



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Minutes from a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, January 23, 2017
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 7:01 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2017, by its president, Steven Loher.

The following members were present:

Steven Loher	President
Amy Clendennen	Vice President
Jean Dugan	Director
Emerson Smith	Director
Arnold Stricker	Director
Michael Shipley	Director
David Addison	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
Tim Brown	Director of Learning Technology
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services
Bruce Ellerman	Interim CFO/COO
Rob Steuber	Construction Project Manger
Shari Meyers	Board Secretary

Not in attendance:

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

AGENDA Mr. Shipley made a motion to amend the agenda by moving agenda items 008a/008a1 January 9, 2017 BOE Meeting Minutes and 008e from the Consent Agenda to the end of 006 and prior to the 2nd opportunity for Public Comments (007). Mr. Addison seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. Mrs. Dugan made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments.

CELEBRATIONS FROM
BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Stricker attended the Equity in Education meeting and was pleased with the attendance. He also attended the Freshman Renaissance Award Ceremony to honor Freshmen who received a 3.5 GPA or higher. Mr. Shipley announced the upcoming Kindergarten Information Night. Mr. Smith thanked administrators for the amount of time spent on the Steger/Computer School principal hiring process. Several board members attended the Party at the Pageant night sponsored by the WGSD Foundation. Mrs. Dugan shared that the event was wonderful, with food donated by local restaurants for the event. Mrs. Dugan also attended the Martin Luther King Day celebration at Steger and enjoyed all of the speakers and the music. She celebrated Coach Stallcup who coached the boys' basketball game and did a great job in Coach Blossom's absence. Mrs. Dugan was pleased to see so many Clayton students in attendance at the Legislative Advocacy Committee meeting she attended, which was held in the Clayton School District. Mr. Loher attended the WGHS Sports Hall of Fame and was moved by the celebration of each honoree during half time of a Statesmen basketball game. He congratulated Jerry Collins and Pat Voss for the event's success.

CELEBRATIONS FROM
ADMINISTRATORS

Cathy Vespereny shared that high school students Aysha Gray, Alexis Newton, Destinee Redd, Karis Robinson and Mary Katherine Townsend have been chosen to participate in the UMSL Bridge Program. High School thespian Hannah Leatherbarrow recently received a \$1,000 State Thespian Scholarship at a recent Missouri Thespian meeting. Kate Becker and Elliot Williams received the highest possible score for a duet scene they performed and the tech challenge team of Robert Hood, Sophia Gotto, Sam Toskin and Ethan Ryan placed second in the sound event.

BOARD LIAISON
REPORTS

Dr. Simpson announced that this week is MSBA School Board Recognition week and thanked the board members for all they do to support our school district and our students.

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Amy Clendennen presented changes to the district policies and will recommend board approval at the February 13 board meeting.

FULL-DAY
KINDERGARTEN IN 17-18

Dr. Simpson stated there are 10 students this year who are attending half-day kindergarten. Currently, the district's kindergarten program is designed around a half day which makes it difficult to cover all content area and specials (art, physical education and music) within a three-hour block. Dr. Simpson recommended to the board that beginning next school year, the kindergarten program be designed around a full-day block. Half-day kindergarten would still be an option, as long as the parents understood there would be no guarantee that all content areas would be covered in the three-hour timeframe during which the student attends school. The information will be shared with parents during Kindergarten Information Night. Mrs. Dugan suggested supplemental information be available to the half-day kindergarten parents for content their

PLANS FOR USING AND SHARING THE DATA FROM THE ENROLLMENT STUDY	<p>child may miss during the school day.</p> <p>Dr. Simpson discussed the benefits of using the data for things such as budget projections, staffing, resources and classroom sizes. An opportunity to share the information with the community in an open forum was discussed, as well as posting a one or two page document with highlights of the report. It was also recommended that the enrollment study be conducted annually. The board will be provided an update after the Key Communicators meeting in February.</p>
SUPERINTENDENT GOALS UPDATE	<p>Dr. Simpson provided additional information with his plans to meet the goals set forth by the board.</p>
CHILDREN OF SSD STAFF ATTENDING THE WGSD	<p>Dr. Simpson provided an update on the SSD agreement to allow children of SSD staff working in the WGSD to attend WGSD schools. The board determined that additional information is needed before approving and the matter will be discussed at the next board meeting.</p>
2018-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR	<p>Dr. Sandy Wiley presented the 2018-19 school calendar. Changes were made to the calendar to make it more user friendly. Summer school dates and locations were added, the language was modified and all information related to school closings, early dismissals and PD events are now in one place. Dr. Stricker thanked Dr. Wiley and the Calendar Committee. Mr. Shipley recommended adding a retired teacher and an additional board member to the Calendar Committee.</p>
UPDATE ON RECORDING BOARD MEETINGS	<p>Dr. Simpson shared information on the recent district purchases of used audio equipment to provide better sound quality at board meetings. The audio of the January 23rd meeting will be posted on the WGSD website this week.</p>
JANUARY 9, 2017 MINUTES (008a1)	<p>Mr. Shipley motioned to amend the January 9 meeting minutes to reflect his suggestion to upload the audio of the board meeting recordings to the WGSD website. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.</p>
BID FOR WGHS AUDITORIUM SEATING INSTALLATION (008e)	<p>Mr. Shipley requested a broader discussion of the bid process. District Construction Project Manager Rob Steuber was present at the board meeting and stated he had received advice from our district attorney prior to getting the bid that the installation of seating was not considered a project that would require an RFP. Mr. Steuber sent out specifications to four contractors who specialized in this work to get the best price and there are very few companies who would qualify in the metropolitan area. Mr. Steuber also stated since he will be overseeing the project and was able to take the labor out of the installation, he saved the district 22%.</p>

Mr. Shipley motioned to put this out as a normal Request for Proposal for the auditorium seating installation and labor selection. Dr. Stricker seconded the motion. The vote failed with 2 votes in favor and 5 votes against.

Mrs. Dugan motioned to accept the bid for McAllister to do the installation of the auditorium seating bid as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. The vote passed with 5 votes in favor and 2 votes against.

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 008b Personnel Report-amended
- 008c Policy Subcommittee Recommendations
- 008d 18-19 School Calendar
- 008f Payment of Bills
 - 008f (1) Operating Check Register (1/05/17 - 1/19/17) - \$ 743,215.76
 - 008f (2) Activity Account Check Register (1/05/17 - 1/19/17) - \$ 7,677.02

The motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECESS
INTO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Addison, that the board recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation [Sec.610.021(1)RS Mo] and Personnel [Sec.610.201(3)RS MO.]. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Mrs. Clendennen, Yes; Mr. Shipley, Yes; Dr. Stricker, Yes. The motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Addison, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:28 p.m. The motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Board President

Board Secretary