahan, Central VPA, Cleveland, Collegiate, Gateway, ICA Blewett, McKinley, Metro, Northwest, Nottingham, Roosevelt, Soldan, Sumner, Vashon, and Virtual K12. This service supports Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across System, Goal 2A: Equitable Resource Distribution, Pillar 5: Community Partnership Resources, Goal 5C: Community and District Pride.

(08-10-21-07) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Lutheran Family and Children's Services to provide evidence-based programs at Adams, Lexington, Shaw, and Woodward that help youth develop and improve leadership, character development, and problem-solving skills for the period August 30, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Note: There is no vendor report for the last 2 years due to inactivity during the pandemic. The program is now prepared to pivot between virtual and in-person support as needed. This service supports Pillar 5: Community Partnership Resources and Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-10-21-08) To approve acceptance of funds (\$75,000) from the City of St. Louis, Community Development Block Grant. Grant project director housed in College and Career Readiness (CCR). Activities for middle and high school students to include the following. 1. Building Futures 2. Summer Adventure Academies 3. CTE tours 4. Career and Technical Student Organizations 5. Construction Program 6. Jobs for America's Graduates 7. Ranken Technical College Scholarships. This funding will be used for the fiscal year 2021-2022. This grant supports the District's Transformation Plan 3.0 goals, Pillar 4 – All students learn to read and succeed, Goal 4.3: HS students are prepared for the college and/or career of their choice. Pillar 5 – Community Partnerships Resources, Goal 5.1: Continue to grow private and public dollars.

(08-10-21-09) To approve a new contract with Daikin TMI to provide air conditioning chiller maintenance services for designated District schools and buildings for the period August 11, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00, pending funding availability. This will cover the initial year of the contract. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(08-10-21-10) To approve an amendment to the contract with the University of Missouri-St. Louis for the period June 9, 2021, through June 30, 2022, to provide teacher certification services in various prioritized subject areas to train and support new

teachers in SLPS classrooms. The original contract was approved in board resolution 06-08-21-07 for approximately 15 teacher candidates at a cost not to exceed \$187,500. This resolution increases the number of teachers to 30 at a cost not to exceed \$357,500. The funds are being donated by the Parsons Blewett Memorial fund, and we now request acceptance of the funds. This contract has two one-year renewal options. This initiative aligns with Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments: 3A Career Pathways.

(08-10-21-11) To approve an amendment to the sole-source contract renewal with St. Louis University for the period June 9, 2021, through June 30, 2022, to provide teacher certification services in Math and Science. The original contract approved in board resolution 06-08-21-08 was for approximately 5 teacher candidates to receive training and certification to teach in SLPS classrooms at a cost not to exceed \$37,500. This resolution amends that contract to include 15 teachers at a cost not to exceed \$112,000. The funds are being donated by the Parsons Blewett Memorial fund, and we now request approval to accept the funds. This is the second year of the program. The contract has the option to renew for two one-year periods. This initiative aligns with Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments: 3A Career Pathways.

(08-10-21-12) The Athletic Department seeks approval to name the Inaugural Cross Country Meet as the Dick Gregory Inaugural Cross Country Meet.

NEW (08-10-21-13) To approve the purchase of instructional manipulatives to accompany the new textbook adoption from Savvas Learning Company LLC for grades Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 (3 Cheers for Pre-K) at a total cost not to exceed \$62,860.00 to be reimbursed to St. Louis Public Schools by the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation. This is a one-time purchase with no recurring cost for ongoing services, materials, and license renewal over the life of the adoption, beginning May 2021 through June 2027. This resolution supports Pillar 4: Read to Succeed and Goal 4 – A: Student Reading Proficiency.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Cheryl VanNoy presented the Annual Performance Report (APR)
Dr. Adams presented the ESSER III update.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Davis reminded the Board their retreat facilitated by MSBA would be **Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM**. The Ad-hoc Legislative and Advocacy Committee had its inaugural meeting on July 17, 2021.

Ms. Fowler gave an update on the Governance Committee. The committee identified four goals, of which most are near completion. The committee will present their work to the Board at their next meeting.

Ms. Sonnier shared the TIF Commission meeting is **canceled** for July. The next meeting will be on **August 11, 2021**.

Dr. Roberts shared St. Louis County has a professional learning community of school board members. Dr. Roberts attended the last session and shared what she learned.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Ms. Cousins moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Davis.

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

Nay: None

The motion passed.

Attested By



Matt Davis
Board Secretary