



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Open Minutes from the Retreat Meeting of the Board of Education  
Saturday, December 6, 2014  
WGSD Central Office Board Room  
400 E. Lockwood  
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A retreat meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at approximately 12:03 p.m., Saturday, December 6, 2014, by its president, Emerson Smith. The following members were present:

Emerson Smith	President
Steve Loher	
Amy Clendennen	
David Addison	
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

AGENDA

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, approval of the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

BUILDING ADVISORY  
REPORT

Diane Moore reviewed the Building Advisory Report. Each Board member was provided an opportunity to ask questions and share thoughts related to the decision the Board would be making Monday evening regarding whether to put the question of a bond referendum on the ballot in April, 2015. Discussion centered on what type of elementary school the Steger/Computer School space would become. The board asked for a timeline for them to review at the Board workshop scheduled for Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Several Board members indicated that they did not feel they received the information needed in previous reports to make a decision related to the type of school for the new elementary. Dr. Riss shared some preparation the central office administrators had worked on to prepare for the retreat. The goal is for this information to be prepared prior to winter break. The Board will discuss the timeline during the retreat and make adjustments as needed for them to move forward with a decision regarding the type of elementary school that Steger/CS will become if the bond is approved by the community.

FINANCE ADVISORY  
REPORT

Diane Moore, COO, shared the history of setting the tax rates and the impact of going above \$6.00, as well as decisions made by the state auditor. Concerns were voiced over not asking for the full amount recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee. (See attached memo and chart.) It was suggested that the Board work with legislators to change the county rules related to the use of the blended tax rate. It was also requested that the administration work with any campaign committee to clearly communicate to our voters what they are being asked to vote for in April, 2015. Mr. Smith polled BOE members asking them to share their thoughts on each option.

The Board asked that Cathy V. be prepared to talk with the reporters on Monday evening. They also requested that the administration provide the worksheet showing the revenue difference during Monday's meeting. A request was made for administrators to provide written motions for all 3 resolutions proposed for consideration by the Board on Monday evening. Mr. Copeland, attorney, will assist with this task.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

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President

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Secretary

## 2015 Operating Tax Levy Increase

	Residential	Agriculture	Commercial	Personal Property	Total
Assessed Valuation	538,637,040	-	81,773,670	79,617,790	700,028,500
Proposed pennies	0.6500		0.3311	0.0828	
<b>Revenue Generated</b>	<b>3,501,141</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>270,753</b>	<b>65,924</b>	<b>3,837,817</b>
Assessed Valuation	538,637,040	-	81,773,670	79,617,790	700,028,500
Proposed Tax Levy	5.9385	0	5.9928	5.9928	
<b>Revenue Generated</b>	<b>31,986,961</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,900,532</b>	<b>4,771,335</b>	<b>41,658,828</b>

<b>Finance Advisory Committee Recommendations (assumes \$0.65 increase for all subclasses)</b>	
<b>Annual Salary Increases</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
Certified Staff	
Support Staff	
Administrative Staff	
<b>TOTAL SALARY COSTS</b>	<b>\$3,144,285</b>
<b>Health Ins. &amp; Retirement</b>	<b>\$279,492</b>
<b>Build Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$349,365</b>
<b>Free Full Day Kdg.</b>	<b>\$209,619</b>
<b>Technology</b>	<b>\$349,365</b>
<b>Preschool Scholarships</b>	<b>\$209,619</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,541,745</b>

<b>Revised Recommendation</b>	
Residential = \$0.65 Comm. = \$0.33 Pers.Prop = \$0.08	
<b>Annual Salary Incre</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
Certified Staff	
Support Staff	
Administrative Staff	
<b>TOTAL SALARY COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 3,074,412</b>
<b>Health Ins. &amp; Retirement</b>	<b>\$ 209,619</b>
<b>Build Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 209,619</b>
<b>Free Full Day Kdg.</b>	<b>\$ 209,619</b>
<b>Technology</b>	<b>\$ 139,746</b>
<b>Preschool Scholarships</b>	<b>\$ 139,746</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,982,761</b>

	2014-15 Current	Tax Increase	2015-2016 Proposed
<b>Residential</b>	\$5.2885	\$0.6500	\$5.9385
<b>Commercial</b>	\$5.6617	\$0.3311	\$5.9928
<b>Personal Property</b>	\$5.9100	\$0.0828	\$5.9928