



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular/Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, April 8, 2013

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 6:48 p.m., Monday, April 8, 2013, by its president, Amy O'Brien. The following members were present:

Amy O'Brien	President
Emerson Smith	Vice President
David Addison	
Amy Clendennen	
Jean Dugan	
Michael Kearney	
Steven Loher	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Diane Moore	Assistant Superintendent/COO
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
Cathy Vespereny	Director of Community Relations
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services
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 Mrs. Clendennen, approval of the agenda as modified. The motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATION/  
RECOGNITION/  
INFORMATION

Board members complimented the student dialogue they attended that evening, community participation in the Foundation for the Future forums, returning board member Steven Loher and new member Joel Oliver, the National Honor Society induction at the High School, honors earned by High School choir students, Gus Knobbe's music prize from the University of Missouri, the soccer-baseball-softball Trivia Night and Katie Loher's citizenship award.

Cathy Vespereny recognized art students whose work was juried at the Young Artists' Showcase and community service projects led by High School teachers Emily Pott and Deborah Bohlmann. Superintendent Sarah Riss honored the High School's service day, the Special Olympics, Top Hat awards and Katie Loher's citizenship award.

The art in the board room for the month is from Steger Sixth Grade Center and the Elementary Computer School.

The board honored Coach James LeMay and five wrestlers who went to the state competition. They are Reed Dietiker, Jesse Pinkner, Tyler Lawson, LaMont Wilson and Marlon Hampton.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Former board member Peter Bakker congratulated board member Michael Kearney, who is stepping down from the board after nine years of service. He complimented Mr. Kearney's leadership and said that he will be missed.

David Buck of Webster Groves thanked Mr. Kearney and congratulated Mr. Loher and Joel Oliver, who were elected to the board last week. He commended the format of the Foundation for the Future forum held at Bristol School.

#### REPORTS AND BOARD LIAISON ACTIVITIES

##### MSBA/CSD UPDATE

Board members discussed attendance at several meetings coming up with the Missouri School Boards' Association and the Cooperating School Districts.

##### ROCK HILL TIF UPDATE

Mr. Copeland told the board that under an agreement with the city of Rock Hill, the revenue developed in the TIF district that flows to taxing entities will include the Webster Groves School District. Half of all real estate taxes will flow through; the remainder will be used for environmental remediation of the site. TIF contributions toward that end cannot exceed \$450,000. Once that amount has been paid, all real estate taxes will flow to the taxing districts. The TIF expires in 2028.

##### WGSD FOUNDATION

Mrs. Dugan said that the district's Foundation is holding "Spring for Schools" April 30, during which several local restaurants and other businesses will contribute a percentage of their proceeds to the Foundation.

## REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

- EARLY YEARS REPORT Five staff members from the Early Years program described their work with children for the board. The group included an Adventure Club employee, two teachers from the preschool and two parent educators.
- KINDERGARTEN TUITION PLAN Chief Operating Officer Diane Moore explained a sliding scale proposal to provide increased assistance to families just above the free and reduced lunch income level who would like their child to attend full-day kindergarten. The proposal sets aside \$70,000 for such assistance for next school year.
- AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICE The board reviewed an agreement with Doug Copeland to provide legal services at the same rate as this year.
- RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER MIKE KEARNEY Board members honored Mike Kearney, who was stepping down after nine years as a board member. Doug Copeland and Superintendent Sarah Riss also commended Mr. Kearney for his service.
- CONSENT AGENDA Mr. Kearney moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, approval of the consent agenda:
- 006a Minutes for the March 25, 2013, Special/Workshop Meeting
  - 006b Monthly Expenditure Report: March \$4,156,257.76
  - 006c Activity Account: March \$198,664.11
  - 006d Cash Flow Summary Report
  - 006e Approve Personnel Report
  - 006f Approve Agreement for Legal Services
  - 006g Approve Plan for Kindergarten Tuition Support
- The motion carried 7-0.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS David Buck discussed the district's gifted program and asked the board for "out of the box" solutions to allow more students to participate.
- ADJOURN SINE DIE Mr. Kearney moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn Sine Die at 8:14p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

**Newly Organized Board of Education**

RECALL TO ORDER AND OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Dr. Riss who administered the oath of office to Steve Loher and Joel Oliver. Also present were David Addison, Amy Clendennen, Jean Dugan, Amy O'Brien, and Emerson Smith.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT Dr. Riss called for the nomination and election of board president for the 2013-2014 school term. In that regard, Mr. Loher nominated Ms. O'Brien as President of the Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year, seconded by Mr. Smith. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mrs. Clendennen, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Ms. O'Brien, Yes; Mr. Oliver, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. O'Brien then called for the election of other board officers.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT In that regard, Mrs. Dugan nominated Mr. Smith as Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year, seconded by Mrs. Clendennen. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mrs. Clendennen, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Ms. O'Brien, Yes; Mr. Oliver, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes. The motion carried 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY Mr. Addison moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to appoint Katie Brookes as Secretary to the Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mrs. Clendennen, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Ms. O'Brien, Yes; Mr. Oliver, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes. The motion carried 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER Mr. Addison moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, to appoint JoAnn Kite as Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mrs. Clendennen, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Ms. O'Brien, Yes; Mr. Oliver, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes. The motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to be brought before the board, Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Addison, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m. Mr. Addison, Yes; Mrs. Clendennen, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Ms. O'Brien, Yes; Mr. Oliver, Yes; Mr. Smith, Yes. The motion carried 7-0.

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President

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Secretary