

Webster Groves School District  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 10, 2014  
7:00 P.M.  
Central Office Board 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, March 10, 2014, by its president, Amy O'Brien. The following members were present:

Amy O'Brien	President
Emerson Smith	Vice President
David Addison (called in)	
Joel Oliver	
Jean Dugan	
Steve Loher (arrived 7:15)	
Amy Clendennen	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Asst. Superintendent-Curriculum & Instruction
Diane Moore	Asst. Superintendent-CFO
Linda Holliday	HR Consultant
John M. Thomas	Director-Student Services
Cathy Vespereny	Director-Community Relations
Jane Baumgartner	Secretary

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. O'Brien called for and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag prior to beginning the meeting.

**AGENDA**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS	No public comments were made.
COMMUNICATION	Updated correspondence log was reviewed. No additional questions or concerns were expressed.
SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS	<p>Dr. Riss first recognized the WGHS Robotics Team for their outstanding achievements this year. Robotics teacher, Jeanette Hencken, thanked the District for their ongoing support and encouragement. One robot was demonstrated live for the BOE and each team member in attendance introduced themselves and expressed their goals and accomplishments since being involved in Robotics.</p> <p>Dr. Riss then recognized the WGHS Chess Team for their impressive finish at the State Tournament in Columbia, MO. Additionally, State Champion, Iskandar Aripov, a senior at WGHS was recognized and applauded for this outstanding finish. A total of 4 players were in attendance and all introduced themselves and discussed their experiences thus far with the Chess Club.</p>
FROM BOARD MEMBERS	<p><u>Joel Oliver</u>-attended the Winter Sports Recognition at WGHS and praised the event and its impressive attendance</p> <p><u>Jean Dugan</u>-Congratulated the boys basketball team for defeating Kirkwood in the District Finals and wished the team good luck against CBC; recommended that BOE members see <i>American Promise</i> which was presented for district viewing over the previous weekend.</p> <p><u>Steve Loher</u>- praised the video, <i>American Promise</i> and its powerful messages. He also applauded the High School for a successful Parent Club Auction.</p> <p><u>David Addison</u>-recognized Clark for coordinating and hosting a successful auction</p> <p><u>Amy Clendennen</u>-praised David Addison for being a great auctioneer at the Clark Auction and claimed it was their best yet with such an impressive attendance.</p> <p><u>Emerson Smith</u>-commended the group who viewed <i>American Promise</i> and the meaningful discussion that was held afterwards.</p> <p><u>Amy O'Brien</u>-recognized the powerful movie and expressed gratitude for introducing it into the WGSD.</p>
FROM ADMINISTRATORS	Cathy Vespereny mentioned WGHS student Tommy Hogan – his art was chosen to represent the state's 1 <sup>st</sup> senatorial district in the Missouri Art Education Association and Missouri Alliance for Art Education exhibit at the state capitol. Additionally, Maddy Vetter and Alex Weiselmann – semifinalists in the Pasta House High School Art Contest. Their art is hanging in the St. Louis Science Center
LIAISON ACTIVITIES/REPORTS	<p>Amy O'Brien announced the dates of the upcoming MSBA Spring Regional Conference (April 30) and confirmed Sarah and Jean's plans to attend MSBA Legislative meetings (March 11).</p> <p>The Board mentioned that the EdPlus Legislative Breakfast was a success and that many important conversations took place.</p> <p>The Policy Sub Committee Recommendations were on the consent agenda for approval. Board members did not have any additional questions.</p>

REPORTS FROM  
SUPERINTENDENT &  
STAFF

Linda Holliday presented the revised 2015-16 calendar to the Board and requested approval. Mr. Smith presented a motion to approve the 2015-16 calendar as presented, seconded by Ms. Clendennen. It was also requested that we monitor the impact on student attendance with these calendar changes. The motion carried 6-1.

Diane Moore presented the second round of budget adjustments for 2013-14. She expressed an overall decrease in the budget deficit of \$559,000.

Diane Moore presented the first draft of the 2014-15 budget. She emphasized being more conservative on revenues and projecting expenses to be at or greater than current year. There are projected to be approximately \$57.8 million in operating expenses, which is an overall increase of 2.62% over 2013-14 year. This would result in a deficit of \$1.969 million.

Diane Moore reviewed the kindergarten tuition report. She explained that out of 63 applications for FDK scholarships, 62 were approved. She recommends leaving a small amount in the budget to allow administrators to fulfill additional academic needs.

(David Addison ended the conference call at 7:55 p.m.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, that the consent agenda be approved:

- 006a1 Minutes from February 10 Regular Meeting
- 006a2 Minutes from February 24 Special / Workshop Meeting

Payment of bills:

- 006b1 Monthly Expenditure Report: February 2014
- 006b2 Activity Account: February 2014
- 006b3 Cash Flow Report: February 2014
- 006c Approve Personnel Report
- 006d Approve Recommended Budget Adjustments 2013-14
- 006e Approve Recommended Board Policy Revisions

The motion carried 6-0.

MOTION TO RECESS  
INTO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to recess into closed session at 7:55 p.m. for the purposes of discussing Personnel, including hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees [Sec.610.021(3) RS Mo] and Property [Sec. 610.021(2) RS Mo]. Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Clendennen, yes; Mr. Oliver, yes; Mr. Loher, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Ms. O'Brien, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

RECONVENE OPEN  
MEETING

The open meeting was reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

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President

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Secretary