



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, May 13, 2013

Central Office
400 East Lockwood Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 13, 2013, by its president, Amy O'Brien. The following members were present:

Amy O'Brien	President
Emerson Smith	Vice President
Amy Clendennen	
Jean Dugan	
Steven Loher	
Joel Oliver	
David Addison (arrived at 7:47 p.m.)	

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
Doug Copeland	Attorney
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. Smith, approval of the agenda as modified. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dave Buck of Webster Groves commended the board, district, community, Walter Ambrose Family Center, Hixson, parents, kids, and administrators, and talked about igniting curiosity about education and the need for the district to move from good to great.

COMMUNICATION/
RECOGNITION/
INFORMATION

Ms. O'Brien noted the updated communication log. There were no questions or comments from board members.

Dr. Riss introduced students who have recently received special recognitions including Missouri Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship Award recipient Katie Loher, Missouri Scholars 100 recipients Dillon Williams and Mitch Wride, SkillsUSA state competitors James Springer and Darryl Westbrook, and Eagle Scouts Brian Fahrner, Isaac Helton, Brian McClure, Isaac Newberry, and William Patton. The students who were present shared their future plans and introduced their family members who were in attendance.

Board members commented on the hard work of individuals in connection with end-of-year activities, the recent kindergarten music program at Clark, the Webster Challenge banquet, Senior Awards Night, the Science Fair blue ribbon winners, the spring sports awards, and the recent a cappella and jazz band concerts.

Dr. Riss mentioned the Edgar Road run and noted the artwork in the board room was from Avery.

REPORTS AND BOARD LIAISON ACTIVITIES

MSBA UPDATE Ms. O'Brien indicated she and Mr. Smith are planning to attend the upcoming MSBA Leadership Summit and that the district has qualified for the MSBA Governance Award.

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT Ms. O'Brien pointed out the board policies submitted for review. Approval of the policy changes will be on the agenda for the June 8 meeting.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN Dr. Simpson presented the Professional Development Plan for 2013-14. Updated Professional Development Committee (PDC) goals include redefine the mission and function of the PDC; move from a three-year new teacher induction program to a two-year program and finalize changes to year two; monitor and evaluate the new mentor program; continue to work on supporting an internal network and space for sharing and collaborating including the use of Google tools; monitor, support, and evaluate year one of the short- and long-term professional development opportunities; and support professional learning related to the Common Core State Standards, The Art and Science of Teaching, and the revision of K-12 district curriculum. He also noted that in order to focus on revising the district's curriculum so that it aligns with the Common Core State Standards and other applicable governing standards and so that it is written using the framework of The Art and Science of Teaching, the district would like

to suspend the formal program evaluation process for one year. Board members had no questions about the Professional Development Plan. Approval of the plan is on the consent agenda.

GIFTED PROGRAM
EVALUATION
REPORT

District Gifted Coordinator Kristy Jackson shared the Gifted Program Evaluation Report. She noted commendations and recommendations in connection with learning and development, assessment, curriculum planning and instruction, learning environments, programming, and professional development. She then discussed the next steps including establishing a timeline to evaluate the recommendations and create action steps, a 2013 summer work session to revise the gifted curriculum guide, and exploring the development of a community supported gifted parent group. In response to a question from a board member, Ms. Jackson indicated that the district will be using feedback from the recent community meetings while developing long-term plans and providing more flexibility.

INDUSTRIAL
TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAM
EVALUATION
REPORT

Mr. John M. Thomas delivered the Industrial Technology Program Evaluation Report. He shared the process of the evaluation, commendations from students about the program, recommendations for the future, and challenges to overcome. He noted the enthusiasm of the students about the industrial technology program, the possibility of expanded and improved experiential learning opportunities such as building sheds and automotive collision repair, and the need for other sources of funding for the program.

STAFF
RECOGNITION
EVENT
RESPONSIBILITIES

Board members discussed their responsibilities in connection with the staff recognition event scheduled for May 14.

WGHS GRADUATION
RESPONSIBILITIES

Board members then discussed their responsibilities in connection with the May 17 high school graduation

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dave Buck spoke about creativity in education.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 007a Minutes from the April 8, 2013, Regular/Reorganization Meeting
- 007b Minutes from the April 22, 2013, Special/Workshop Meeting
Payment of Bills
- 007c Monthly Expenditure Report: April \$4,085,574.61
- 007d Activity Account: April \$130,652.55
- 007e Cash Flow Summary Report

- 007f Approve Personnel Report
 - 007g Approve Professional Development Plan for 2013-14
- The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

MOTION TO RECESS
INTO CLOSED
SESSION

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Clendennen, that the board recess into closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation [Sec.610.201(1) RS MO], personnel, including hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees [Sec. 610.021(3) RS Mo], and a student matter [Sec. 610.021(6) RS Mo]. The motion carried 7-0 with members voting as follows: Ms. O'Brien, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Addison, yes; Mrs. Clendennen, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Mr. Loher, yes; and Mr. Oliver, yes.

RECONVENE OPEN
MEETING

The open meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be brought before the board, Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Addison, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

President

Secretary