

Webster Groves School District  
Board of Education  
Special / Workshop Meeting  
Monday, August 5, 2013, 5:00 P.M.

Hixson Middle School  
630 South Elm Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A special/workshop meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 5, 2013, by its president, Amy O'Brien. The following members were present:

Amy O'Brien	President
Emerson Smith	
Jean Dugan	
Joel Oliver	
Amy Clendennen	
Steve Loher (arrived at 5:20 p.m.)	
David Addison (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
Diane Moore	Assistant Superintendent-CFO
John Simpson	Assistant Superintendent-Curriculum & Instruction
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
John M. Thomas	Director-Student Services
Cathy Vespereny	Director-Community Relations
Doug Copeland	Attorney (arrived at 6:00)
Jane Baumgartner	Board Secretary

AGENDA

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, approval of the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes from the following Board of Education meetings:
  - June 24, 2013, special meeting
- Personnel report
- Bridge Loan with PNC Bank

The motion carried 5-0.

UNACCREDITED  
SCHOOL UPDATE

Dr. Riss announced the update(s) in the transferring status of students from unaccredited school districts. WGSD has accepted approximately 20 students as of 8/5/13. It was suggested that principals reach out to these new families, reminding them of the back to school picnic on 8/10/13. Thanks were given to all involved in this process.

ART AND SCIENCE OF  
TEACHING  
DEMONSTRATION

Steger/Computer School Principal Dr. Kris Denbow led the Art and Science of Teaching demonstration. She divided the audience of school administrators and Board members into small groups, where each was asked to collaborate on specific instructional strategies. Each table was to come up with their *desired effect* from the instructional element assigned, in addition to suggesting what teachers can do to achieve this effect in their classrooms.

iOBSERVATION  
DISCUSSION

Linda Holliday provided a general demonstration using the new tool for teacher observations/evaluations, iObservation. The convenience, ease, and capability of the software were emphasized and each table navigated through the program individually.

MOTION TO RECESS  
INTO CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to recess into closed session at 5:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Litigation [Sec.610.201(1) RS MO.] Ms. O'Brien, yes; Mrs. Clendennen, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Mr. Oliver, yes, Mr. Loher, yes, Mr. Smith, yes, Mr. Addison, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

RECONVENE OPEN  
MEETING

The open meeting was reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

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President

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Secretary