



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Minutes from a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, October 24, 2016
Central Office Board Room
400 E. Lockwood Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63119

CALL TO ORDER: A Regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 24, 2016, by its president, Steven Loher.

The following members were present:

Steven Loher	President
Amy Clendennen	Vice President
Emerson Smith	Director
Jean Dugan	Director
Arnold Stricker	Director
Michael Shipley	Director

Also present were:

John Simpson	Superintendent
Kristin Denbow	Assistant Superintendent for Learning
Sandy Wiley	Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Cathy Vespereny	Chief Communications Officer
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services
Tim Brown	Director for Instructional Technology
Doug Copeland	Attorney (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)
Shari Meyers	Board Secretary

Not in attendance:

David Addison	Director
Bruce Ellerman	Interim CFO

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

AGENDA Mrs. Clendennen moved to amend the agenda to add (008) Motion to Recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation [Sec.610.021(1)RS MO.] due to information which became available earlier that day. The motion was seconded by Mr. Loher and carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT Resident Kathy Whaley praised the WGSD and commented how fortunate we are to have Diane Stromberg and the Statesmen Pre-School in the district.

Resident Laura Putnam thanked the administration and teachers for the district's nurturing environment and the support her family received from the district after her son's recent accident.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Dr. Stricker shared information from the Equity in Education meeting. The committee has decided to meet every 3-4 weeks rather than 4 times a year. Topics discussed included more community awareness regarding how to get involved, data collection and district challenges.

Dr. Stricker also shared updates from the recent Key Communicators meeting he attended which included methods of district correspondence and the upcoming viewing of the documentary, "Most Likely To Succeed" to be held on October 25 at Hixson. The role of the committee was also discussed during the meeting.

MCPHERSON AND JACOBSON-PHASE V

It was decided Phase 5 of the superintendent hiring process would take place on November 14th in Executive Session. The November 14th board discussion and meeting time will be changed to 6:30 p.m. At this time, the board will develop goals for Dr. Simpson.

RECORDING OR STREAMING BOARD MEETINGS

John Simpson will contact local districts and the private sector to gather information regarding the recording of board meetings. Some concerns noted included the need to identify who is speaking and commenting, to replace the current microphones and to ensure the recordings are secure. Mrs. Clendennen added that anyone is allowed to individually record the board meetings during open session.

EVERY SCHOOL REPORT

Three Avery students presented the Avery School Report. The student Speaker Leaders were Adam DeGarmo (4th grade), Addison Davis (4th grade) and Sam Miller (5th grade). The report included a new mission and vision, front lawn renovations from the approximately \$70,000 earned by fundraisers, student leadership, positive behavior and academic achievement.

STUDENT SUCCESS REPORT

Dr. Kristin Denbow presented the Student Success Report. She shared many celebrations including two additional classes to be added at the high school, increase in graduation and attendance rates, an ACT composite score that is the highest in seven years, an increase in extra-curricular participation and a decrease in suspensions. She also shared areas of concern such as discrepancies in achievement across groups of students.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Shipley, approval of the consent agenda including the amended Personnel Report:

007a Minutes for following BOE Meeting
007a1 October 10, 2016

- 007b Adventure Club Compensation Schedule
- 007c Personnel Report-amended
- 007d Payment of Bills
 - 007d (1) Operating Check Register (10/6/16 - 10/19/16) - \$416,836.38
 - 007d (2) Activity Account Check Register (10/6/16 - 10/19/16) - \$61,769.43

The motion carried 6-0.

MOTION TO RECESS
INTO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Dr. Stricker, that the board recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation [Sec.610.021(1)RS Mo]. Mr. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Ms. Clendennen, Yes; Mr. Addison, Yes; Mr. Shipley, Yes; Dr. Stricker, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Dr. Stricker, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:49 p.m. The motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Board President

Board Secretary