



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Open Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, March 9, 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 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2015, by its president, Emerson Smith. The following members were present:

Emerson Smith	President
Steve Loher	
David Addison	
Amy Clendennen	
Jean Dugan	
Joel Oliver	
Michael Shipley	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Asst. Superintendent for C&I
Diane Moore	Asst. Superintendent/COO
Cathy Vespereny	Director of Community Relations
Jane Baumgartner	Secretary
Doug Copeland	Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mr. Smith called for and led the Pledge of Allegiance prior to beginning the meeting.

**AGENDA** Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** There were no public comments offered.

**RECOGNITIONS** Two Avery third grade students presented their opinion pieces to the Board. One was about raising money for K-5 computers and the other was about increasing teacher salaries.

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

Mr. Shipley participated in the Avery play. It was fun and they had a lot of wonderful volunteers.

Mr. Oliver attended literacy night at Bristol. He said it was well-attended and a well-organized event.

Mrs. Dugan will attend Region 7's MSBA Legislative Day on Tuesday, March 10. She also thanked everyone who volunteered to canvas on Saturday, March 7 and recognized the great turnout.

Ms. Clendennen attended the WGHS Band Concert, which she called 'exceptional, as always.' She also attended the Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Wax Museum, which she considered another great event. She also congratulated Clark PTO for a successful trivia night. Mr. Loher thanked WGHS for hosting two District Basketball tournaments and recognized winter teams for great seasons. Mr. Smith represented the BOE at the Winter Sports Night at WGHS and he congratulated all winter teams for successful seasons.

Dr. Riss acknowledged Avery Elementary teachers and their leadership with implementing the PLC process across many schools in several districts. Other teachers are learning from our teachers and she is proud of their leadership and hard work.

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LIAISON  
ACTIVITIES

Ms. Clendennen announced her interest in being nominated for a delegate position for our Region within the MSBA Board of Directors. Mr. Smith and the BOE members voiced their full support of her intentions. Mrs. Dugan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Oliver, that WGSD nominate Amy Clendennen for the MSBA Board of Directors Representative position and encouraged all BOE members to support her endeavor. Motion passed 7-0.

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

Mr. Loher presented an update from the SSD Governing Council quarterly meeting. They held an election where a new president was named and many thanks were given to the former (current) president for her service to children and to the entire region.

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AND STAFF

The first draft calendar for 2016-17 was reviewed. The calendar committee was thanked for its hard work. Some BOE members asked questions about specific dates, but all were encouraged to contact Linda Holliday with additional questions.

Diane Moore presented the 2014-15 Budget Update. She noted some revisions such as: reductions in tuition resulting from 30 additional kindergarten scholarships awarded, increase in state aid, and a reduction in funding for Epworth and Edgewood. These revisions resulted in an overall decrease of the deficit to \$997,416, which is down from \$1.4 million previously. Final adjustments will be made at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Diane Moore presented the first draft budget for 2015-16. She provided two scenarios: one considering a *successful* tax levy and one with an *unsuccessful* tax levy. The first scenario reflected an operating revenue of \$58.7 million, operating expenses of \$57.5 million, resulting in an estimated surplus of \$1.1 million. The second scenario showed operating revenue remaining \$54.78 million, operating expenses as \$54.9 million, resulting in an estimated deficit of \$118,268 and 33 fewer staff positions.

Diane Moore and Rob Steuber reviewed the bid process and provided a summary of the contractors who presented bids for the warehouse lighting. She recommended that the BOE approve Innovative Facilities Solutions, who is a market leader in the installation of efficient and cost-effective energy management systems, to provide such lighting at a bid of \$37,221.00.

Diane Moore presented the BOE with information on bidding for Auditing Services. She recommended that the BOE approve Clifton, Larson, Allen, LLP to provide auditing services for the 2014-15 school year, with the option to extend services for four additional years.

Ms. Clendennen moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, approval of the **consent agenda:**

- 006a Minutes for the February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting  
Payment of Bills
- 006b1 Monthly Expenditure Report: February
- 006b2 Activity Account: February
- 006b3 Cash Flow Summary Report
  
- 006c Approve Recommended Budget Adjustments
- 006d Approve Bids for District Warehouse Renovations
- 006e Approve Audit Services Bid
- 006f Approve Business Curriculum
- 006g Approve FACS Curriculum

The motion carried 7-0.

At 8:10 p.m., Ms. Clendennen moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to recess into closed session for the purpose of personnel [Sec.610.201(3)RS MO]. Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Loher, yes; Mr. Oliver, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Ms. Clendennen, yes; Mr. Shipley, yes; Mr. Addison, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

Open session was reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

With no further business to be brought before the board, Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:11 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

President

Secretary

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