



**WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Open Minutes from a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**Monday, May 22, 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 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 22, 2017, by its president, Amy Clendennen.

The following members were present:

Amy Clendennen	President
Emerson Smith	Vice President
Steve Loher	Director
David Addison	Director (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)
Jean Dugan	Director
Arnold Stricker	Director
Jo Doll	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 (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)
Shari Meyers	Board Secretary

Not present:

Doug Copeland	Attorney
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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Ms. Clendennen 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. Mrs. Doll, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Ms. Clendennen, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Dr. Stricker, Yes. The motion carried 6-0.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AGENDA** Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Doll, to recess into executive session at 6:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel [Sec.610.201(3)RS MO] and litigation [Sec.610.021(1)RS MO.]. Mrs. Doll, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Ms. Clendennen, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Dr. Stricker, Yes. The motion carried 6-0.

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** The meeting reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several current and former WGHS students and parents spoke about WGHS choir teacher Scott Kinworthy and the difference he has made in their lives as a teacher and a mentor.

## REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

Mr. Ellerman shared an update from the Building Advisory Committee of the work that has been completed in the district. Mr. Ellerman stated that based on enrollment projections, there should be no additional space needs in the district until the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Ellerman shared the 2017 summer projects list developed by the building principals and the facilities department which was narrowed down based on the budget. Mr. Ellerman stated that every building will have a summer improvement project.

Dr. Simpson provided an update on the student advisor to the board. Eleven WGHS juniors submitted their essays and will be interviewed this week.

Clark principal Joe Hays and WGHS assistant principal John E. Thomas presented on the work of the Equity in Education Committee. John Simpson presented the final draft of the resolution. Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Doll to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Simpson presented the final communication plan and communication survey. The Key Communicators Committee suggested advertising the communication survey in the Webster-Kirkwood Times.

Bruce Ellerman shared a report regarding insurance. The district's health insurance premiums will increase by 9%. In order to keep the premiums from increasing to 12%, the employee's medical co-pays will also increase slightly. No action from the board is needed at this time. Mr. Ellerman will present the final report to the board next month for approval.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Dave Buck praised WGHS choir teacher Scott Kinworthy for supporting his daughter.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda items.

012a Minutes for the following BOE Meeting:

012a1 April 10, 2017-Revised

012a2 May 8, 2017

012b Personnel Report

012c Steger Asbestos Abatement Bids

012d Final 2016-17 Bus Routes

012e Payment of Bills

012e (1) Operating Check Register (5/10/17-5/17/17) - \$113,491.99

012e (2) Activity Account Check Register (5/10/17-5/17/17) - \$24,414.86

The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Stricker moved, seconded by Mr. Addison, to amend the approval of the Consent Agenda items, to exclude 012b Personnel Report. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, to approve 012b Personnel Report. The motion carried 6-0, Dr. Stricker abstained.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, that the meeting adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mrs. Doll, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Smith, Ms. Clendennen, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Dr. Stricker, Yes. The motion carried 7-0.

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Board President

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Board Secretary