

Webster Groves School District
Regular Meeting
The Board of Education
Monday, December 9, 2013
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, December 9, 2013, by its vice president, Emerson Smith. The following members were present:

Amy O'Brien (via phone in)	President
Emerson Smith	Vice President
David Addison	
Amy Clendennen	
Joel Oliver	
Jean Dugan	
Steve Loher (arrived 7:05pm)	

Also present were:

Sarah Booth Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Asst. Superintendent-Curriculum & Instruction
Linda Holliday	Human Resources Consultant
Cathy Vespereny	Director-Community Relations
Doug Copeland (arrived 7:05)	Attorney
Jane Baumgartner	Secretary

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

AGENDA Mr. Addison moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Steve Dioneda informed the Board that he will be seeking a seat in the upcoming 2014 BOE election.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG Updated Correspondence Log was reviewed; no questions or concerns were expressed.

SPECIAL RECONGITIONS Dr. Riss honored the Cross Country team for competing at State. Coaches introduced players in attendance and presented season highlights and future outlooks for both boys and girls teams.

RECOGNITIONS FROM
BOARD MEMBERS

David Addison: praised the attendance and player participation at Turkey Day game.
Jean Dugan: applauded the success of ChiliFest, A-Men & A-Ladies concerts, and the DECA sponsored Mr. Webster pageant. Mrs. Dugan also commended Dr. Riss for her efforts with other legislators to help reach a resolution regarding Unaccredited School Districts.

Joel Oliver: celebrated the students' play they constructed, including writing the script, creating and making the costumes and turning it into a 6 min video.

Emerson Smith: praised WGSD and their efforts to give back to the community for Thanksgiving.

Steve Loher: praised the school for their Spirit Week festivities, along with Avery Elementary and their door decorating contest.

RECOGNITIONS FROM
ADMINISTRATORS

Sarah Riss: Recognized Moriah Boyce and Imani Kinealy (WGHS) for having their work displayed at a photography exhibit at Webster University. WGHS robotics team collaborated with Brentwood and Kirkwood teams to enhance their programs.

Cathy Vespereny: recognized Hudson Elementary for their donations to the Food Pantry. WGHS teacher, Emily Pott, was noted for her student project that helped and supported immigrant families.

BOARD LIAISON
ACTIVITIES

Emerson Smith reminded everyone of the Board Candidate Filing Dates for 2014 Election (12/17-1/21). He confirmed that the WGSD will have three (3) open seats.

Emerson Smith mentioned the MSBA Legislative Event on 2/18/14 and requested the presence of all Board Members.

The Policy Sub Committee Report was reviewed and two (2) additional policies were added. Board members were asked to notify a committee member if any changes or additions needed to be made.

REPORTS FROM
SUPERINTENDENT &
STAFF

Craig Larson from Patron Insight provided an update on the progress of the Strategic Planning Team. He provided a review of the SWOT analysis for the District that was based on data gathered through data and discussion. In addition, the Values Document was reviewed and discussed, including how District values were conceived and eventually constructed into the statement. There was discussion on replacing or adding the word DIVERSITY to the values. Mr. Loher made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dugan to approve the recommended Values statement with the addition of the word DIVERSITY. Motion carried 7-0.

Amy O'Brien disconnected from meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Jason Heisserer and staff presented the Hixson Middle School Report. Each staff member provided explanation in a specific area in which Hixson is experiencing growth and/or has opportunities to improve. Jason communicated that Hixson's goal is to grow 5% in subgroup achievement in order to be considered "exceeding" by State standards.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Ms. Clendennen, that the consent agenda be approved:

- 006a Minutes from November 11, 2013 Regular Meeting
- Payment of bills:
- 006b Monthly Expenditure Report: November 2013
 - 006c Activity Account: November 2013
 - 006d Cash Flow Report: November 2013
 - 006e Approve Personnel Report
 - 006f Approve Policy Changes Recommended
 - 006g Approve Final 2006 Bond Refunding "Go to Market" Resolution
 - 006h Approve new Building Advisory Committee Members
 - 006i Approve new Finance Advisory Committee Members

The motion carried 6-0.

MOTION TO RECESS
INTO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, to recess into closed session at 8:45 p.m. for the purposes of discussing Property [Sec. 610.021(2) RS Mo] and Personnel [Sec.610.201(3)RS Mo]. Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Addison, yes; Mr. Oliver, yes; Mr. Loher, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes; Ms. Clendennen, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

RECONVENE OPEN MTG

The open meeting was reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Ms. Clendennen, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

President

Secretary