



Webster Groves School District
Regular Meeting of
The Board of Education
Monday, September 10, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

Central Office
400 East Lockwood
St. Louis, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 10, 2012, by its president, Amy O'Brien. The following members were present:

Amy O'Brien	President
Emerson Smith	Vice President
David Addison	by telephone, until exiting at 7:57 p.m.
Amy Clendennen	
Jean Dugan	
Michael Kearney	
Steve Loher	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
Diane Moore	Assistant Superintendent-COO
John Simpson	Assistant Superintendent-Curriculum & Instruction
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
John M. Thomas	Director-Student Services
Cathy Vespereny	Director-Community Relations
Doug Copeland	Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. O'Brien 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 as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

RECOGNITIONS

The board honored Rob Steuber, Chester Kennedy, Bill Koulouriotis, Matt Palmer, and Diane Moore for their work preparing the new high school wing and other district buildings for the new school year. The board honored Steger counselor Lynne Reif for her work teaching counseling in Uganda last summer.

Board members praised the open houses conducted during the first weeks of the school year at each school, the new location of the Rock Hill Library, teacher excitement to begin a new year, and the open house for the high school's new wing.

Cathy Vespereny reported that high school teacher Julie Burchett has done an interview on KMOX about what social studies students are doing to mark the anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Dr. Riss reported a wonderful turnout for the recent curriculum night at the Walter Ambrose Family Center. The art hanging in the board room comes from around the district and was displayed during Art & Air in June.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dudley McCarter of the Missourians for Health and Education spoke about the tobacco tax, on the ballot in November. He said that it could raise \$280 million for education in its first year. He asked the board to support it.

BOARD LIAISON
ACTIVITIES

All board members but Michael Kearney will attend the upcoming Missouri School Boards' Association conference. Emerson Smith will attend the delegate assembly.

Jean Dugan said that the Webster Groves School District Foundation was planning three events for September and October: an auction party, the annual golf tournament, and the Ivory Crockett Run 4 Webster.

Amy O'Brien noted that the board's policy subcommittee had sent out policies for members to review which are on the agenda for this meeting. It had been suggested the GCPB, GCPE, and GCPF be pulled out for clarification while the others remained on the agenda for approval. After Mr. Copeland addressed questions having to do with due process, board members agreed to leave them on for approval.

VICC UPDATE

John M. Thomas discussed the status of the voluntary transfer plan. Currently 193 students who reside in St. Louis attend school in the Webster Groves School District. VICC has extended the program through 2013-14. The VICC board is considering requesting a five-year extension of the program, which will be on the agenda at a VICC board meeting October 19.

COMMITTEES

Chief Operations Officer Diane Moore asked the board to consider appointing Steve Dioneda to the Finance Advisory Committee. Dr. Riss told the board that members of the Strategic Planning Committee have been called to determine their interest in continuing with the committee.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Kearney moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, that the policy revisions be approved. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Clendennen, that the board approve the five-year extension of the VICC program and the superintendent vote in favor of the extension at the October 19 meeting of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation board. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Clendennen, that the board direct the superintendent to officially indicate the Webster Groves School District will accept new students if space is available during the proposed five-year extension at the October 19 meeting of the VICC board. The motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, approval of the consent agenda including:

- 006c Minutes for the August 27, 2012, special/workshop meeting
- Payment of Bills
- 006d Monthly Expenditure Report: August \$3,153,201.45
- 006e Activity Account: August \$81,954.49
- 006f Cash Flow Summary Report
- 006g Personnel Report
- 006h Approve Transportation Routes
- 006i Approval of Finance Committee Membership
- 006j Approval of Strategic Planning Committee Membership

The motion carried, 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MOTION TO RECESS
INTO CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, that the board recess into closed session for the purpose of discussing Litigation [Sec.610.201(1) RS MO.] and Personnel [Sec. 610.021(3) RS Mo]. Ms. O'Brien, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Clendennen, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Mr. Kearney, yes, and Mr. Loher, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

RECONVENE OPEN
MEETING

The open meeting was reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

President

Secretary