

**FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT PANEL (FOP)
FOR EAST ST. LOUIS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 189
Administration Building, 1005 State Street, East St. Louis, IL
February 27, 2023
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Jackie Settles called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Members Present

Jeff Collier, Jessie Granger, Dr. Debra Moore, Jackie Settles, Sister Julia Huiskamp

ISBE / District Staff Members / Others Present

Superintendent Arthur Culver, Chief HR Officer Tina Frye, Chief of Schools Keisa Garrett, Chief Academic Officer Jennifer Brumback, Chief School Business Official (CSBO) Delfaye Jason, Executive Director of Communications & Strategic Partnerships Sydney Stigge-Kaufman, Director of Maintenance, Operations & Risk Management Joseph Haskell; Attorney Garrett Hoerner participated via Zoom.

ISBE Division Administrator Michael Gum, ISBE Division Supervisor Eileen Turanchik, ISBE Regional Financial Consultant Madison Dean participated via Zoom.

Adoption of Agenda

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Granger, for the adoption of the Agenda giving the Oversight Panel Chair discretion to take agenda items out of order. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Public Comments

No Public Comments.

Recognitions

Administration publicly congratulated the following recipients:

High School Earns 2022 AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award

East St. Louis Sr. High School earned the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Female Diversity Award for the second year in a row. The school is one of only 832 schools nationwide to earn the recognition. Schools honored with the award are recognized for expanding girls' access in AP computer science courses. We salute the AP Computer Science teacher, Josh Cummins, the AP team, and administration for their steadfast commitment to equitable access in education.

Teacher Honored with Saint Louis Visionary Award for Women in the Arts

Rosalind Rogers, Strings Teacher at Lincoln Middle School and the Younge School of Excellence, was named among the 2023 honorees for the Saint Louis Visionary Awards for Women in Arts. The Saint Louis Visionary Awards celebrate the outstanding contributions, achievements, and excellence of women who work in or support the arts in St. Louis. Rosalind will receive the Outstanding Teaching Artist Award at the 2023 Saint Louis Visionary Awards Ceremony on April 24, 2023 at the Sun Theater in Grand Center.

Staff Member Inducted into the National Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame

Maurice Scott, Jr., Truancy Officer/Homeless Liaison at East St. Louis Senior High School, will be inducted into the National Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame on February 26, 2023. Mr. Scott, who also serves as an athletic coach and as the "Voice of the Flyers" will be inducted for his time with the IL Colt 45's Mon Clair League as a player and sports writer. Maurice will be inducted alongside his father Mr. Maurice Scott, Sr. who was also a player for the IL Colt 45's.

Honoring Irma Golliday for 24 Years of Board Service

East St. Louis School District 189 salutes School Board Member Irma Golliday for her 24 years of service. Mrs. Golliday began her tenure on the School District 189 School Board in 1999 and resigned in January 2023. During this time, Mrs. Golliday served in many leadership roles, including Board President from 2021-2023. She is the first female and the first African American woman to hold the role as Board President of the East St. Louis School District Board of Education.

Mrs. Golliday has been a highly supportive, engaged and dedicated board member. In addition to consistent participation in board and committee meetings, she is an avid supporter of staff and students. She takes pride in providing exceptional programming and bringing supportive resources to students.

During her legacy as a board member, new schools were built including three middle schools (Younge, Mason/Clark, and Lincoln), six elementary schools (Wright, Officer, Bush, Avant, Dunbar, and Vivian Adams), and the renovation of the high school (including the addition of the Career and Technical Education building). A new maintenance building was also built during her years of service.

“Mrs. Golliday has a fervent commitment to student success and only wants the best for East St. Louis students,” noted Superintendent Arthur R. Culver. “During her tenure, the East St. Louis School District has experienced academic growth including full accreditation of all schools, five schools have earned commendable status by ISBE, and the preschool program has been rated with the Gold Circle of Quality by ExceleRate Illinois.”

Irma G. Golliday also has a deep commitment to her family and her community. She shared over forty years of happy marriage with Eddie Golliday (deceased) and through this union was honored to raise 8 children (Antwyne Golliday, Dwayne Golliday, Cordell Golliday, Alvin Golliday, Annette Hill, Laura Ann Golliday, and Elesia Golliday-Brown). Most of her children and many of her grandchildren attended School District 189, including son Khreshawn Lewis who currently attends James Avant Elementary. As a lifelong, proud resident of the community, she has dedicated her time and energy through additional service roles including as the Executive Director of the East St. Louis Park District since 2005, Bi-State Development Board of Commissioners since 2015, Assistant Secretary on the Board of Directors at Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation and now as a member of the St. Clair County Board of Review.

The current Board of Education, Superintendent Arthur R. Culver, staff and students recognize the strong commitment, leadership and support Mrs. Irma Golliday consistently shared during her tenure of service. East St. Louis School District 189 is deeply grateful for the 24 years she served on the Board of Education. We know her love of School District 189 and the community persists. Although leaving the Board, her engagement will merely take on a different form. We know she will continue to cheer on and advocate for School District 189 students as she has for more than two decades.

Report of the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

Executive Director of Communications & Strategic Partnerships Sydney Stigge-Kaufman provided a brief update about the Student Advisory Council meetings.

- Last week met with Lincoln Middle school. Discussion topics included food, access to the playground, brain breaks, cleanliness of bathrooms and bullying concerns.
- Students discussed with administration taking into consideration a stricter dress code policy not requiring uniforms.

Report of the Superintendent

No Report.

District Buildings & Grounds (B&G) Report

Director Joseph Haskell provided an update on the Buildings & Grounds ongoing tasks.

- For the month of January, the main focus was on the weather, making sure the buildings were heated for colder temperatures and cool for the warmer temperatures.
- There have been freezing sprinkler lines; flooding at Lincoln Middle School had little impact on students; an insurance claim was submitted and an advance check was issued.

Superintendent Culver provided the Panel with a brief update about the scoreboard in the gym. Due to some parts being impossible to find because of the age of the scoreboard, the District is looking at new video boards for the gym and the football field.

Panel member asked if water fountains are still being used in schools.

- No, touchless water coolers are being installed.

Panel member asked about the benefits of the solar panels across the street from the high school.

- The Panel was informed that Ameren invited the Career and Technical Education Students (CTE) to tour the construction site and see work in progress. The CTE program will work towards building a relationship with Ameren to assist with paid internships and explore more STEM and CTE math courses in the future.

District Finance Report

CSBO Delfaye Jason provided a brief update on the Comparative Analysis Finance Report.

- Revenue was about \$80 million vs \$74 million last year.
- Expenditures were about \$62 million this year compared to \$61 million last year.

Panel member asked why revenue spiked this year.

- Revenue spiked because the District received more funds (ESSER III).

ISBE Report

No Report.

Executive Session

No Executive Session.

13. A. Regular Meeting of February 3, 2023

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Moore, to approve the FOP Regular Meeting Minutes of February 03, 2023. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

14. Approval of Items on the Consent Agenda

15. Approval of Consent Agenda Items (February 2023 Board of Education Meeting)

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Moore, to approve Consent Agenda Items 15.A. through 15.F. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

15A. Finance Items: Part B - H - Treasurer's Report, Part B - Board Bills \$4,532,877.01, Payroll \$6,762,483.34, Credit Card \$41,074.18, Payroll Wire Transfers \$1,125,292.72, A/P EFT's \$8,187.17, W/C Claims \$66,105.72, Part C Miscellaneous Cash Receipts \$2,378,922.65, Part D Athletics \$8,608, Part E Monies Returned and Miscellaneous Payments \$0.00, Part F Open A/P \$0.00, and Part H Overtime \$39,146.29, for Month of January

15. B. Payment of Invoices for Legal Services from Becker, Hoerner & Ysursa, P.C. for the Month

of January 2023. **Amount: \$11,282.25**

15. C. Acceptance of a donation of volleyballs for Wyvetter Younge School of Excellence Volleyball team from Fourth District Masonic Family. Estimated Value: \$240

15. D. Use of Premise Requests.

15. E. Professional Development Requests and Addendums. Approximate Cost: \$335,733.16

15. F. Field Trip Requests and Addendums. Approximate Cost: \$6,840

16. APPROVAL OF ACTION AGENDA ITEMS (February 2023 Board of Education Meeting)

16. A. Approval of Personnel Report/Addendums & Contracts.

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Moore, to approve Personnel Report/Addendums & Contracts. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

16. B. Approval of Curriculum Action Items 7.A List and Addendums. Approximate Cost: \$340,138

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Huiskamp, to approve the Curriculum Action Items 7.A. List and Report/Addendums & Contracts. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

16. C. Approval to Read all Resolutions by Heading only.

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Granger, for approval to Read all Resolutions by Heading only. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

16. D. Approval of Resolution concerning Breakthrough Charter School Proposal submitted by Breakthrough Microschools, a Not-for-Profit Corporation

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Huiskamp, for approval of Resolution denying the Breakthrough Charter School Proposal submitted by Breakthrough Microschools, a Not-for-Profit Corporation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Panel member asked who the group was.

- Someone who used to work for the District and is now working at Collinsville High School.
- The proposal left out a lot that needed to be included by law.
- There are currently schools and programs in East Saint Louis that provide the same resources.
- ROE, Gordon Bush Alternative, Charter SIU, Vincent Gray Academy and The Christian Activity Center provides online courses

16. E. Approval of the proposal to remove the existing Elkay or equal (6) high-low water coolers and furnish (6) new oasis or equal high-low water coolers complete with bottle fillers and filters in each cooler set at Dunbar School. Cost: \$22,195

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Granger, for approval of the proposal to remove the existing Elkay or equal (6) high-low water coolers and furnish (6) new oasis or equal high-low water coolers complete with bottle fillers and filters in each cooler set at Dunbar School. Cost: \$22,195 The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

16. F. Approval of the proposal to remove the existing Elkay or equal (3) high-low water coolers and furnish (3) new oasis or equal high-low water cooler complete with bottle fillers and filters in each cooler set at Officer School. 16. G. Approval of Change Order #4 (PO #230427) expedite metal door & frame fabrication and address modifications and utilities to Laundry #110, in Women's Athletic locker rooms. Cost: \$12,575

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existing Elkay or equal (3) high-low water coolers and furnish (3) new oasis or equal high-low water cooler complete with bottle fillers and filters in each cooler set at Officer School. 16. G. Approval of Change Order #4 (PO #230427) expedite metal door & frame fabrication and address modifications and utilities to Laundry #110, in Women's Athletic locker rooms. Cost: \$12,575
The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

16. G. Approval of the proposal to remove the existing Elkay or equal (4) high-low water coolers and furnish (4) new oasis or equal high-low water coolers complete with bottle fillers and filters in each cooler set at Avant School. Cost: \$16,015

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Granger, for approval of the proposal to remove the existing Elkay or equal (4) high-low water coolers and furnish (4) new oasis or equal high-low water coolers complete with bottle fillers and filters in each cooler set at Avant School. Cost: \$16,015
The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

16. H. Approval of the proposal to remove the existing Elkay or equal (3) high-low water coolers and furnish (3) new oasis or equal high-low water coolers complete with bottle fillers and filters in each cooler set at Wright School. Cost: \$12,575

Member Moore moved, with a second by Member Collier, for approval of the proposal to remove the existing Elkay or equal (3) high-low water coolers and furnish (3) new oasis or equal high-low water coolers complete with bottle fillers and filters in each cooler set at Wright School. Cost: \$12,575
The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

16. I. Approval of Change Order #4 (PO #230414) Eliminate exterior site improvements and athletic flooring; moving to alternate funding source and crediting purchase order. Credit: \$65,217.81

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Huiskamp, for the approval of Change Order #4 (PO #230414) Eliminate exterior site improvements and athletic flooring; moving to alternate funding source and crediting purchase order. Credit: \$65,217.81 The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

16. J. Approval of Change Order #7 (PO #230427) Modify exhaust systems and support structures discovered during demolition to serve new room configurations. Cost: \$81,113.65

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Moore, for approval of Change Order #7 (PO #230427) Modify exhaust systems and support structures discovered during demolition to serve new room configurations. Cost: \$81,113.65 The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

16. K. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between East St Louis School District #189 and the East St Louis Federation of Teachers, Local 1220 (Parent Engagement Specialist & Family Resource Liaison)

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Granger, for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between East St Louis School District #189 and the East St Louis Federation of Teachers, Local 1220 (Parent Engagement Specialist & Family Resource Liaison)
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Panel member asked is that a change in name.

- The District could not find certified social workers, ISBE provided approval with intervention funds to have non-certified social workers with no change in salary but a change in name.
- The District will only hire non-certified if they cannot find certified social workers. All but 4 are currently in programs to become certified.

Panel member asked for the amount of the Union dues.

- Union dues are about \$700.00-\$800.00 a year.

16. L. Approval of Worker's Compensation Settlement Agreement(s).

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Granger, for approval of Worker's Compensation Settlement Agreement(s). The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstained: Member Huiskamp

17. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

18. NEW BUSINESS

Bi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes for Release and/or Destruction of Verbatim Recordings.

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Granger, to keep Confidential the Closed Session Minutes for the Meeting Dates May 2012 through January 2023, and to destroy the Verbatim Closed Session Meeting Minute Tape Recordings for the Period of February 2021 through September 2021. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Financial Oversight Panel Meeting: March 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

20. A. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Granger, to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The motion carried on a roll call. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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