



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special/Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 22, 2013

Steger/Computer School
701 North Rock Hill Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A special/workshop meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 22, 2013, by its president, Amy O'Brien. The following members were present:

Amy O'Brien	President
Emerson Smith	Vice President
David Addison	
Amy Clendennen	
Jean Dugan	
Steven Loher	
Joel Oliver	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Diane Moore	Assistant Superintendent/COO
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
Cathy Vespereny	Director of Community Relations
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services
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. Addison, approval of the agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

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ASSIGNMENTS

Ms. O'Brien led a discussion of board liaison assignments for 2013-2014 which resulted in board members agreeing on their assignments for the upcoming year.

FOUNDATION

Mrs. Dugan provided an update on Foundation grants for the year which have totaled \$81,400. She also discussed the Spring for Schools event scheduled for April 30.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

STEGER/COMPUTER SCHOOLS REPORT	Steger/Computer School Principal Dr. Kris Denbow delivered the Steger/Computer School Report. She shared points of pride, MAP results, successes, and professional development and next steps being taken. Board members asked about plans for Camp Wyman for 6 th graders, Common Core State Standards, MAP scores for the same groups of students over multiple years, the benefits of maintaining a separate 6 th grade center, and the possibility of changing the name of the Computer School to indicate it is an innovation school.
BUSINESS PROGRAM EVALUATION REPORT	Dr. John Simpson and Ms. Kim Thomas of the High School Business Department presented the Business Program Evaluation. They shared the evaluation process used, commendations, and recommendations. Board members discussed the need for more detailed course descriptions to assist students and counselors in determining which classes to take, availability of technology to students, test preparedness, common core standardized testing, job shadowing, and Future Business Leaders of America.
PARENT/COMMUNITY DATA AREA REPORT	Dr. Simpson and Ms. Vespereny delivered the Parent/Community Data Area Report, including the associated indicators, critical issues, district awards, analysis of media events, community partnerships, community engagement events, school volunteers, future actions, and strengths.
2012-13 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS & 2013-14 DRAFT BUDGET	<p>Dr. Diane Moore presented recommended budget adjustments for the 2012-13 school year. The adjustments are conservative estimates to reflect the “worst case” surplus/deficit for the end of the school year. During this third year of the district’s five-year cycle, the district’s goal is to have a balanced budget or a surplus by the end of the school year. At this time, an increase to the surplus is projected. Mr. Smith mentioned the tuition reimbursement line variance approved by the board last summer. Approval of the recommended budget adjustments is on the consent agenda.</p> <p>Dr. Moore then presented the second draft of the 2013-14 budget which reflects an ending deficit balance of \$1,969,719. As with the past two budget cycles, the fourth year within the funding cycle is anticipated to be a deficit spending year. Due to an anticipated decline of 3% in assessed valuation for 2013, there is no projected revenue growth in property taxes. While the district is seeing a lower than expected collection rate for the 2012-13 school year, this budget reflects a 97% collection rate.</p>

Total Operating Revenues are anticipated to be \$53,895,211, a decline of 2.27% compared to the current projected 2012-13 school year operating revenue. Total Operating Expenditures are anticipated to be \$55,864,930, an overall increase of 5% compared to the 2012-13 operating expenditures. The budget reflects an ending deficit of \$1,969,719. This deficit will grow in the fifth year of the cycle.

Mr. Smith proposed increasing the tuition reimbursement line by \$5,000 for next year to \$55,000. This increase will be reflected in the June version of the 2013-14 budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Clendennen, approval of the consent agenda:

- 005a Approve Personnel Report
- 005b Approve Recommended 2012-13 Budget Adjustments

The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be brought before the board, Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Addison that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

President

Secretary