ST. ALBANS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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1	BOARD MEETING
2	December 10, 2015
3	Minutes
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5	Present for a Quorum: Tayt Brooks, James Farr, Kristina Ellsworth-Spooner, Patrick Daunais,
6	Denise Smith (arrived 6:20), Ken Wade (arrived 6:30), Angela Bernard (left 7:00)
7	Administrators: Joan Cavallo, Principal; Georgie Andrews, Assistant Principal; Kevin Dirth,
8	Superintendent; Martha Gagner, Business Manager; Kathy Finck, Human Resources Director
9	Visitors: Megan Martinson, Melissa Haberman, Erica Bertucci, Roland Wilhelm, Chad Spooner
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11	1. Call to Order - James Farr called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the SACS library.
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13	2. Pledge of Allegiance
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15	3. Agenda Review - It was asked to add item 2A. Community Garden.
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17	2A. Community Garden - Chad Spooner, Co-Chair of the Community Garden, gave an update on
18	the work they have been doing. Previously, they spoke to the Board, and were given a handshake
19	agreement for five years. Now, they are seeking another five year agreement; Mr. Spooner will
20	be stepping down as Co-Chair, and Angie Sturn will be taking his place. The Board decided to
21	have a written agreement this time, to cover them because of Act 46.
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23	Patrick Daunais made the motion to extend the community garden agreement until 2020;
24	Angela Bernard seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Kristina Ellsworth-
25	Spooner abstaining.
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27	A. Presentations - "Maker: at St. Albans City School" - Erica Bertucci, Melissa Haberman,
28	Megan Martinson, and Roland Wilhelm spoke to the Board about some of the activities they
29	have been doing in the maker space with children. They invited the Board members into the
30	maker space to see the projects, and to try their hand at making some of their own. In the maker
31	space, there is a laser cutter and 3D printer, as well as a soldering station. Students and teachers
32	have been using these devices to create signage, stepstools, and other art projects.
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34	(Ken Wade and Denise Smith arrived)
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36	(Angela Bernard left)
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38	4. Visitors
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40	5. Consent Agenda
41	B. Approval of Minutes for November 12 and November 18, 2015
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43	Ken Wade made the motion to approve the minutes of November 12 and 18, 2015;
44	Denise Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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C. FCSU Update - Kevin Dirth reported that a lot of time is being spent on Act 46; earlier in the day, he and James Farr went to Barre to receive some more information on the law.

D. Principal's Report - Joan Cavallo reported that teachers have been doing interim SBAC tests. These tests are given at points throughout the year to see if students are on track for the SBAC. After getting the reports back, they are not seeing as much information as they would like. FCSU Curriculum Director Jesse Byers met with the 4-6 reading teachers, and were impressed with how the group didn't want to give up despite this discouragement. Ms. Cavallo gave some updates on the facilities; they have reached out to the fire alarm panel vendor so that they can get the electrical panel replaced. They are also looking at several projects for the summer, such as the 7/8 bathrooms, cafeteria line design, and the pre-k mobile classroom. Recently, they have hosted some other schools and given presentations to them on project-based learning and PLPs. There was a holiday concert before Thanksgiving. Culminating events are going on currently; there was a successful Thanksgiving dinner. Later in the agenda, there will be some grants to be approved that the school has recently received: \$1,600.00 from the Vermont Principal's Association for the Sunrise Club, \$1,000.00 from Jolley for their student support account, and 22 refurbished iPad 2 devices from Shire Pharmaceutical for Kaleidoscope. The Math teachers recently held a Math night for parents.

E. VSBA/Act 46 Update - James Farr reported on the monthly VSBA meeting that was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. They spoke about legislative issues; currently, they are calling for a repeal of the allowable growth provision of Act 46, which are the caps. The governor wants it fixed, so they will see what happens. They talked about healthcare for school employees; VEHI is redesigning with less expensive plans. They started to talk about the legalization of marijuana, and will discuss it further next month. They have had discussions with Colorado on how this affected the schools there. They talked about Act 46. Ten other supervisory unions are pursuing the accelerated merger. The FCSU Act 46 Committee held their second public forum last week; the third will be in Fairfield on Monday, December 14, 2015. They have finished their draft articles of agreement, and have submitted them to the state for comment. Next, the committee will take feedback from the forums and the state, and decide at that time to continue and submit to the state for approval.

6. Old Business

F. FCSU professional staff and support staff negotiations - Kathy Finck reported that support staff negotiations are complete, and she has brought the agreement for approval later in the agenda. FCSU professional staff agreement is complete, and the BFA master agreement has yet to be approved.

7. New Business

G. Sick Bank Side letter- Kathy Finck reported that this side letter is for special educators who are transitioning from their school district contract to the SU contract, since the SU does not have sick bank language. The side letter requests that those enrolled in the sick bank at City in FY15 will be able to use sick bank days in FY16. This has already been

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1 2	approved by the FCSU Board. This is money from the sick time that teachers are already given, and have contributed to the sick bank.
3 4 5	Denise Smith made the motion to approve this side letter; Kristina Ellsworth-Spooner seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
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7	H. ESP Collective Bargaining Agreement - The agreement has already been ratified by
8	all of the associations and one board. Kathy Finck reported on some of the changes that were made.
9	were made.
L0	Tayt Brooks made the motion to approve the agreement; Kristina Ellsworth-
l1 l2	Spooner seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
L2 L3	Spooner seconded the motion. The motion carried 0-0-0.
L4	I. Employment Matters
L -	II. Resignation (Para) - FYI
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L7	I2. Dismissal (LTS Custodial) - FYI
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19	I3. Resignation (Kaleidoscope) - FYI
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21	J. Student Matters
22	J1. Request to remain at City School - This request is from a kindergarten student
23	who needed to move to the Town, and is asking to stay at least through the end of
24	the year.
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26	Denise Smith made the motion to allow this student to remain at City School;
27	Ken Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
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29	K. Grants and Awards
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31	Kristina Ellsworth-Spooner made the motion to accept \$1,600.00 from VPA,
32	\$1,000.00 from Jolley, and the iPad 2s from Shire Pharmaceutical; Tayt Brooks
33	seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
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35	L. Budget - Joan Cavallo reported that she and Martha Gagner are currently pulling
36	together the preliminary numbers. Many of them are estimates, but it looks like they will
37	be able to stay under their cap of the 3.34% increase in per pupil spending. The budget
38	will need to be adopted in January.
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10	8. Other Business (Information Gathering) - Included for the Board's information.
11	M. Warrants - FYI
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13 14	N. Monthly Financial Report - Martha Gagner reported that she will be looking at current year expenditures after doing the budget work for next year.

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2	9. Agenda Items for Future Meeting
3	O. Budget
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5	P. Act 46
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7	10. Executive Session - The Board did not have any items for executive session.
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9	11. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
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11	Respectfully submitted,
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13	Abby DuBois