



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, May 9, 2016
Board of Education Offices
400 E. Lockwood Avenue
Webster Groves, MO 63119

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:59 p.m., Monday, May 9, 2016, by its President, Steven Loher. The following members were present:

Steven Loher	President
Amy Clendennen	Vice President
David Addison	
Jean Dugan	
Emerson Smith	
Arnold Stricker	
Michael Shipley	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
JoAnn Kite	Comptroller
Doug Copeland	Attorney
Lori Medlin	Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Loher called for and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag before beginning the meeting.

Agenda Mrs. Dugan moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Addison seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Public Comment Resident Lisa Mueller addressed the Board requesting further apologies be made to another resident for the Facebook posts previously made.

Resident Matt Fagin wanted the board to know that he and his wife, who is a teacher in the district, have requested their two children transfer to Hudson School for 2016-17. One child currently attends the PEGS program in Lindbergh. They are highly impressed with the changes happening at Hudson with the implementation of the "School for Today" innovations.

Correspondence log There was no comment or discussion about the correspondence log.

Special Recognitions	<p>Dr. Riss and Ms. Vespereny recognized Allen Distinguished Educator Award recipients Rob Rambach and Patrick Dempsey. The pair were one of 8 in the nation to receive this prestigious award. Mr. Rambach and Mr. Dempsey introduced and thanked their families and the Foundation for the support given during this process, and shared their experiences along the way.</p>
Chartwells Presentation	<p>Regional Vice President Bruce Norman and Director of Dining Services Theresa Boettler presented the district with a check for \$5,000 which can be used for such things as scholarships.</p>
Board & Administrator Recognitions	<p>Mr. Addison congratulated those that organized and facilitated the Jim Schoemehl 5K Run for ALS this year. He also thanked the Foundation, Dave Buck, the WGHS Jazz Band, and many local businesses for their support of the Webster on Wheels event on May 1st. Both events were great successes and very well attended by the community.</p>
	<p>Mrs. Dugan congratulated the 91 students inducted into the National Honor Society this year, the Missouri Scholars 100 recipients Gavin Turner and Emma Kaufman, the Junior class for their efforts at the Special Olympics and Steger Sixth Grade Center staff and students for their honeysuckle removal project. Mrs. Dugan also congratulated all of the teachers and students conducting the fantastic musical performances throughout the district.</p>
	<p>Mr. Stricker reported that he attended the Spring MSBA Regional conference and had completed his training for newly elected Board members. He also attended the reception for the Science Fair winners at the high school.</p>
	<p>Ms. Clendennen attended the elementary strings performance and was very impressed with accomplishments by the young students. She also participated in the Mothers Day event at Busch Stadium where the WGHS Varsity Baseball team played after the Cardinal game was over and defeated Galesburg 6-4.</p>
	<p>Mr. Loher congratulated the Class of 2016 with over 240 students receiving more than 600 scholarships exceeding \$28.7 million.</p>
	<p>Dr. Riss reported the annual Webster Challenge Senior Dinner Night hosted by WGHS was very well attended. Alumnus Michael Whittier was the guest speaker. The Webster Challenge seniors earned approximately \$2 million in scholarships.</p>
	<p>Dr. Riss also celebrated Diane Moore, thanking her for 20 years of dedication and hard work for the district.</p>
	<p>Mr. Loher recognized the artwork from Avery Elementary School on display in the Board Room.</p>
Board Reports	<p>Mr. Loher reminded the members of the Board to contact the board secretary for registration and lodging at Tan-Tar-A the weekend of June 3-5 if they planned to</p>

attend the MSBA Leadership Summit and reviewed the remaining calendar items for the end of the 2015-16 year.

Edgar Road School Report

Principal Dr. Julie Wuch and staff gave a presentation highlighting Edgar Road School celebrations and improvement plans for the 2016-17 school year.

2015-16 Budget Update

Dr. Diane Moore presented the budget update reflecting an increase to the surplus of \$224,121. The revenue variance from the first adopted budget in June 2015 to this update is 2.339%. The expenditure variance from the first adopted budget in June 2015 to this update is 0.493%. Final adjustments will be provided to the Board at the June 27 meeting.

WGHS Graduation Responsibilities

Mr. Loher led a discussion about the Board's role at the WGHS Class of 2016 graduation ceremony on May 20, 2016.

Staff Recognition Reception Responsibilities

Ms. Vespereny presented the draft script for the staff recognition event on May 17, 2016.

2016-17 Professional Development Plan

Dr. Simpson introduced the district professional development plan for 2016-17, which is aligned with stakeholder input and the district's vision statement. It follows the Ed Camp model for democracy in learning by providing training that is relevant to need.

Mr. Loher called for a motion to approve the Professional Development Plan for 2016-17. Mrs. Dugan moved. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Educational Services Agreement with Epworth Children & Family Services

Dr. Simpson presented an item of consideration for an Educational Services Agreement between Epworth Children and Family Services, Inc. and the Webster Groves School District. Epworth has requested WGSD to provide educational services to the restricted students on its campus and WGSD is willing to provide such services.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Loher called for a motion to approve the Educational Services Agreement between Epworth Children and Family Services, Inc., and the Webster Groves School District as presented. Mr. Addison made the motion. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

New Superintendent Update

Dr. Simpson reported that with the impending retirement of Diane Moore on July 1, 2016, the district is in the process of searching for a highly qualified Interim Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer. The interim position is only for the 2016-17 school year and the person selected will not be permitted to apply for the regular position when it is posted next fall.

No additional public comments were made.

Public Comment

Mr. Addison moved to approve items:

007a Minutes:

007a1 April 25, 2016, BOE Regular Meeting

Consent Agenda

007b Payment of Bills

007b1 Monthly Expenditure Report: April \$3,071,789.69

007b2 Activity Account: April \$190,222.18

007b3 Cash Flow Summary Report

007c Approve Personnel Report

007d Approve Professional Development Plan for 2016-17

Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

At 8:17 p.m. Mr. Stricker moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel [Sec. 610.021(3) RS Mo.]. Mrs. Dugan seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Addison, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Mr. Loher, yes; Ms. Clendennen, yes; Mr. Stricker, yes.

Recess into Executive Session

The open meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

With no further business, Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. Mr. Addison seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment

Board President

Board Secretary