



UPDATED  
CORRESPONDENCE  
LOG

Ms. O'Brien pointed out the Communications Log. There were no questions or comments.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Riss recognized Dr. Chris McGee, science and social studies curriculum coordinator, who received the Apple Distinguished Educator Award for his innovative use of technology in and out of the classroom. Dr. Simpson also spoke about Dr. McGee's achievements. Board members congratulated Dr. McGee.

Mr. Loher noted that Cheryl Williams was honored at the SSD Salutes banquet last week for her work with a young Computer School student who is visually impaired. He also mentioned the recent WGHS Parent Club auction which raised approximately \$31,000 for scholarships.

Mr. Smith shared that board/teacher dialogue meetings recently took place at Hudson and Steger/Computer School.

Mr. Kearney mentioned the recent town hall meeting on safe and healthy lifestyles and stated that the NCADA group presented an excellent program. He also noted the Foundation for the Future kickoff at Clark Elementary School where 14 parents volunteered to participate.

Mrs. Dugan recognized the district's arts programs including A-Men, A-Ladies, the recent high school play, band concert and choir concert. She also mentioned the winter sports recognition event and the difficulty of training for spring sports in cold weather.

Ms. O'Brien noted the recent a cappella competition hosted by the district and mentioned that Mr. Loher sang a song at the WGHS Parent Club auction and raised \$380.

Ms. Vespereny stated that 200 people attended the recent Family Enrichment Fair and Dr. Riss noted the many activities going on at all the schools.

Ms. O'Brien pointed out that the artwork in the board room was from Clark.

BOARD LIAISON ACTIVITIES

MSBA

Board members commented on the recent Legislative Breakfast, noting that other school districts share WGSD's views on current issues. They also discussed the tax cut bill currently in the Missouri legislature and the Common Core State Standards including the cost of assessments and technology requirements.

Ms. O'Brien noted that the June 8 board retreat scheduled for 8:00 a.m. conflicts with the MSBA Leadership Summit. Board members agreed to move the time of the board retreat to 1:00 p.m. to allow members time to return from the Leadership Summit.

WGSD FOUNDATION  
UPDATE

Mrs. Dugan mentioned Spring for Schools on April 30. Participating local businesses and restaurants will donate 20 percent of their proceeds on that date to the Foundation.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

REFUNDING OF  
BONDS DISCUSSION

Dr. Moore introduced Mr. Greg Bricker of George K. Baum and Company. He discussed the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$6.5 million in general obligation bonds from the 2010 bond issue as well as the issuance and sale of \$3.385 million in general obligation refunding bonds from the 2006 bond issue. The interest rate for this issue will be fixed at 2.75% for 20 years. Plans are that the \$7.6 million remaining from the 2006 bonds will be refunded in 2014.

CONSIDERATION OF  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
REFUNDING OF  
BONDS

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, that the Board of Education approve a resolution authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery of approximately \$9,885,000.00 principal amount of general obligation bonds, series 2013, of the School District of Webster Groves, St. Louis County, Missouri; prescribing the form and details of said bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; funding and refunding certain of the district's outstanding general obligation bonds; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

STRINGS PROGRAM  
EVALUATION REPORT

Dr. Simpson introduced Mr. Ed Grooms, fine arts curriculum coordinator, who shared the strings program evaluation. Mr. Grooms pointed out the data sources used in the evaluation, including visits to other school districts which were valuable to the process. He commended the board and administration for their support of the strings program. He also noted the value of the teachers and their collaboration, students' pride in their positive identity from participating in the strings program, and reports from graduates that they are still playing their instruments in college. Recommendations include starting strings instruction earlier, better informing parents, and providing strings instruction during the school day. Mr. Grooms mentioned a study which showed students participating in strings programs earn higher achievement scores in standardized tests.

Board members discussed the importance of the strings program and its contribution to advancing arts in the community.

BIDS FOR MODULAR  
UNITS

Dr. Moore presented the bids for modular classrooms at Avery, Clark, and Edgar Road. Each unit will contain two classrooms. There will be additional costs connected to the installation of the modular classrooms. The district recommends the board approve Pac Van to provide the modular classroom units at a cost not to exceed \$499,160.00. Board members discussed safety issues in connection with the modular units and asked if any trees would be cut down. Dr. Moore stated no trees will need to be cut down. Approval of the bid for the modular units is on the consent agenda.

2012-13 BUDGET  
UPDATE

Dr. Moore noted that the 2012-13 budget is on target and the district's surplus has grown. The district's preliminary estimate of property tax rates is due to St. Louis County by April 8.

INITIAL BUDGET  
DRAFT FOR 2013-14

Dr. Moore shared the first draft of the 2013-14 budget, which has an ending balance reflecting a deficit of \$1,891,899. As with the past two budget cycles, the fourth year within the funding cycle is anticipated to be a deficit spending year. The first draft budget is designed to reflect a worst case scenario regarding revenues and expenses, which means no projected revenue growth in property taxes and a reduction in federal and state funding.

Total Operating Revenues are anticipated to be \$54,229,068, a decline of \$564,359 (1.03%) compared to current projected 2012-13 school year operating revenue. Total Operating Expenditures are anticipated to be \$56,120,967, an overall increase of 4.5% compared to 2012-13 operating expenditures. The district fund balance would reduce to \$12,977,987 which is a 24% fund balance compared to operating revenues.

Board members discussed the budget including the possible effect of sequestration on district funding.

SUPPORT STAFF  
SALARY SCHEDULES

Board members had no questions on the proposed support staff salary grid, which is on the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dave Buck spoke about the recent youth forum, possible Webster University expansion and the need for a creative community center, the recent Town Hall Meeting on drug abuse and safe and healthy lifestyles, and the book Nurture Shock.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Kearney, approval of the consent agenda including:

- 013a Minutes from the February 25, 2013, BOE Special/Workshop Meeting

Payment of Bills

- 013b Monthly Expenditure Report: February \$4,827,076.64
- 013c Activity Account: February \$392,333.94
- 013d Cash Flow Summary Report
- 013e Approve Personnel Report
- 013f Approve Bid for Modular Units
- 013g Approve Support Staff Salary Schedule
- 013h Approve Administrator Salary Schedule

The motion carried, 7-0.

MOTION TO RECESS  
INTO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the board recess into closed session for the purpose of discussing Litigation [Sec.610.201(1) RS Mo] and Personnel [Sec. 610.021(3) RS Mo]. Ms. O'Brien, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Addison, yes; Mrs. Clendennen, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Mr. Kearney, yes, and Mr. Loher, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

RECONVENE OPEN  
MEETING

The open meeting was reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Addison moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

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President

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Secretary