

Webster Groves School District
Regular Meeting
The Board of Education
Monday, September 9, 2013
7:00 P.M.
Central Office
400 East Lockwood
St. Louis, Missouri 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A special/workshop meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 26, 2013, by its president, Amy O'Brien. The following members were present:

Amy O'Brien	President
Emerson Smith	Vice President
David Addison	
Joel Oliver	
Amy Clendennen	
Jean Dugan	
Steve Loher	

Also present were:

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

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Ms. O'Brien called for and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag prior to beginning the meeting.

AGENDA

Mr. Addison moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

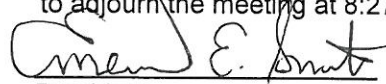
Mr. Dave Buck of Webster Groves gave a brief statement regarding the comparison between WGSD and other Charter and/or Magnet schools in Saint Louis, specifically regarding test scores and overall performance and how WGSD can close or narrow the said achievement gap.

BOE LIAISON REPORTS

ELECTION OF BOARD
SECRETARY

Emerson Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to approve Jane Baumgartner as BOE Secretary. Motion carried 7-0.

- POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT Copies of the Policy Subcommittee Report was reviewed for any recommendations to be made prior to the next scheduled BOE meeting. Policy recommendations will be voted on at the Sept. 9, 2013 Meeting.
- FOUNDATION Jean Dugan presented information on behalf of the Foundation. Information included the name of our new Foundation Administrator, Annie Holder; an update on grant information; initiation of new database; raffle tickets benefiting Alumni Assc. & the Foundation and upcoming calendar events.
- REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF
- BUILDING UPDATE Dr. Moore shared updates on buildings within the district. She noted the success of the delivery and installation of the (3) modular units, front office remodel at Edgar Road, and additional summer projects. Dr. Moore also mentioned that COPS will be paid in full by end of February 2014. She recognized the hard work of the WGSD facilities department for their efforts in getting all projects completed in a timely and quality fashion.
- TRANSFER STUDENT UPDATE John M. Thomas provided an update on the 2013-14 total enrollments of Voluntary Transfer Students and students from unaccredited school districts. Additionally, he recognized the CSD for the outstanding job they did facilitating the large number of transfer students from unaccredited school districts to the WGSD and others in the area.
- OPENING OF SCHOOL Dr. Riss shared the Opening of School Report, particularly pointing out items such as a 1% increase in total enrollment, upcoming professional development opportunities, summer technology advancements, and the successful turnout at the Substitute Training Workshop.
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Dr. Riss announced the addition of the MRH School District to the local Legislative Advocacy Committee and discussed meeting dates for the upcoming school year. She also shared her upcoming meeting date with Superintendents of Riverview Gardens and Normandy School Districts. No official decision was made by the Board regarding House Bill 253.
- CONSENT AGENDA Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, that consent agenda be approved:
- 005a Minutes of August 5, 2013 Special/Dialogue with Administrators
 - 005b Approve Personnel Report
- Payment of bills:
- 005c Monthly Expenditure Report: June 2013
 - 005d Activity Account: June 2013
 - 005e Cash Flow Report: June 2013
 - 005c Monthly Expenditure Report: July 2013
 - 005d Activity Account: July 2013
 - 005e Cash Flow Report: July 2013
- The motion carried 7-0.
- MOTION TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION Ms. Clendennen moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to recess into closed session at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Student Matter [Sec. 610.021(6) RS Mo], Litigation [Sec.610.201(1) RS MO.] and personnel [Sec. 610.021(3) RS Mo]. Ms. O'Brien, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Addison, yes; Mr. Oliver, yes; Mr. Loher, yes; Ms. Clendennen, yes; Mrs. Dugan, yes. The motion carried 7-0.
- RECONVENE OPEN MTG The open meeting was reconvened at 8:25 p.m.
- ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Loher, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.


President


Secretary