

Webster Groves School District
Regular Meeting
The Board of Education
Monday, January 27, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Central Office
400 East Lockwood
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, January 27, 2014, by its president, Amy O'Brien. The following members were present:

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

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Asst. Superintendent-Curriculum & Instruction
Diane Moore	Asst. Superintendent-CFO
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
Cathy Vespereny	Director-Community Relations
John M. Thomas	Director-Student Services
Doug Copeland	Attorney
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. Loher, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Michael Shipley introduced himself and informed the Board that he will be seeking a seat in the upcoming 2014 BOE election.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG Updated Correspondence Log was reviewed; no questions or concerns were expressed.

SPECIAL RECONGITIONS John Simpson read a thank you letter from Todd Schaefer (WGHS teacher) thanking the Board and Administrators for support of Thespians and other Drama programs.

Dr. Riss honored the Thespians, Emily Jackoway and Essence Tyler for receiving Accomplished scores and presented each with letters for their portfolios.

RECOGNITIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

David Addison: praised the success of the Renaissance Celebration at WGHS and the achievements of the Thespian students and teacher, Todd Schaefer.
Jean Dugan: attended the 30 year celebration of Computer School Pancake Breakfast, which was a great success; reminded all of the Foundation Event 'Food for Thought' at Cyrano's; encouraged all to attend the Parent Auction on 2/15; gave praise to the boys and girls basketball teams for their exciting games vs. Kirkwood.
Joel Oliver: acknowledged the trivia night at Hixson; praised the Bristol Bravos and wished good luck for their upcoming performance at the hockey game.
Emerson Smith: thanked everyone who attended the MLK event.
Steve Loher: attended Avery and Edgar Road's KDG information nights—both were very well attended; thanked the facilities and grounds crews for their hard work during the snow days.
Amy Clendennen: praised the Jazz band performance at the Pageant; also commended WGHS for a successful and well-run information night.
Amy O'Brien: acknowledged Hixson trivia night and all of the hard work put in by teachers; also thanked Central Office for the Board Appreciation sandwiches.

RECOGNITIONS FROM ADMINISTRATORS

Sarah Riss: Recognized the Board for their service, dedication to the WGSD and their constant involvement and support with the many district activities and committees. Presented each with a framed certificate from MSBA.
Cathy Vespereny: recognized Emily Fritz and Grant Early, whose artwork pieces were selected to appear in the St. Louis County Health and Wellness calendar. Also congratulated the ECHO for receiving gold medal status in the CSPA ratings.

BOARD LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Amy O'Brien named the 4 candidates who will officially be running in the 2014 BOE election: Michael Shipley, David Addison, Amy Clendennen, and Steve Dioneda.

Dr. Riss reminded Board members of the Legislative Forum on 2/18/14. She also asked if anyone was available to attend the 3/11/14 Legislative meetings. At this time, Jean Dugan and Sarah Riss will be attending.

The Policy Sub Committee Report was reviewed. Board members were asked to notify a committee member if any changes or additions needed to be made.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF

Dr. Riss presented the final draft of the Thematic Goals, as agreed upon by the Strategic Planning Committee. She requested an approval of the goals from the Board. Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the thematic goals as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Diane Moore gave a brief update on the Budget and Tax Collections. There is a 4% difference from last year and it is anticipated for the District to be on pace to produce 'normal' revenues. Her recommendation was to remain conservative with spending.

Diane reviewed the bid process for food service contracts, which will be conducted in Spring 2014. It was suggested from a Board member that we encourage more competition among vendors. Mr. Addison volunteered to represent the BOE when the Food Service bidding committee is formed.

John M. Thomas presented the updated VICC report. WGSD currently has 178 VICC students enrolled, with next year's recommendation to add 5 students. WGSD currently has 19 transfer students from unaccredited districts and fielding efforts are underway to determine next year's enrollment numbers.

Amy O'Brien revisited the facility options that the Board is considering. The Board gave permission to the facilities committee to move forward with the collection of information regarding an "innovation-type" school, the expansion of Hixson to include 6th grade, and the options for additional space at various schools.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Ms. Clendennen, that the consent agenda be approved:

- 006a Minutes from January 11 Retreat Meeting
- Payment of bills:
- 006b Monthly Expenditure Report: December 2013
- 006c Activity Account: December 2013
- 006d Cash Flow Report: December 2013
- 006e Approve Personnel Report

The motion carried 7-0.

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 Property [Sec. 610.021(2) RS Mo] and Personnel [Sec.610.201(3)RS Mo]. Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Addison, yes; Mr. Oliver, yes; Mr. Loher, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Ms. Clendennen, yes; Ms. O'Brien, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

RECONVENE OPEN MTG

The open meeting was reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

President

Secretary