

Webster Groves School District  
Special / Workshop Meeting  
The Board of Education  
Monday, February 24, 2014  
7:00 P.M.  
Hudson Elementary Library  
9825 Hudson Ave.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63119

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special/workshop meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 24, 2014, by its president, Amy O'Brien. The following members were present:

Amy O'Brien	President
Emerson Smith	Vice President
David Addison	
Joel Oliver	
Jean Dugan	
Steve Loher	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Asst. Superintendent-Curriculum & Instruction
Diane Moore	Asst. Superintendent-CFO
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. Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dave Buck, community member and parent, spoke about innovation and presented five ways on how the WGSD can implement innovation in order to improve for the future.

**REPORTS FROM  
SUPERINTENDENT &  
STAFF**

Lisa Hilpert presented the Hudson Elementary Report. She discussed R.O.C.K.S., Hudson's goals for continued improvement, MAP data and PBIS data. Three Hudson 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students also performed a reading as an example of the Fluency Project implemented at Hudson.

John Simpson presented a Curriculum Development Update. Priorities are being created within standards as curriculums are rewritten. K-8 is expected to be completed by 5/2014, with at least half of the High School to be completed by 6/2014.

John Simpson and Merlene Gilb presented the Vertical Study Team Report to the Board. John thanked all participants who helped complete the study. Six teams were formed including staff, non-educators, administrators, and others. Their findings included the emerging of core concepts, particularly the concept of “forward thinking.” John and Merlene summarized how the findings lead to plans for forward movement. A group discussion about cultivating forward thinking within the District was facilitated by John after the presentation. All committee members participated and the Board had opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback.

Dr. Riss provided the Board literature from the MSBA Legislative Forum attended on February 18. The Board was encouraged to read the literature and ask questions if needed.

MOTION TO RECESS  
INTO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to recess into closed session at 8:55 p.m. for the purposes of discussing Property [Sec. 610.021(2) RS Mo]. Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Addison, 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 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

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President

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Secretary