



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Minutes from the Special/Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 27, 2015
Central Office
400 East Lockwood Avenue
Webster Groves, 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 27, 2015, by its president, David Addison. The following members were present:

David Addison	President
Amy Clendennen	
Emerson Smith	
Steve Loher	
Jean Dugan	
Joel Oliver	
Michael Shipley	(arrived 7:05 p.m.)

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Asst. Superintendent for C&I
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 (arrived 8:45 p.m.)

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

Dave Buck communicated his 4 hopes for the WGSD: (1) add 'collaboration' to the core values (2) that the next Superintendent is in the room (3) that Steger remains a 6th grade center (4) implement the work of the Collaborative at Steger.

BOARD
LIAISON
REPORTS

Mr. Addison shared the proposed 2015-16 Board Liaison Assignments. A few changes were made from the previous year. All members were in agreement with their assignments.

Mrs. Dugan provided a Foundation update, specifically mentioning Spring for Schools on April 28th and the highlights from the 2015-16 Foundation Grant awards. A full list can be viewed at:

http://www.webster.k12.mo.us/files/DeCRs/164de88d7fbd7ad33745a49013852ec4/Foundation_Grant_Awards_2014-15.pdf

Mr. Smith reminded the board of the updated policy recommendations by the Policy Subcommittee that are listed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Addison reviewed the 2014-15 Board calendar and asked for suggestions from BOE members regarding a June retreat date. BOE members will submit dates to Mr. Addison via email.

REPORTS FROM
SUPT. AND
STAFF

Molly Nash, WGHS student, presented a letter she wrote to a board member about vegetarianism and how it affects students. She mentioned wanting more vegetarian options available at lunch. She suggested implementing a “meatless Monday” at WGHS. Theresa Boettler, food service director with Chartwells, summarized her experience working with Molly and discussed the many meatless options on the current WGSD menu. She reviewed the new online menu including the features and menu options. This menu is currently live and available for WGSD students and parents to use. Chartwells District Manager, Irene Hunt, presented WGSD with a check for \$5000; \$2000 will be used for scholarships and the remainder for a community grant.

John Simpson and Cathy Vespereny presented the Parent/Community Data Area Report. They highlighted district celebrations, an original rap song written and performed by Bristol students, and a published article written by a WAFC teacher. Data was presented in the areas of: analysis of media events, diversity within district committees, parent/teacher conference participation, and enrollment analysis. WGHS students Noah Erb and Chris Moore shared their experiences from working with the local elderly community as members of a volunteer technology team.

The 2015 superintendent search process was discussed. The first step in the process will be to hire a search firm within the next two months.

Diane Moore presented the Certified Salary Recommendation for 2015-16. Changes include a 1% roll back on steps 1-13, still allowing channel changes, and leaving steps 14-L2 as-is.

Diane Moore presented the Non-Certified Salary Recommendation for 2015-16. Support Staff will receive a 1% salary increase.

Diane Moore presented the 2015-16 Draft Budget. Projected operating revenues are \$55,553,778, with projected expenses decreased by 1.5%, resulting in a projected deficit of \$106,000.

Diane Moore reviewed the preliminary tax rate information. The school district will receive revised final assessed valuation information in September to determine the school district's actual tax rate.

David Addison polled the Board to see who would be present to help present awards at the upcoming Staff Recognition Reception. Dr. Riss asked for any preferences from BOE members. All other duties will be assigned by administrators and emailed.

CONSENT
AGENDA

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

- 005a Approve Policy Subcommittee Recommendations
- 005b Approve Contract with EdPlus
- 005c Approve Certified Staff Salary Recommendation
- 005d Approve Non-Certified Staff Salary Recommendation
- 005e Approve Minutes from April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting
- 005f Approve Personnel Report

The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Dave Buck discussed the importance of character in the success of students. He expressed happiness at being a part of a district where character matters.

RECESS INTO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, that the meeting recess and move into executive session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Property [Sec. 610.021(2) RS MO], Personnel [Sec.610.021(3) RS MO], and Litigation [Sec.610.021(1) RS MO]. Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Oliver, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Ms. Clendennen, yes; Mr. Addison, yes; Mr. Shipley, yes; Mr. Loher, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

RECONVENE

Open Meeting was reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

ADJOURN

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, that the open meeting adjourn at 10:10 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

President

Secretary
