

Webster Groves School District
Regular Meeting
The Board of Education
Monday, October 14, 2013
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, October 14, 2013, by its president, Amy O'Brien. The following members were present:

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

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
Diane Moore	Asst. Superintendent-COO
John Simpson	Asst. Superintendent-Curriculum & Instruction
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
John M. Thomas	Director-Student Services
Cathy Vespereny	Director-Community Relations
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 6-0.
COMMUNICATIONS/ RECOGNITIONS	<p>Updated Correspondence Log was reviewed; no questions or concerns were expressed.</p> <p>The Board honored WGHS National Merit Scholars. Dr. Riss acknowledged the students present and they were introduced and asked to explain their motivation for taking the test and what their post-secondary plans included. <i>Other Celebrations from Board Members included:</i></p> <p><u>Joel Oliver</u>: Bristol Bravos achieved their highest participation numbers ever</p> <p><u>Steve Loher</u>: Varsity Softball won their third consecutive district championship; Boys & Girls Cross Country won the Suburban South Conference Championship</p> <p><u>Emerson Smith</u>: Gave special thanks to all individuals who serve on the committees in WGSD</p> <p><u>Jean Dugan</u>: Commended the WGHS music groups for their outstanding performances and all parent volunteers</p> <p><u>Amy Clendennen</u>: Offered special thanks and job well done to those teachers and students who travelled to MSBA to give presentations</p> <p><u>Amy O'Brien</u>: Shared that all presentations from MSBA were very well received by colleagues in other school districts</p> <p><u>Cathy Vespereny</u> shared that the Webster-Kirkwood Times will be running a story on Chris McGee; The local weather station is up and running on the rooftop of WGHS</p> <p><u>Sarah Riss</u> recognized Edgar Road and WAFC for hosting blood drives</p>
PUBLIC COMMENTS	Mr. Daniel Jackson, member of the Northwest Neighbor Coalition, expressed concern of not enough diversity at the head of major institutions in Webster Groves and surrounding areas.
BOE LIAISON ACTIVITIES	<p>Amy O'Brien suggested that all Board Members bring something from a presentation they experienced at MSBA to the next scheduled meeting to share.</p> <p>Jean Dugan provided a brief update on the Foundation. She communicated that the mini grants had been distributed and that proceeds of other fundraisers have resulted in new sign in equipment for all schools in order to increase awareness and overall security</p> <p>Policy Subcommittee Reports were distributed and reviewed. The Board was asked to notify the committee if any changes need to be made.</p>
REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF	<p>Dr. Moore shared the Budget Update. She explained the two expenditure adjustments in the areas of Professional Development and Preschool. She also summarized the overall decrease in our projected deficit.</p> <p>Dr. Moore then shared the Tuition Report. She shared our current actual local cost of education of : \$14,666.66. She also recommended tuition for full-day Kindergarten remain the same at \$3000. Finally, she summarized the number of KG students who received full-day scholarships this year (54 received out of 55 who qualified)</p>

Dr. Riss shared the Enrollment Report. She pointed out the enrollment jumps at Steger & Hixson, as well as a small increase at the HS. Elementary enrollment is beginning to slow down & stabilize, as projected.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 006a Minutes from September 9, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
- 006b Minutes from September 23, 2013 Special/Workshop Meeting
- Payment of bills:
- 006c Monthly Expenditure Report: September 2013
- 006d Activity Account: September 2013
- 006e Cash Flow Report: September 2013
- 006f Approve Budget Adjustment Recommendations
- 006g Approve Personnel Report
- 006h Approve Tuition Rate
- 006i Approve Board Policy Recommendations

The motion carried 6-0.

FUTURE MEETING COORDINATION

Amy O'Brien reminded all Board Members of the MSBA Regional Meeting October 29 @ Ritenour

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Clendennen moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

President

Secretary