



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, December 14, 2015
Central Office
400 East Lockwood Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:03 p.m., Monday, December 14, 2015, by its president, David Addison. The following members were present:

David Addison	President
Amy Clendennen	Vice President (arrived at 6:11p.m.)
Jean Dugan	
Steven Loher	
Joel Oliver	
Michael Shipley	
Emerson Smith	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Asst. Superintendent for C&I
Diane Moore	Asst. Superintendent/COO
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
Cathy Vespereny	Director of Community Relations
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services
Doug Copeland	Attorney
Lori Medlin	Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Addison called for and led the Pledge of Allegiance prior to beginning the meeting.

AGENDA

Mr. Shipley made a request to have item 17a removed from the consent agenda. Mr. Addison called for the motion. Mr. Oliver moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Mrs. Dugan. The motion carried 7-0.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 6:06 p.m. Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to recess into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel [Sec.610.201(3)RS MO]; Legal Advice [Sec. 610.201(1)RSMO.]; Meet and Confer [Sec.610.201(3)RSMO.]; Property [Sec.610.201(2)RSMO.] Mr. Loher, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Oliver, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Mr. Shipley, yes; Mr. Addison, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE
LOG

Mr. Shipley requested the correspondence from Tammy Barry to David Addison be added to the log. Board Secretary Medlin will add this to the correspondence log. There were no further comments or questions.

CELEBRATIONS

Dr. Sarah Riss honored WGHS Teacher and Coach Gloria Smith for receiving the Apple for the Teacher Award presented by Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., the Alpha Zeta Chapter.

Dr. Sarah Riss honored the WGHS Boys Soccer Team for their Class 3 State Championship. Mayor Gerry Welch presented Coach Cashel and team with a proclamation from the City designating December 16, 2015 as the official Statesmen Soccer Team Day.

Coach Cashel reflected on the season and expressed appreciation for the community's continued support of the program. Coach Cashel introduced his team, noted that all players on the roster were 2015 Scholar Athletes and that this is an All American Academic Team. Mr. Loher commended the players for successfully achieving the vision of the program and Coach Cashel for the successful development and buy-in to the soccer program. Mr. Smith thanked the coaches for their leadership, guidance, and pursuit of success.

Mr. Addison attended the A'Capella concert last week and complimented the students for their musical performances. Mr. Oliver enjoyed preparing chili at the WGHS ChiliFest with the other members of the Board.

Mrs. Dugan congratulated all that are involved in the Webster arts programs this season.

Mr. Smith congratulated the girls basketball program and remarked they are off to a great start.

Ms. Clendennen reported the elementary coding week was great fun and the kids really seemed excited and engaged in the activities.

SUPERINTENDENT
SEARCH UPDATE

Dr. James Christman, of MacPherson & Jacobson updated the Board on the status of the superintendent search. He reported 23 inquiries to date with 5 applications currently in process. There have been responses and interest from individuals in Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Texas, Oklahoma and Georgia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Dave Buck asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in Connecticut in 2012. Mr. Buck shared his philosophy that when kids come first, the district always wins.

Mike Parnell of MSBA presented the Board with a rebate check in the amount of \$2,620.95 for the District's participation in the P Card program. In the last 10 years, the Webster Groves School District has received \$13,294.01 in rebates for continued participation in this money-saving program.

HIXSON MIDDLE
SCHOOL REPORT

Hixson Principal Dr. Stacie Smith and staff presented celebrations and updates from Hixson Middle School. The highlights included MAP scores, Rachel's Challenge participation, one to one technology program and PBIS.

Science teachers, Patrick Dempsey and Rob Rambach were recognized for their achievement as finalists for the Allen Distinguished Educator Award. The Allen Foundation recognizes science, technology and engineering teachers who stand out in their efforts to carry students into the future of these fields.

BUILDING ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Diane Moore and Construction Project Manager Rob Steuber presented recommendations from the Building Advisory Committee on future uses of remaining bond funds. Mr. Shipley moved that there be no action tonight to approve the committee's recommendations. Mr. Addison seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was decided by roll call vote: Mr. Loher, no; Mr. Smith, no; Mrs. Dugan, no; Mr. Addison, no; Ms. Clendennen, no; Mr. Oliver, no; Mr. Shipley, yes. Motion failed 1-6.

Mrs. Dugan moved to direct Dr. Moore to move forward with approval of these recommendations. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was decided by roll call vote: Mr. Loher, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Mr. Addison, yes; Ms. Clendennen, yes; Mr. Oliver, yes; Mr. Shipley, no. The motion carried 6-1.

ENROLLMENT STUDY
PROPOSALS

Dr. Sarah Riss summarized the proposals received by the District for an enrollment projection study. One proposal was for \$13,000, the other for \$5,000. Based on the information from the proposals, services to be provided, references received and estimated costs, Dr. Riss recommended that WGSD contract with Dr. Charles Kofron to complete an enrollment study during the spring semester. Mrs. Dugan moved to go forward with Dr. Charles Kofron to conduct the study. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

BOARD LIASION
ACTIVITIES

Mr. Addison said that candidate filing for the April 2016 election begins December 15th at 8:00a.m. WGSD has two positions available with three-year terms. Mr. Loher and Mr. Oliver both intend to run for an additional term.

Mrs. Dugan provided an update from the Foundation. January 31st is the Food 4 Thought event at Cyrano's. This event will include entertainment as well as a Mardi Gras theme. She encouraged BOE members to purchase tickets.

POLICY
SUBCOMMITTEE
REPORT

There was discussion and clarification regarding the recommended changes for Board Policy BHA. No other questions or discussions were raised.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Kim Mumm shared information read in a St. Louis Post Dispatch article pertaining to the Kirkwood School District finances and budget.

Resident Dave Buck remarked and expressed his opinion on the joint meeting with the Webster Groves City Council and the Board on December 9th, 2015.

Resident Glenn Detrick expressed his opinion about the importance of allowing the children of non-resident staff members to remain as students in the district as an incentive to retain highly qualified teachers and reduce turnover.

Resident Craig Niehaus commented on enrollment number differences between reports. Mr. Addison responded that the Superintendent would follow up with clarifying information.

MINUTES FROM
NOVEMBER 9, 2015

There was discussion surrounding the option of recording or streaming future Board meetings. There was reference and clarification sought in Board Policy BDA and BDDG-R. Mr. Shipley moved to have future meetings recorded. Mr. Addison seconded the motion. There was further discussion. Mr. Oliver moved to table the motion per policy subcommittee recommendations and logistics. Mr. Loher seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Dugan moved to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2015 meeting. Mr. Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Loher moved to approve the consent agenda items:

Payment of Bills:

017b Monthly Expenditure Report: November: \$3,887,589.03

017c Activity Account: November: \$240,104.29

017d Cash Flow Summary Report

017e Approve Personnel Report

017f Approve Board Policy Subcommittee Recommendation

Mr. Oliver seconded the motion The motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be brought before the board, Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Ms. Clendennen, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Secretary