



Webster Groves School District  
Special/Workshop Meeting of  
The Board of Education  
Monday, August 6, 2012, 5:00 P.M.

Hixson Middle School  
630 South Elm Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A special/workshop meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:20 p.m., Monday, August 6, 2012, by its president, Amy O'Brien. The following members were present:

Amy O'Brien	President
Jean Dugan	
Mike Kearney	
Steve Loher (arrived at 5:20 p.m.)	
Amy Clendennen (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
Diane Moore	Assistant Superintendent-COO
John Simpson	Assistant Superintendent-Curriculum & Instruction
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
John M. Thomas	Director-Student Services
Cathy Vespereny	Director-Community Relations
Katie Brookes	Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. O'Brien called for and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag prior to beginning the meeting.

AGENDA

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Kearney, approval of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kearney moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, that the consent agenda be approved:

- Minutes from the following Board of Education meetings:
  - June 25, 2012, special meeting
  - July 18, 2012, special meeting
- Personnel report

The motion carried 4-0.

WGHS NAMING  
COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Moore opened the discussion of the WGHS Naming Committee recommendation to name two areas on the second floor of the new WGHS addition. WGHS Principal Dr. Jon Clark shared the following recommendations:

- Name the north hallway of the second floor social studies department the “Douglass School Social Studies Hallway” in order to continue its efforts to recognize the contributions Douglass School made to the Webster Groves School District community.
- Name the social studies department conference room the “Jim Shapleigh Conference Room.” Mr. Shapleigh spent over 40 years as a teacher, principal, and counselor at WGHS, and since his retirement he has spent the last 21 years volunteering his time to provide individual tutoring for students within the high school.

Board members then discussed the proposal including displays in the respective areas explaining the choice of names, the possibility of providing the information on the district web site, the possibility of including the information in the Future Leaders program, and the importance of avoiding too narrow of a description in the names of the spaces.

Following the discussion, Mr. Kearney moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, that the Board of Education approve the north social studies hallway in the new addition “Douglass School Hallway.” The motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, that the Board of Education approve the social studies conference room on the second floor of the new addition “Jim Shapleigh Conference Room.” The motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

ART AND SCIENCE  
OF TEACHING  
DISCUSSION

Steger/Computer School Principal Dr. Kris Denbow opened the Art and Science of Teaching discussion. She and Hixson Principal Dr. Jason Heisserer then provided an audience participation presentation covering subjects including the difference between learning goals and activities, rules vs. procedures, and development of proficiency scales.

BOE GOALS FOR  
2012-2013

Ms. O'Brien pointed out the Board Goals and Board Future Topics documents. Board members had no comments or changes.

MOTION TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION      Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, to recess into closed session at 5:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Litigation [Sec.610.201(1) RS MO.] and Personnel [Sec. 610.021(3) RS Mo. Ms. O'Brien, yes; Mrs. Clendennen, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Mr. Kearney, yes, and Mr. Loher, yes. The motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING      The open meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT      There being no further business, Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

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President

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Secretary