
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
OFFICIAL REPORT
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020
ST. LOUIS, MO
M I N U T E S

The Board of Education of the City of St. Louis convened on the above date. In attendance were Mrs. Dorothy Rohde-Collins, Ms. Susan R. Jones, Mrs. Natalie Vowell, Dr. Joyce M. Roberts, Ms. Donna Jones, Mr. Adam Layne, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin R. Adams, Mr. Jeffrey St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, LLC and Pamela Bell, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent. Ms. Natalie Vowell attended via Zoom video conference.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Rohde-Collins called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Poll taken:	D. Jones	aye	S. Jones	aye
	A. Layne	aye	J. Roberts	aye
	N. Vowell	aye	D. Rohde-Collins	aye

A quorum was present.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Our Spirit of Excellence Award segment is a time where we recognize outstanding students and staff who are truly making an impact. Tonight, we wish to recognize a special group for their work to provide fresh food to District families in two areas of the city.

Under the leadership of After School Coordinator Judith King, the District's Full Service Schools program provides additional family supports and community engagement at four schools: Walbridge, Oak Hill, Yeatman-Liddell and Vashon.

In December 2019, Lara Fallon of Oak Hill took the initiative to partner with the St. Louis Area Foodbank to establish a mobile food mart for the Oak Hill community. A few months later, in March 2020, Diamond Carr of Walbridge followed suit, bringing the program to the Walbridge community. Participating families received bi-weekly grocery boxes with items, including cereal, fruit, vegetables, meat and milk.

Since December, the Oak Hill mobile food mart has provided groceries to more than 1,500 families; 6,700 individuals; and 3,200 children! Walbridge Elementary has served more than 1,200 families; 5,400 individuals; and 3,100 children! In addition, the Full Service Program provided food stamp and utility assistance during these events.

Tonight, we recognize **Lara Fallon** and **Diamond Carr** for their work to connect their schools with their communities. A special thanks also to the Student Support Services

*During the COVID-19 pandemic **Public Comments** and the corresponding suspension of in-person public Board of Education meetings were suspended. To continue the effort, the Board invited interested members of the public to submit written comments to the following email address prior to the start of the meeting at slpsinfo@slps.org. This procedure for submitting public comments will remain in effect until the City of St. Louis Health Department and/or State of Missouri Stay-Home Orders are lifted and the Board of Education returns to the normal in-person public meeting format.*

staff, District social workers, school custodians, safety officers and community volunteers for assisting with packaging and grocery distribution.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by S. Jones, seconded by D. Rohde-Collins to approve the March 31, 2020 work session; April 14, 2020 regular business meeting; and April 28 work session minutes.

Motion passed – 6 ayes, no nays

Poll taken:	D. Jones	aye	S. Jones	aye
	A. Layne	aye	J. Roberts	aye
	N. Vowell	aye	D. Rohde-Collins	aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Informational item for this meeting:

CHADS (Ms. Colleen Pace)

July Monthly Financial Update

Restart Update

Stop the Bleed (Dr. Laurie Punch)

Virtual Learning Update

Motion by Dr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Rohde-Collins to approve the Superintendent's School Restart Plan.

Motion passed – 4 ayes, no nays, 2 abstain

Poll taken:	D. Jones	abstain	S. Jones	aye
	A. Layne	aye	J. Roberts	aye
	N. Vowell	abstain	D. Rohde-Collins	aye

The presentations are attached to these minutes.

BUSINESS ITEMS (CONSENT AGENDA)

Motion by Ms. Rohde-Collins, seconded by Mr. Layne to approve Resolution Numbers 08-11-20-01 through 08-11-20-11.

Motion passed – 5 ayes, no nays, 1 not present during vote

Poll taken:	D. Jones	aye	S. Jones	Not present for vote
	A. Layne	aye	J. Roberts	aye
	N. Vowell	aye	D. Rohde-Collins	aye

(08-11-20-01) To approve an initial Memorandum of Understanding with HOSCO, LLC, to provide nutrition education, on the job training, internships and healthy cooking programs to junior and senior students at Beaumont CTE and Clyde C. Miller for the period August 12, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-11-20-02) To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Operation Food Search to provide nutrition education programs at 10 selected District schools (to be determined) for the period August 12, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This agency supports Pillar 5. Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-11-20-03) To approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding 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 August 12, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This service supports Pillar 4: All students learn to read and succeed, Goal: 4.3, High School students are prepared for the college and/or career of their choice upon graduation.

(08-11-20-04) To approve the contract renewal with Grace Hill to provide case management and dropout prevention assistance for the period of August 17, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$240,000.00. Services are extended to students at Dunbar, Farragut, Jefferson Nance and Peabody Elementary. This is the first year of the two-year renewal option. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-11-20-05) To approve a contract renewal with Windom Group, LLC., to serve as the Compliance Reporting Agent (CRA) for the Whistleblower Policy, for the Saint Louis Public Schools for the period of August 12, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at a total cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. The service supports Transformation Plan 3.0, Pillar 2: District advances fairness and equitable across its systems.

(08-11-20-06) To approve the contract renewal with Ajuma Counseling Services to provide support services on an as needed basis that includes school-based mental health and counseling; cultural related services designed to support and stimulate school climate; techniques for creating a bully-free environment; for the period of August 17, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$80,000.00. Services are extended to students and staff at Ames VPA, Walbridge Elementary, Fanning, Long and L'Ouverture Middle. This is the first year of the two-year renewal option. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

(08-11-20-07) To approve the contract with Committee for Children to provide support services on an as needed basis that includes school-based mental health and counseling; to encourage healthy and active lifestyles; for the period of August 17, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at a total combined cost not to exceed \$50,000.00. Services are extended to students and staff at Clay, Dewey, Froebel, Herzog, Hodgen, Kennard, Mann, Peabody Elementary and Long Middle. This is the first year of the two-year renewal option. This request supports Pillar 5: Community Partnerships and Resources, Goal 5B: Cultivate Strategic Partnerships.

08-11-20-08) To ratify and approve a contract with Mechanical Solutions to replace the cooling tower at Compton-Drew, for the period July 15, 2020 through September 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$222,410.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$22,241.00, the total cost will be \$244,651.00, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

(08-11-20-09) To approve the acceptance of funds for a 2 year grant award from August 26, 2020 – July 31, 2022 from the Missouri Foundation for Health in the

amount of \$13,000. The funds are to continue the evaluation of the Schools as the Hub, Healthy Schools Healthy Communities grant efforts for an additional two years in the Cohort 3 schools - Adams, Carr Lane, Gateway Michael, Lyon, Mullanphy, Oak Hill and Washington Montessori. The Healthy Schools Healthy Communities grant is in alignment with Transformation Plan Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe and Secure Schools, Pillar 3: Culturally Responsive Environments, Goal 3C: Culturally Responsive Schools and the District's Health and Wellness Policy Pillar 1 – Excellent Schools, Goal 1A: Student Attendance. Pillar 5 – Community Partnerships Resources, 5C: Community and District Pride.

(08-11-20-10) To approve a purchase of a service with Zoll Medical Corporation, formerly known as Cardiac Science Corporation, for a two year maintenance agreement to service 91 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) during the period of August 17, 2020 through June 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$66,430.00, pending funding availability. This is the first year of the two year agreement. Payment to be divided and paid one year at a time (\$33,215.00). This partnership supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe and Secure Schools, and Pillar 2: Fairness Equity Across Systems, Goal 2B: Equitable Resource Distribution.

(08-11-20-11) To approve 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 for the 2020-2021 school year for students who are in transition with housing/homelessness, at a cost not to exceed \$59,122.00. Companies agreed to honor their pricing for an additional two school years. This purchase supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1A: Student Attendance of Transformation Plan 3.0.

Motion by Ms. Rohde-Collins, seconded by Dr. Roberts to approve Resolution Number 08-11-20-12.

Motion passed – 6 ayes, no nays

Poll taken:	D. Jones	aye	S. Jones	aye
	A. Layne	aye	J. Roberts	aye
	N. Vowell	aye	D. Rohde-Collins	aye

(08-11-20-12) To approve the removal of the name Samuel M. Kennard from the Samuel M. Kennard Classical Junior Academy Elementary School. The school will be named Classical Junior Academy Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school session. Transformation Plan: 3C- Culturally Responsive School.

Motion by Ms. Rohde-Collins, seconded by Mr. Layne to approve Resolution Number 08-11-20-13.

Motion passed – 6 ayes, no nays

Poll taken:	D. Jones	aye	S. Jones	aye
	A. Layne	aye	J. Roberts	aye
	N. Vowell	aye	D. Rohde-Collins	aye

(08-11-20-13) To approve a contract with Deep Kleen & Maintenance to provide board-up services on the basement and first floor unsecured windows and doors at Old Cleveland, for the period August 12, 2020 through October 31, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$49,700.00. With an additional 10% contingency of \$4,970.00, the total

cost will be \$54,670.00, pending funding availability. The contract supports Pillar 1: A System of Excellent Schools, Goal 1B: Safe & Secure Schools.

BOARD MEMBER(S) REPORTS

Mr. Layne attended an online training session with Forward Through Ferguson regarding making policies more equitable. He also reported that the Office of Financial Empowerment and the YMCA are partnering for a school resource drive on Saturday at the YMCA on Page Avenue.

Ms. Vowell reported that the MSBA Board of Directors met and determined this year's conference will be virtual and encouraged the Board to take advantage of the changing curriculum.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT(S)

Mayor Krewson will plan to have someone appointed within the next two weeks. She also reported that the Board is also looking for someone to chair the Governance committee.

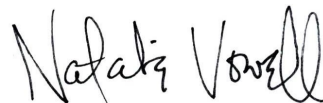
ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mr. Layne, seconded by Mrs. Rohde-Collins, to adjourn the open session meeting and reconvene closed session at 9:43PM.

Poll taken:	D. Jones	aye	S. Jones	aye
	A. Layne	aye	J. Roberts	aye
	N. Vowell	aye	D. Rohde-Collins	aye

Motion passed – 6 ayes, no nays

ATTESTED BY:



**MS. NATALIE VOWELL
BOARD MEMBER – SECRETARY**