



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Minutes from the Workshop Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, August 10, 2015
5:30 p.m.
Hixson Middle School Café
630 South Elm Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Monday, August 10, 2015, by its president, David Addison. The following members were present:

David Addison	President
Steve Loher	(Entered at 5:45 p.m.)
Emerson Smith	
Jean Dugan	
Joel Oliver	
Michael Shipley	(Entered at 5:40 p.m.)

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
Diane Moore	Asst. Superintendent/COO
John Simpson	Asst. Superintendent C & I
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
Cathy Vespereny	Director of Community Relations
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services
JoAnn Kite	Director of Business Services
LaNita Harrison	Director of Staff Services
Lori Medlin	Secretary

AGENDA Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

INTRODUCTIONS Each administrator present introduced themselves to the Board

DONATION Dr. Sarah Riss gave details pertaining to a donation to the Chelsea Detrick Center by the Frick family. Dr. Riss expressed how beneficial the Chelsea Detrick Center is and how experiential learning is such a benefit to our high school students.

CONSENT AGENDA Jean Dugan moved, seconded by Emerson Smith to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

BOARD SECRETARY Mr. Oliver moved that Lori Medlin be appointed Board Secretary, Mrs. Dugan seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0

**BOARD PRIORITIES
FOR 2015-16**

There was discussion regarding the priorities for the Board of Education for 2015-16. The long term priorities are: Student Achievement, Strategic Planning, Facilities, and Early Childhood Learning Opportunities. The short term priorities are: Selecting the new superintendent for 2016-17, Communication and Finances/Revenue.

**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Smith gave an overview of the community engagement plan, designed with the intent of reaching all community members, including those households without WGSD students. Mr. Smith stressed the importance of encouraging our local civic leaders and city council members to become involved in the dialogue. Dr. Riss encouraged the administrators present to inform their PTO organizations and other parent groups. Dates and a tentative agenda have been set for meetings within the community starting on August 29, 2015.

Dr. Riss departed at 6:00 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT
SEARCH PROCESS**

Mr. Addison discussed the overall process of selecting a new superintendent, and indicated that the administrators and other stakeholder groups would be given several opportunities for input and suggestions as to the characteristics they are seeking in the next superintendent.

**INTRODUCTION OF
SEARCH FIRM**

Mr. Addison introduced Dr. Judy Sclair Stein from McPherson & Jacobson, the search firm chosen by the Board. Dr. Sclair-Stein presented the Board and administrators with the firm's philosophy and experience handling the search process.

**OPEN DISCUSSION &
FEEDBACK**

The Board joined principals and other administrators in small group discussion characterizing the qualities they would like to see in the next superintendent. Those ideas were then shared by each group.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Addison called for the motion to adjourn: Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

President

Secretary