



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Minutes from the Retreat Meeting of the Board of Education
Saturday, November 15, 2014
Edgewood/Great Circle-Small Jones Room
300 N. Gore
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A retreat meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 8:05 a.m., Saturday, November 15, 2014, by its president, Emerson Smith. The following members were present:

Emerson Smith President
Steve Loher
Amy Clendennen
David Addison (arrived at 8:15 a.m.)
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
Linda Holliday Human Resources Consultant
Cathy Vespereny Director of Community Relations
Jane Baumgartner Secretary

AGENDA

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, approval of the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

BUILDING ADVISORY
REPORT

Diane Moore reviewed the Building Advisory Report. This included a review of the committee's Option 1 and Option 2, along with an estimated residential tax increase. Next, Dr. Moore provided a breakdown of Moss Field improvements which included renovation and repair costs for the stadium foundation, building, track, field and bleachers.

BOE members discussed each item and had opportunities to ask questions for clarification. Discussion ensued about locker room placement and the possibility of transforming existing locker room space into classrooms and rebuild elsewhere. Further discussion focused around the efficient use of space and money, the intended use of the Steger site, and whether each BOE member was in general support of Option 1 or Option 2.

Mr. Smith polled BOE members asking them to share their thoughts on each option. It was determined that discussion and further decisions regarding other BAC recommendations would take place at a later time. All BOE members responded with Option 1 as the preference to move forward in a vote in December. Dr. Riss will help develop a timeline for decisions to be made about the additional items recommended by the BAC.

FINANCE ADVISORY
REPORT

Diane Moore began the review of the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) Report by summarizing Eric Dunn's letter to the Board. She then reviewed the tax levy recommendations versus what they were in 2010 and summarized pennies needed to expand the current 5-year cycle to 6 years. Board members asked questions about each element of the tax levy recommendation and further discussion continued on the allocation of funds for the current request.

After discussion, the Board indicated they were ready to make a decision on the tax levy proposal at their December meeting. Overall the Board was supportive of the recommendations made by the FAC.

REVIEW OF BOE
COMMUNICATION
PROTOCOL

Mr. Smith reviewed the procedures that the Board put in place that pertain to communication. He asked that the Board remain consistent and follow the procedures as outlined. There was a discussion and review of the current policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The motion carried 7-0.

President

Secretary