

Webster Groves School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 13, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Board of Education Room
400 East Lockwood Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 13, 2014, by its president, Emerson Smith. The following members were present:

Emerson Smith	President
Steve Loher	Vice President
Joel Oliver	
Jean Dugan	
Amy Clendennen	
Michael Shipley (arrived at 7:15pm)	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
Diane Moore	Asst. Superintendent-COO
John Simpson	Asst. Superintendent-C&I
Linda Holliday	HR Consultant
John M. Thomas	Director-Student Services
Cathy Vespereny	Director-Community Relations
Jane Baumgartner	Secretary
Doug Copeland	Attorney

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

AGENDA Ms. Clendennen moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to amend the agenda in order to add closed session for the purpose of Litigation and a Student Matter. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS LOG There were no comments/questions resulting from review of communications log.

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITIONS Dr. Riss recognized several National Merit Semi Finalists and Commended Students. Students were introduced individually and had the opportunity to introduce their families and communicate their future plans.

RECOGNITIONS FROM
BOARD MEMBERS

Joel Oliver- Bristol hosted its Fall Festival, which had a great turnout and was well organized. He also visited Hixson during conferences and complimented the amount of positive interaction that took place.

Jean Dugan-Recognized National Merit Semi Finalists and Commended Students. She also recognized the success of several WGHS fall athletic teams.

Amy Clendennen-Encouraged all to attend the Ivory Crockett Run 4 Webster this coming weekend, which honors living legend and community member, Ivory Crockett.

Steve Loher-Thanked WAFC for planning and hosting successful coffee events. He complimented the dialogue that takes place between administrators, staff and parents. He also thanked the Computer School parents for their time and for asking important questions about possible changes in the future for the WGSD.

Emerson Smith- recognized the Robotics Team and their beginning of school year event.

RECOGNITIONS FROM
ADMINISTRATORS

Sarah Riss recognized the latest recipient of the Peabody Leader in Education Award, Phil Wojak. She also reported that the Parent/Teacher Conferences were well attended. Finally, she thanked Diane Moore and John M. Thomas for their constant efforts to keep our students, staff and buildings safe under a variety of conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments offered.

BOARD LIAISON
ACTIVITIES

Jean Dugan provided an update on Foundation events. Upcoming events include: Ivory Crockett Run and a Pancake Breakfast, in addition to the Wellness Fair.

REPORTS FROM
SUPERINTENDENT &
STAFF

Nancy Zitzmann presented the Bristol report, which included information on: Bristol's high attendance rate, 100% participation in Parent/Teacher Conferences, and MAP improvements in 3rd-5th grades. She described strategies that positively contribute to student learning at Bristol such as: Response to Intervention, closing the achievement gap, tutors, team time and family literature night. Additional points of pride included: math/science fun nights, home visits, summer reading program for at-risk students, strong PTO support, and high participation in community outreach programs. Fifth grade teacher Mike Muldrow showed a video illustrating RtI. He explained the process of assessing needs of students, analyzing data as a grade level team and determining a tier, tracking student progress and modifying plans if needed.

John Simpson and The Collaborative presented a report on conceptualizing an "innovation school." The report detailed how the group was formed, how certain individuals were sought out to be contributors, what a "School for Today" would look like and what it would include, the importance of "Responsive Spaces" in the innovative student learning process, and Systematic Adaptiveness, where adults are required to become learners and adapt to new ways of thinking and doing. The end result would include a school with engaged and challenged students who are able to find a purpose in their life, discover what they are uniquely suited to, and see themselves as an important part of the community. The presentation concluded with an opportunity for BOE members to comment and ask questions.

Sarah Riss and Diane Moore presented the 6-8 Dream Team Report. The report included a list of committee members, expectations, a timeline of the completed work, top priorities based on committee research, a description of 4 school district visits and benefits observed from each, a proposed building layout and final evaluation scores reported from committee members and current staff. Dr. Moore also discussed the City of Webster Groves' 40 Acres plan and how that would affect/benefit a potential 6-8 center at the current Hixson site.

Diane Moore presented the 2014-15 Budget Update. There were few minor adjustments to be approved that pertained to Title II funding and the movement of funds from District's Fund 1 to Fund 4 for the purpose of fulfilling technology leases.

Diane Moore presented the Tuition Calculations to the Board. She recommended setting the 2014-15 non-resident K-12 tuition at \$12,566.38, based on the DESE recommended calculating format. She also recommended the 2015-16 Full-Day Kindergarten tuition be set at \$2000, which would be revisited in Spring 2015 to see if any changes need to be made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Ms. Clendennen, that the consent agenda be approved:

- 006a September 22, 2014 Minutes
- 006b Monthly Expenditures: September \$2,458,015.24
- 006c Activity Account: September \$117,776.95
- 006d Cash Flow Report: September
- 006e Approve Personnel Report
- 006f Approve Tuition Rate
- 006g Approve Music Curriculum
- 006h Approve Budget Adjustments

The motion carried 6-0

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, to remove closed session from the amended agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Clendennen moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

Board President

Board Secretary