

Public Session Minutes
St. Louis Language Immersion Schools Board Meeting
4011 Papin Street, St. Louis, MO 63110
November 11, 2015, 6 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and roll taken. Present: Holman, Garry, O'Neal, Monser and Conrey. Absent : Cline.

On motion of Monser, seconded by Garry, the Board unanimously approved a revised agenda to include discussion of replacing the copier vendor serving the School and discussion of a revised contract with AHC Consulting.

On motion of O'Neal, seconded by Garry, the Board unanimously approved as presented the minutes of the October 14 Board meeting.

Holman introduced Dr. Jack Williams as Interim President of SLLIS for the 2015-16 academic year.

Public Comment

TFS parent requested the Board to consider hiring a part-time or full-time nurse for the School

Treasurer's Report

Erica Garry reviewed the current Financial Dashboard and Statement of Activities

- A revenue variance was caused by a required refund to DESE of \$350,000 in Title I funds the School received. Steps have been taken to assure that current year Title I funds are spent in compliance with state requirements
- A significant amount of 2014-15 transportation and meal service expenses were deferred and paid in the current school year to allow the School to meet state liquidity requirements for the 2014-15 academic year.
- Given current circumstances, we project an \$80,000 loss for this academic year.

Erica Garry presented a draft of an amended 2015-16 budget

- It assumes average enrollment of 800 students.
- The budget projects a manageable operating deficit of \$80,000 for the academic year.
- The amended budget has no cushion for unexpected items. Additional revenue or expenses will decrease or increase the projected deficit.
- The amended budget will be presented for discussion and approval at the scheduled December Board meeting.

Rich Carver presented a bid from DNT to change the School's copier vendor.

- Moving the SLLIS account to DNT is projected to save the School \$759 per month.
- If the contract is approved, DNT will buy out our current copier contract.
- On motion by Monser, seconded by Garry, the Board unanimously voted to accept DNT's offer.

Holman presented a revised contract with AHC Consulting to provide communication support for SLLIS

- Holman noted that while this is an additional expense for the School and would increase the School's operating deficit for 2015-16, it was a necessary expense to improve the Board's communication with parents and with prospective student families.
- On motion by Monser, seconded by O'Neal, the Board unanimously approved the revised contract.

Holman presented the check register for the Board's review. On motion by Garry, seconded by Monser, the Board unanimously approved the check register.

Operations Report

Rich Carver discussed security concerns at the Marine campus, noting that there have been several recent thefts there of computers and related equipment. Carver stated that we will soon have one set of locks for the school and that the ordered lock and buzzer system for School access through the front door has been delayed by the contractor.

Academic Excellence

Ed Monser gave a report on the Academic Excellence Committee

- Dr. Williams and the Committee will prepare a matrix of the achievement tests SLLIS students will take.
- At the scheduled December Board meeting, Dr. Williams will present a plan to improve each of SLLIS's school's MAP scores.

Community Engagement

TFS parent David Martineau reported on "Super SAC" discussions. The purpose of the Super SAC is to improve parent engagement across all SLLIS schools, addressing areas of primary parental focus:

1. Communication and Technology
2. Development
3. Student recruitment and retention
4. Facilities

TSS parent Lisa Dorner suggested that the Super SAC be formed by a representative from each SAC, a designated Board member and Dr. Williams.

SLLIS Permanent President Search

Ed O'Neal provided a high level description of the process the Search Committee expects to follow in recruiting a permanent president for the School.

- The Search Committee is currently considering a number of recommended professional search firms
- The Committee will develop a timeline for filling the position and expects to have the timeline approved by the Board before December 31 at which time it can be shared with the broader School community.

Adjournment

At 7:20, there being no further business for the Board, on motion of O'Neal, seconded by Garry, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.