



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Minutes from a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, May 8, 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 6:31 p.m., Monday, May 8, 2017, by its vice president, Emerson Smith.

The following members were present:

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| Amy Clendennen | President (arrived at 6:43 p.m.) |
| Emerson Smith | Vice President |
| David Addison | Director |
| Jean Dugan | Director |
| Steve Loher | Director |
| Arnold Stricker | Director |
| Jo Doll | Director |

Also present were:

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| 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 |
| Doug Copeland | Attorney (arrived at 8:37 p.m.) |
| Shari Meyers | Board Secretary |

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

AGENDA Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to approve the agenda. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mrs. Doll, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Dr. Stricker, Yes. The motion carried 6-0.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION Mr. Addison moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to recess into executive session at 6:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel [Sec.610.201(3)RS MO.]. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mrs. Doll, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Dr. Stricker, Yes. The motion carried 6-0.

RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING The open meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Resident Dave Buck thanked the administrators for the district's focus on character as well as academics.

CELEBRATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following events were announced and celebrated by the board:

- Oasis presentation at Steger
- Webster on Wheels
- Jim Schoemehl Run
- Upcoming choir concert at the high school on May 9
- Foundation meeting on Wednesday, May 10 to elect new officers
- Elementary Strings concert
- A check received from the WGHS Parents Club in the amount of \$25,000 to put towards the renovation of Knight Auditorium.
- St. Louis Bread Company community event with the board

CELEBRATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATORS

The following events were announced and celebrated by the administrators:

- Cathy Vespereny announced that seniors Andy Kimball and Bennett Durando earned spots on the MJEA Honor Roll.
- Junior Ashli Wagner was a News Photo of the Year finalist
- The 40th Annual National Latin Exam was administered to over 149,000 students from all 50 states and 16 foreign countries in early March 2016. At WGHS, 132 students sat for the exam and 20 students received gold or silver medals, placing them among the top Latin students in the nation.

CHARTWELLS SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

Chartwells Food Service Director Theresa Boettler presented a \$5,000 donation to the district. The majority of the gift will fund two student scholarships.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

The following updates were shared by Dr. Simpson:

- A new question button was added to the district website for the community to ask questions. All questions are directed to Cathy Vespereny.
- The Meet the Superintendent event at Shrewsbury Recreation Center was attended by a few parents
- Amy Hunter presented a powerful message to parents regarding equity on April 17
- Videos for the Communication Plan
- Attended the new radio station celebration
- Stand with Students event at Webster University for equity at the collegiate level
- Alumna Barbara Frick donated \$500,000 to the Chelsea Center and to support Industrial Technology
- Commended Glenn Detrich for support of the district
- Thanked Dave Buck and all volunteers for the success of the Webster on Wheels event
- Jim Schoemehl Run raised \$13,000
- Student advisor to the board application deadline is May 12
- MAP and AP testing is almost complete for the 2016-17 school year

- Presented a copy of the Facilities Project list to all board members with the items to be fixed and replaced in each building
- Discussed upcoming legislation bill
- Bruce Ellerman’s contract with the district has been extended another year
- Approximately 40 juniors who live in the district and attend private schools took the ACT test at Webster Groves High School

BOARD INVOLVEMENT
AND RETIREMENT
RECEPTION

Sandy Wiley shared information with the board on the upcoming retirement reception May 16.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Dr. Simpson and Cathy Vespereny asked for feedback from the Key Communicators regarding the Communication Plan. Dr. Simpson asked the Board for their initial thoughts regarding the plan and accompanying survey. Cathy Vespereny announced that a Webster University student may do an internship with the district next year.

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Kristin Denbow presented the Professional Development Plan for the upcoming school year. The plan was a collaboration with the iDEA Committee, teachers and building principals. Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Addison, to approve the Professional Development Plan as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

LEARNING
PRESENTATION

Dr. Denbow shared data from various schools regarding student progress. Dr. Denbow presented examples of data collected from the NWEA data platform, a program that replaces Aimsweb. This program will allow staff to monitor student growth over the years and produce a variety of reports.

FOURTH OF JULY
CARNIVAL

Dr. Simpson presented a draft agreement and permit for the Fourth of July Carnival to the board.

Mr. Addison moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to authorize the board president and attorney to negotiate with the Webster Groves Lions Club and the City of Webster Groves for a one-year agreement for the Fourth of July Carnival. The motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Dave Buck announced an upcoming meeting with the Alliance for Interracial Dignity and the North Webster Neighborhood Coalition to talk about the thoughts and feelings of the neighborhood.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mrs. Doll, approval of the consent agenda including the following items:

013a Minutes for the following BOE Meeting:

013a1 April 24, 2017

013b Revised K-5 Science Curriculum

013c Personnel Report

013d Payment of Bills

013d (1) Cash Flow Summary

013d (2) Summary Activity Analysis

013d (3) Operating Check Register (4/18/17-5/9/17) - \$399,880.57

013d (4) Activity Account Check Register (4/18/17-5/9/17) - \$53,156.64

013d (5) P-Card Check Register (4/1/17-4/30/17) - \$20,933.23

The motion carried 7-0.

RECESS TO CLOSED
SESSION

Mrs. Doll moved, seconded by Mr. Addison, to recess into executive session at 9:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel [Sec.610.201(3)RS MO.] and litigation [Sec.610.021(1)RS MO.]. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mrs. Doll, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Ms. Clendennen, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Dr. Stricker, Yes. The motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Addison, that the meeting adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Ms. Clendennen, Yes; Mrs. Doll, Yes; Dr. Stricker, Yes. The motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Secretary