



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015
CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD ROOM
400 E. LOCKWOOD AVE.
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63119

CALL TO
ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m., Monday, June 22, 2015, by its president, David Addison. The following members were present:

David Addison	President
Amy Clendennen	(dialed in)
Emerson Smith	
Steve Loher	
Jean Dugan	
Joel Oliver	
Michael Shipley	(arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
Diane Moore	Asst. Superintendent/COO
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
Cathy Vespereny	Director of Community Relations
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services
Jane Baumgartner	Secretary
Doug Copeland	Attorney

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Addison called for and led the Pledge of Allegiance prior to beginning the meeting.

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

No public comments were offered

Updated Correspondence Log was reviewed. There were no additional questions.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Riss recognized many Spring athletic teams for their 2015 season accomplishments. She thanked parents and community members for their support of the student athletes on and off the field. She and boys track coach Jon Petter introduced the members present of the 4x800 meter State Championship team: August Bont, Lucas Bennett and Tyler Lawson. Girls track coach Shayla Pott introduced members of her team who were present: Emma Johnson, Emma Harrison, Carolyn Ross (State Champion in triple jump and hurdles), Stacey Lambkins (State Champion in high jump), Casey Sloan and Brittany Clark.

Mr. Loher complimented the organizers of the WGHS graduation ceremony despite ominous weather conditions. Staff worked hard and it resulted in a wonderful evening. Mrs. Dugan attended the senior party and thanked the parent club for the planning and organizing of such a fun and safe event. She also thanked Adventure Club and summer school staff.

Mr. Smith was thankful that the rain held off for WGHS graduation and is looking forward to next year's ceremony.

Mr. Oliver attended Bristol's end of the year party and had a great time.

Mr. Shipley expressed his condolences to the Wadley family.

Mr. Addison congratulated the girls' soccer team for making the Final Four of State. He was happy to hear about such a great turnout for the game as well as the live watching event at Llywelyn's.

Dr. Riss congratulated Joel Oliver for receiving his Advanced Board Member Certification, Jean Dugan for receiving her Master Board Member Certification, David Addison for receiving his Master Board Member Certification, and the entire Board of Education for receiving the Governance Team Award. She also requested a moment of silence to honor WGSD employee William Wadley.

LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Mr. Addison reviewed the open house dates and times and each board member signed up for their liaison schools.

Mr. Loher attended the quarterly SSD meeting, where 2015-16 elections were held. Garrett Mees (Hancock) was elected as President, Jeff Preisak (Bayless) was elected as Vice President, and Steve Loher (Webster Groves) was elected as Secretary.

Mr. Addison reviewed highlights from the 2015 MSBA Leadership Summit including attending sessions on conflict management, training for new Board presidents, providing high-quality services for students with disabilities, and an update on HB432.

Mr. Smith informed the board of the updated policy recommendations by the Policy Subcommittee that are to be submitted to MSBA. These policies will be voted on at the next regular meeting of the BOE.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF

Diane Moore reviewed the Building Advisory Report, which utilizes the remaining 2010 bond issue revenues. The committee recommended 4 priorities: (1) renovation of Knight Auditorium in WGHS (2) perform a structural assessment of Moss Field (3) ADA renovations (4) safety and security improvements. The committee will revisit this list and deliver cost estimates for each priority in Fall 2015. All BOE members were comfortable with the 4 listed priorities.

Tim Brown shared the new changes that will be piloted with the Elementary Progress Reporting and Report Cards. His presentation included rationale for the changes, an explanation of the process that led up to the final presentation, new curriculum details, new grading systems, various Professional Development and support opportunities for teachers and staff, and the improvement of communication with parents and families.

Bill Koulouriotis reviewed the Infrastructure report. The report included District celebrations such as: increased statistics on current Google Docs and Chromebook users, upgraded bandwidth, and increased number of district surveys reaching people. He clarified the rolling replacement plan for technology as well as current firewall measures. Diane Moore finished the presentation with a brief summary of strengths, as well as some of the challenges in the upcoming school year.

Sarah Riss reviewed the Governance Data Area Report which included recognitions for the entire Board as well as individual Board members. The report also included checkpoints for the district regarding the Strategic Plan.

Diane Moore reviewed the final set of 2014-15 budget adjustments, which decreases the projected end of the year deficit of \$1,424,740 to a surplus of \$319,973. Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to amend the budgeted revenue and expenditures for the general, teachers, capital projects and debt service funds to be equal to actual revenues and expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2015. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, for the budget to be amended to actual for potential audit adjusting journal entries. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to transfer from the incidental fund the amount necessary to zero out the teachers fund. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to transfer from the incidental fund the amount necessary to zero out the capital project fund. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to amend the 2014-2015 budget as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Diane Moore reviewed the final draft of the 2015-16 budget, which projects an estimated deficit of \$353,301. She also walked through the updates in the online budget notebook. Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, the approval of the 2015-2016 budget. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Addison updated the Board on the status of the Superintendent search process. Eleven invitations were sent out to firms in various states and 5 proposals were received. The Board discussed pros and cons of each proposal submitted and arrived at a decision. Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, that BWP, Ray and Associates, MSBA, and McPherson & Jacobson be invited to interview with the Board on July 1, 2015. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Mumm suggested utilizing the year end projected balance in the 2014-15 budget to adjust the cuts made in staffing and to balance the budget. She shared concerns regarding the report from the Early Learning Study Team and the influences this group had on the future of the district. Kim expressed frustration that the district supports non-mandatory programs such as preschool and full day kindergarten at a time when there are cuts to the K-12 programming. She also stated that she feels the WAFC preschool should be 100% self-supporting from its own revenues. .

Mr. Shipley left at 9:08 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, approval of the **consent agenda**:

- 007a Approve Minutes from May 11, 2015 Regular Meeting
- 007b Payment of Bills
- 007c Approve Personnel Report
- 007d Approve Health Curriculum
- 007e Approve Physical Education Curriculum

The motion carried 6-0.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, that the meeting recess and move into executive session at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Property [Sec. 610.021(2) RS MO] and Personnel [Sec.610.021(3) RS MO]. Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Oliver, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Ms. Clendennen, yes; Mr. Addison, yes; Mr. Loher, yes.

The motion carried 6-0. Ms. Clendennen exited the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

RECONVENE

The open meeting was reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Loher that the open meeting adjourns at 9:45 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

President

Secretary

