



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Open Minutes from the Special Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, February 22, 2016  
Hudson Elementary School Library  
9825 Hudson Ave., Rock Hill, MO 63119

CALL TO ORDER: A special workshop meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 22, 2016, by its president, David Addison. The following members were present:

David Addison	President
Amy Clendennen	Vice President (arrived at 7:25 p.m.)
Jean Dugan	
Steven Loher	
Joel Oliver	
Michael Shipley	Not in attendance
Emerson Smith	Not in attendance

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Asst. Supt for C&I/Future Superintendent
Diane Moore	Asst. Superintendent/COO
Cathy Vespereny	Chief Communications Officer
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services
Tim Brown	Director of Instructional Technology
Lori Medlin	Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mr. Addison called for and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag before beginning the meeting.

AGENDA Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, approval of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were no public comments.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS Mr. Loher encouraged the other members of the Board to attend the EdPlus-sponsored annual breakfast meeting for area legislators, school board members, and superintendents scheduled Saturday, February 27, 2016, at the Marriott St. Louis West.

In other news, Mr. Loher and Mrs. Dugan reported that the February 16 Legislative Forum in Jefferson City was a day well-spent with many opportunities to meet and speak with legislators and hear the governor address the members of the MSBA.

Mr. Addison asked the Board to consider moving the BOE retreat from June 4th to June 11th so that all could attend. All members present agreed to move the date.

## REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF

### HUDSON SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Lisa Hilpert and staff members Des Reichold, Sam Pitlyk, Jodi Bergmann, Kristin Fagin, and Tom Havrilka introduced the Hudson School Report. Mrs. Hilpert highlighted different classrooms modeling the School for Today concept and introduced several teachers, two students and a parent who gave examples of how this concept is working every day in their classrooms.

### 2017-18 SCHOOL CALENDAR REPORT

The proposed calendar was reviewed with no questions or issues by the Board. The calendar is on the consent agenda for approval.

### FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT

Dr. John Simpson shared the Federal Programs Report for 2014-15 including focus areas for 2016-17. Federal funds are used to support students, parents, and teachers in a variety of areas including literacy, social justice, and non-violent crisis intervention. Webster Groves School District received \$771,687.80 (including VICC Title 1 funds) in the 2014-15 school year for the two federal Title programs. These funds are noncompetitive grants with specific allocations based on district enrollment and percentage of free and reduced lunch students. The Federal Programs Report is on the consent agenda for approval.

### FUTURE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. John Simpson presented his draft entry plan created to guide his actions in support of transitioning into his new role as superintendent of schools on July 1, 2016. Dr. Simpson is looking forward to working with the Board of Education, staff, district families and members of the community to move toward the district vision.

### DONATION FOR WGHS SELMA FIELD

Dr. Diane Moore shared a request to accept a \$17,000 donation from the Foundation to support upgrades to Webster Groves High School Selma Field. Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan to accept the donation. The motion passed 5-0.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Dave Buck addressed Dr. Arnold Stricker, who was in the audience, thanking him for stepping up and running for a seat on the Board of Education in the April 5<sup>th</sup> election. He urged incumbents to be fair and reasonable during the open forum and

debate to be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Addison called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Dugan moved to approve:

- ❖ Minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings:
  - 006a Minutes for February 1, 2016, Special Business Meeting
  - 006b Minutes for February 6, 2016, Special Business Meeting
  - 006c Minutes for February 8, 2016, Business Meeting

- ❖ Payment of Bills
  - 006d Monthly Expenditure Report-February 4-17: \$525,210.35
  - 006e Monthly Activity Account: February 4-17: \$51,811.75
  - 006f Approve Personnel Report
  - 006g Approve Federal Programs Report
  - 006h Approval of 2017-2018 School Calendar

Mr. Loher seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

## RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to recess into closed session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Meet and Confer [Sec.610.021 (3) RSMo] and Personnel [Sec.610.021(3) RSMo].

The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote: Mr. Loher, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Mr. Addison, yes; Ms. Clendennen, yes; Mr. Oliver, yes.

The Open meeting reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

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Board President

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Board Secretary