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**CXXVIII
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

OFFICIAL REPORT

**Regular Board Meeting
St. Louis, MO
April 11, 2017**

MINUTES

The Board of Education of the City of St. Louis met in Open Session pursuant to Board Bylaw B9350 on the date noted above at Columbia Elementary School, 3120 St. Louis Ave, St. Louis MO, 63106.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charli Cooksey, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Bill Monroe
Katherine Wessling, Kathy Styer.

Absent: Bill Haas (arrived after roll call)

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board members and the audience stood, faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Invited Guests: Audrey Snodgrass, SLPS Student
No appearance was made.

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APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 11, 2017 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

On a motion by President Jones and seconded by Vice President Katherine Wessling, the Board voted to approve and adopt the April 11, 2017 Meeting Agenda.

All members present voted Aye.

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION: MARCH 14, 2017

On a motion by President Susan Jones and seconded by Vice President Katherine Wessling, the Board voted to approve the March 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes, as amended to change Katherine Wessling's name from "Kathy" to "Katie", on the following roll call vote:

Aye: Charli Cooksey, Bill Haas, Donna Jones, Susan Jones, Katherine Wessling
Abstain: Kathy Styer

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- SB 139
This item was tabled for a future meeting.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE/NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Charli Cooksey handed out a detailed layout of an initial proposed program for discussion on 2017 SLPS Elected School Board Onboarding Notes for new board members. All present seemed to feel that the MSBA required training was only the beginning of what new members need to know to become effective board members, as this training does not address the Elected Board and the specific configuration with SAB and urban district needs.

Comments by section included:

- Team Building:
The Elected Board had already created and passed a Code of Ethics and Conduct. All elected board members on board should sign it for 2017.
- Getting to know the District:
The elected board members had presentations by different sections of Administration last year. Review of board bylaws and governance policies is needed. A handout of "Essential Information" for new board members was discussed.
- Planning:
Again revisit and, if needed, update our transition plan.

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The Elected Board agreed to discuss this outline in a work session to develop it further.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Bill Monroe gave an outgoing speech to board members and the audience.

- Mr. Monroe asked that parents continue to attend the Elected and SAB Board Meetings, ask questions, and refuse to accept any back door meetings and ask questions.
- Mr. Monroe stated that there a black male should represent the Elected Board.
- Mr. Monroe indicated that he is opening a Charter School.

Kathy Styer made a short outgoing statement to board members and the audience

- Ms. Styer thanked the Board and stated she enjoyed serving as a board member.
- Ms. Styer stated that, after a break, she will resume attending board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Each board member received printed copies of the projected 2017-2018 school year calendar, 2017 Summer Learning information with each school site, and the Chicago Funding Lawsuit, emailed by President Susan Jones for discussion at this Regular Board Meeting and at future meetings for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by President Susan Jones and seconded by Ms. Charli Cooksey, the Board voted by acclamation to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

SUSAN JONES, PRESIDENT