BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS - Administration Building - 801 N. 11th Street - 6:30 PM
(Tuesday, August 10, 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. Shameika Williams, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS
The August Spirit of Excellence Award is presented to Class of 2015 Clyde C. Miller Career Academy alumni India Fowler. For several weeks, India and our partners from Walgreens have been at the St. Louis Public Schools Central Office assisting our staff with Covid-19 testing. SLPS is proud of India and excited to see her serving her community at a critical time. On behalf of the Board of Education, we thank you and our Walgreens partners!

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: PRESENTATIONS
Mrs. Banks presented the June and July financial report.
Mr. Michael Brown, Mrs. Deidra Thomas-Murray, and Mrs. Megan Marietta presented the Student Support Services update.
Dr. Adams presented the 2021-2022 Restart Plan and ESSER III updates.

AUGUST 10, 2021 CONSENT AGENDA
Ms. Vowell moved to approve the August Consent Agenda (08-10-21-01) through (08-10-21-13), seconded by Mr. Davis.

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

The motion passed.

(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:3 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.
(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 August 30, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Note: There is no vendor report for the last 2 years due to inactivity during the pandemic. This 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.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(09-14-21-01) To approve the purchase of ESOL materials to support all English language learners and their families in PreK through 12th grade from various vendors starting August 23, 2021, until the end of the school year 2021-2022 at a total combined cost not to exceed $150,000.00, pending funding availability. This purchase supports Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 4: Read to Succeed, Goal 4 C: English Language Learners Success.

(09-14-21-02) To approve the Policy Adoption/Change with Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to adopt the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s Local Plan for Compliance with State Regulations for the implementation of state regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for the period of October 1, 2021, thru June 30, 2022. This is the annual submission as noted by the DESE based on revisions. No changes apply under this Resolution that will alter the Special Education programs within the District. The adoption of the said plan is effective June 30, 2021. This plan will support Transformation Plan Pillar 5: Community Partnerships Resources and Transformation Plan Goal: 5C-Community and District Pride.

(09-14-21-03) To ratify and approve a contract renewal with Logos and Annie Malone to provide private placement special education services for the period of July 1, 2021, thru June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed $1,100,000.00 annually. This is the first year of the 2 year renewal option. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1A: Student Attendance.

(09-14-21-04) To ratify and approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Gateway Greening to establish teaching gardens on SLPS sites and ongoing professional development to District teachers for the period August 23, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships:

(09-14-21-05) To ratify and approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Midwest Dairy Council to provide grant and educational opportunities for staff and students of the District for the period August 23, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.
To ratify and approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Operation Food Search to provide nutrition education programs at selected District schools (yet to be determined) for the period August 23, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

To ratify and approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with HOSCO, LLC, to provide nutrition education, on-the-job training, internships, and healthy cooking programs to junior and senior students in the Career Technical Education Program at Clyde C. Miller, for the period August 23, 2021, through May 26, 2022. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

To ratify and approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Louis Dairy Council for the period August 23, 2021, through June 30, 2022, to provide nutrition education programs and materials for students and ongoing professional development to District teachers. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

2021-2022 SLPS CALENDAR
Ms. Vowell moved to accept and approve the SLPS 2021-2022 Calendar, seconded by Ms. Cousins.

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

The motion passed.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD
Ms. Sonnier shared the Safe Start Program was a great success, and she was grateful for the opportunity to attend.

Mr. Davis shared the next meeting of the Ad-hoc Legislative and Advocacy Committee is August 18, 2021.

Ms. Jones welcomed all students back to school this year.

Dr. Roberts requests approval to attend the Annual MSBA Conference November 4-7, 2021, in Kansas City, MO.

Mr. Davis moved to approve the professional development request from Dr. Roberts to attend the Annual MSBA Conference, open to all Board members, seconded by Ms. Vowell.

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

The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
1. Hopey Fink-Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
2. Mitch Pearson-Community One, Urban Farm School

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.
Mr. Davis moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Vowell.

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

The motion passed.

Attested By

Matt Davis
Board Secretary