



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Minutes from the Regular/Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 13, 2015
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 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2015, by its president, Emerson Smith. The following members were present:

Emerson Smith	President
Steve Loher	(arrived 7:40 p.m.)
David Addison	(departed 9:05 p.m.)
Amy Clendennen	
Jean Dugan	
Joel Oliver	
Michael Shipley	(arrived 6:10 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Smith called for and led the Pledge of Allegiance prior to beginning the meeting.

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 6:02 p.m., Ms. Clendennen moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to recess into closed session for the purpose of discussing Meet and Confer [Sec.610.021(9) RS MO], Personnel [Sec.610.021(3) RS MO], Property [Sec. 610.021(2) 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. The motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Addison moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver that the open meeting be reconvened and that the closed session continue after the remaining open session concludes. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments offered.

RECOGNITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

The communications log was reviewed with no additional comments or questions.

Mr. Shipley thanked the community for its involvement with the election. He encouraged community members to attend meetings in order to stay informed of next steps.

Mr. Oliver attended the Bristol Bravos. He said it was well-attended and that there were more student participants than ever before (110).

Mrs. Dugan expressed her support for the arts, acknowledged the wonderful programs offered through the district, and the need for those to continue. She also attended the talent show at WGHS.

Ms. Clendennen wanted to publicly thank the individuals on the campaign committee for their hard work, tenacity, and dedication to the project.

Mr. Addison attended the Steger talent show and the Statesmen Service Awards ceremony. He acknowledged WGHS student Courtney DeGroot for achieving over 1000 hours of community service and for receiving the Dotty Delassus award.

Mr. Smith thanked the campaign committee for their efforts, hard work and for their unwavering support of the district.

Cathy Vespereny mentioned that 9 WGSD alumni were chosen for the Wall of Fame. She also shared that 3 WGHS students will attend the Missouri Scholars Academy.

Dr. Riss acknowledged WGHS and Bristol joining up for a history-themed field trip. She also mentioned the impressive amount of students who participated at the Special Olympics as volunteers.

REPORTS/
LIAISON
ACTIVITIES

Mr. Smith reminded the board of the April 29th Regional MSBA meeting at Hancock Place Middle School.

Ms. Clendennen informed the board that she withdrew her nomination for delegate to the MSBA Board of Directors due to the incumbant wishing to remain in the position.

Mrs. Dugan mentioned the Foundation's upcoming events such as the Teacher Tributes and Spring for Schools.

Mr. Smith informed the board of the updated policy recommendations by the Policy Subcommittee that are to be submitted to MSBA. These policies will be voted on at the next regular meeting of the BOE.

Mrs. Dugan presented the new procedure for nominating and electing candidates for the BOE President and Vice President positions. Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Shipley, that the new procedure for BOE Officer selection be approved. Motion passed 6-0.

REPORTS FROM
SUPERINTENDENT
AND STAFF

Diane Moore presented the bank depository bids. It is being recommended that PNC Bank & Trust be approved as the district's bank depository for the 2015-16 school year.

Diane Moore presented the proposed administrator salary schedule for 2015-16. It is recommended that salaries be frozen, but that longevity and degree stipends be honored. The proposed schedule would save the district \$24,490.

Sarah Riss presented the legal agreement between Doug Copeland and the WGSD for 2015-16 legal services. The new contract has no rate change.

Sarah Riss presented a corporate partnership agreement made between WGSD and Webster University. This 1 year partnership would allow district employees to take courses through WU at a 20% reduced rate. Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, that the partnership agreement be approved. Motion passed 6-0.

Diane Moore presented information on the 2015-16 budget. She provided five scenarios—all with a different approach to balancing the budget. She reviewed the list of proposed reductions as well as each scenario. The board expressed the need to get as close to a balanced budget as possible. Mr. Addison moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to produce a balanced budget using Scenario #4 as the assumptions, which would cut \$1.6 million. Motion passed 6-0.

Sarah Riss announced her retirement, effective June 2016. She presented a check to Mr. Smith, paying back her intended salary increase of \$4000. Mr. Smith thanked her for her leadership and guidance with recent district decisions. The board wished her well and look forward to a successful final year together.

ACTION ITEMS

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

- 016a Minutes for the March 23, 2015 meeting
- Payment of Bills
- 016b1 Monthly Expenditure Report: March \$3,188,024.13
- 016b2 Activity Account: March : \$84,761.07
- 016b3 Cash Flow Summary Report
- 016c Approve Agreement for Legal Services
- 016d Approve Administrator Salary Proposal
- 016e Approve Bank Depository Bid
- 016f Approve Industrial Tech Curriculum
- 016g Approve World Language Curriculum
- 016h Approve 2016-17 Calendar
- 016i Approve Policy Subcommittee Recommendations

The motion carried 6-0.

At 7:35 p.m. Mr. Addison moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to adjourn *Sine Die*. Motion passed 6-0.

BOARD REORGANIZATION PROCESS	The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Jane Baumgartner, who administered the oath of office to Emerson Smith and Jean Dugan. Also present were Joel Oliver, David Addison, Amy Clendennen, Michael Shipley, and Steve Loher.
PRESIDENT	Jane Baumgartner collected President nominations. Steve Loher declined the nomination, David Addison and Emerson Smith received nominations and both candidates accepted. Board members were publicly polled and Mr. Addison was elected as President with 4 votes.
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. Addison collected Vice President nominations. Steve Loher and Amy Clendennen received nominations and both candidates accepted. Board members were publicly polled and Ms. Clendennen was elected as Vice President with 4 votes.
SECRETARY	Mr. Addison nominated, seconded by Ms. Clendennen, that Jane Baumgartner be elected as Board Secretary. Board voted 7-0.
TREASURER	Mr. Addison nominated, seconded by Ms. Clendennen, that JoAnn Kite be elected as Board Treasurer. Board voted 7-0.
CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION	With no further business to be brought before the board during open session, Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, that the meeting convene into closed session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Meet and Confer [Sec.610.021(9) RS MO], Personnel [Sec.610.021(3) RS MO], Property [Sec. 610.021(2) 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.
	Open Meeting was reconvened at 9:05 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT	Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver that the open meeting adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

President

Secretary
