



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Saturday, January 10, 2015
Central Office
400 East Lockwood Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, January 10, 2015, by its president, Emerson Smith. The following members were present:

Emerson Smith	President
Steve Loher	Vice President
David Addison	
Amy Clendennen	
Jean Dugan	
Joel Oliver	
Michael Shipley	(arrived 8:05am)

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

AGENDA

Mr. Addison wanted clarification on the newly agreed upon Board procedure to post all public meeting documents online for public viewing. Mr. Smith agreed to add the topic to the next meeting agenda.

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

STEGER
ELEMENTARY
DISCUSSION

Mr. Smith asked board members to communicate any questions they have about the possibility of grandfathering in existing Computer School students into the new Steger Elementary School. It was decided that the board must first determine the "type of school" Steger Elementary will be before a decision can be made about potentially grandfathering in a specific group of students.

Mr. Smith polled the board to collect opinions on the "type of school" each member envisioned for Steger. Clarification was made regarding the process of district-wide implementation of the conceptual framework from the Collaborative Report. It was determined that the new Steger Elementary would operate under a partial application process/partial neighborhood school.

Mrs. Dugan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Oliver, recommending that the new Steger Elementary be charged with designing the new school using the conceptual framework from the Collaborative Report. 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.

Mrs. Dugan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Oliver, recommending that the redistricting committee designate a range of 35-50% of the spaces be allocated for students requesting to attend the new elementary school but who reside outside the Board-approved attendance area. 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.

Mrs. Dugan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Oliver, that Computer School students who are enrolled by the end of the 2016-17 school year will have priority in the application process for enrollment into the new Steger Elementary School. 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.

REDISTRICTING

Dr. Riss reviewed the redistricting process and a discussion ensued about the formation of a quality and diverse committee and the timeline that will be used throughout the process.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Shipley, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The motion carried 7-0.

President

Secretary