



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, May 12, 2014

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 p.m., Monday, May 12, 2014, by its president, Emerson Smith. The following members were present:

Emerson Smith	President
Steven Loher	Vice President
David Addison	(arrived at 7:32 p.m.)
Jean Dugan	
Joel Oliver	
Michael Shipley	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Diane Moore	Assistant Superintendent/COO
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
Cathy Vespereny	Director of Community Relations
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services
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

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, approval of the agenda as modified. The motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNICATION/  
RECOGNITION/  
INFORMATION

Board members honored students for awards in citizenship, Missouri Scholars 100, SkillsUSA, VICC Outstanding Senior, and the St. Louis Area Physics Teachers competition. The board also honored teacher Patrick Dempsey for receiving a Life Changer Award. Board members recognized senior awards for the Class of 2014, Jason Heisserer's going away party, spring sports awards, scholar athletes, school concerts, Jackie Stilwell's retirement, Statesmen baseball, the Hudson picnic, the district barbecue and the new sculpture park in Webster Groves.

The art in the board room for the month is from Avery School.

REPORTS AND BOARD LIAISON ACTIVITIES

MSBA UPDATE

Board members discussed attendance at several meetings coming up with the Missouri School Boards' Association.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Dugan reported that the committee has reviewed most of the policies and the board will vote on any changes in June.

RETREAT TOPICS

Mr. Smith has sent board members a list of possible topics. He asked that board members respond to him by May 30.

CALENDAR

Board members reviewed the calendar of events for the next several weeks.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

MATH CURRICULUM

John Simpson and Susan Bergman presented information on the review of the mathematics curriculum for kindergarten through 12th grade. They discussed the review cycle including development of learning goals and proficiency scales. Parents will be able to read the document on the web site. Professional development for teachers is under way.

WGHS GRADUATION

The board discussed duties for the May 16 graduation ceremony.

- STAFF RECEPTION      The Board discussed duties at the staff reception on May 13.
- FOOD SERVICE  
CONTRACT              Dr. Moore presented a recommendation that the board select Chartwells as its food service vendor for the next year. She said that a district committee had reviewed bids from four companies and recommended Chartwells.
- CONSENT AGENDA      Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, approval of the consent agenda:  
006a Minutes:  
    006a1 April 14, 2014 Regular Meeting  
    006a2 April 28, 2014 Special/Workshop Meeting  
006b Payment of Bills  
    006b1 Monthly Expenditure Report: April              \$4,629,777.19  
    006b2 Activity Account: April                              \$137,871.64  
    006b3 Cash Flow Summary Report  
006c Approve Personnel Report  
006d Approve Food Service Vendor Recommendation  
006e Approve Math Curriculum  
006f Approve Policy Subcommittee Recommendations  
The motion carried 6-0.
- MOTION TO RECESS  
INTO CLOSED  
SESSION              Mr. Addison moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, that the Board recess into closed session at 7:52 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Personnel [Sec. 610.021 (3) RS Mo.] and Meet and Confer [Sec. 610.021 (9) RS Mo.] Mr. Addison, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes; Mr. Oliver, Yes; Mr. Shipley, Yes.  
The motion carried 6-0.
- ADJOURNMENT              Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes; Mr. Oliver, Yes; Mr. Shipley, Yes.  
The motion carried 6-0.

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President

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Secretary