



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

Emerson Smith	President
Steve Loher	(arrived at 7:03)
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
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.

AGENDA

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Addison, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments offered.

COMMUNICATIONS LOG

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Shipley attended the Curriculum Coordinating Council Meeting where the new format of the upcoming MAP test was discussed. He also attended Bagels with the Board at Avery and acknowledged Mr. Loher's great presentation during the event.  
Mr. Oliver attended Steger 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation and noted a huge attendance. He also participated in the Hixson trivia night, which was well attended and he thanked teachers for organizing it.  
Mrs. Dugan attended the high school Parent Club Auction and noted that they received \$38,000 in donated goods. She also attended the WGHS basketball game where Jay Blossom recorded the most wins by a coach in school history. She also thanked all teachers and staff who volunteer their time to keep activities running and successful.

Mr. Addison attended the choir concert and gave very positive reviews. He thanked Scott Kinworthy for his hard work in preparing the students.

Ms. Clendennen is hearing positive things about the coffee shop that opened at the high school. She called it a great idea for hands-on learning.

Mr. Loher attended Bagels with the Board at Avery and enjoyed the experience and the positive atmosphere throughout the event. He has also been attending Dr. Riss's PTO presentations at various schools and is happy to see her messages being well-received.

Dr. Riss acknowledged the board room artwork by Clark Elementary. She also attended the Missouri Music Educators Conference where the WGHS choir performed. She also held a local Superintendents lunch/meeting at WAFC and she thanked the staff for hosting.

#### LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Mr. Smith and Dr. Riss reminded the BOE who is attending the upcoming MSBA Legislative Forum. Appointments will be made with key legislators.

Mr. Smith informed BOE members that the Board Self-Evaluation is open for completion and the cutoff date is February 23, 2015.

Mr. Smith mentioned the updated policy recommendations by the Policy Subcommittee to be submitted to MSBA. These policies are also listed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Smith reviewed upcoming calendar events for the BOE including: EdPlus Legislative Breakfast on 2/21, cancellation of meeting on 2/23, and MSBA Legislative Day on 3/10.

#### REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

Marty Baker introduced presenters to share information about what is going on at WAFC. Laura Iannazzo presented information about FaCE, formerly known as PAT. She discussed the transition strategies from PAT to FaCE, building connections within each community, identifying needs of each specific family, providing opportunities to all families in Webster Groves, organizing "learning together" events, a summary of who FaCE/PAT currently serve(s), and the program goals for the future.

Brian Hill and Brian Ackley shared their newest learning experience idea that is being implemented in Adventure Club. This involves creating comic book characters and, eventually, a full strip that tells a story. They also promoted a summer workshop program, where kids will facilitate the learning and creating process of the comic book characters to other kids. Adventure Club is partnering with The Book House to sell their book that is based on creating comic book characters and stories. Adventure Club plans to use its portion of revenue as a donation to a local animal shelter.

Lauren Forsyth shared her story of her former student, which underlines the importance of listening to the voice of every child.

Merlene Gilb complimented Lauren and the publishing of her journal article. She then communicated beliefs, goals and statistics for the WAFC Preschool. She emphasized their goals of being accountable, enhancing performance and preparedness. BOE members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Questions were asked about next year's enrollment as well as plans for helping other schools in their handling of children with unique behavioral needs.

John M. Thomas presented the Coordinated Health and Wellness Update. He included highlights from 2014-2015 including: the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Eye Care van, Hixson counselors and their mindfulness yoga certifications, WGSD being ranked in top 5 NICHE rankings in Missouri for having safest schools, along with various intruder training opportunities. BOE members asked questions about current drug/alcohol use statistics.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Clendennen moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, approval of the consent agenda:

- 006a Minutes for the January 26, 2015 Regular Meeting
- Payment of Bills
- 006b Monthly Expenditure Report: January
- 006c Activity Account: January
- 006d Cash Flow Summary Report
- 006e Approve Policy Subcommittee Recommendations

The motion carried 7-0.

At 8:05pm, 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 8:20 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 8:20 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

President

Secretary

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