



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Open Minutes from a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, February 13, 2017  
Central Office Board Room  
400 E. Lockwood Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63119

CALL TO ORDER: A Regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2017, by its president, Steven Loher.

The following members were present:

Steven Loher	President
Amy Clendennen	Vice President
Jean Dugan	Director
Emerson Smith	Director
Arnold Stricker	Director

Also present were:

John Simpson	Superintendent
Kristin Denbow	Assistant Superintendent for Learning
Sandy Wiley	Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Cathy Vespereny	Chief Communications Officer (Acting Board Secretary)
Tim Brown	Director of Instructional Technology
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services
Bruce Ellerman	Interim CFO/COO
Doug Copeland	District Attorney

Not in attendance:

Michael Shipley	Director
David Addison	Director

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

AGENDA Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Dr. Stricker, approval of the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

CELEBRATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS The following events were attended and celebrated by the board:

- WGHS drama students were commended for their performances of "Rabbit Hole"
- The kindergarten information at the Computer School which included Howard Fields, who will be the new principal
- The Alliance for Interracial Dignity meeting
- The Legislative Advocacy Committee meeting at the Maplewood-Richmond Heights District
- Clark's poetry slam
- Performances by the WGHS choir and wind symphony members at the Missouri Music Educators Conference at Tan-Tar-A
- Kindergarten information meetings across the district
- Steger orientation for fifth grade parents

CELEBRATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATORS

The following events were recognized and celebrated by the administrators:

- Students named as National Merit finalists
- Mitten drive by the Statesmen Preschool
- Students chosen to participate in the National History Bowl
- Avery School's state honor as an Exemplary Professional Learning Community School
- WGHS students named semifinalists for the USFIRST Robotics Dean's List
- A student honored by the National Center for Women & Technology

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The board discussed a proposal, reviewed by the Board Policy Committee, to include a non-voting student representative at its meetings, possibly next year. A representative and an alternate would be selected. A policy detailing the student advisor position will be included in the next group of policies presented to the board for consideration.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

The board discussed holding a self-evaluation session with John Urkevich on March 27, replacing a workshop meeting. This meeting would be held at Amy Clendennen's office in Clayton. Mr. Loher asked that Board Secretary Shari Meyers send board members the evaluation survey the last week in February and that members complete and return it by the first week in March so results can be discussed.

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mr. Loher reminded board members to complete the commission's Financial Disclosure document. The deadline is May 1.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mr. Ellerman presented a list of surplus property which will be either posted for sale on a surplus property website, subject to a sealed bid process or both. Any items not sold will be donated, recycled or discarded. Dr. Stricker moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to declare the list of items as surplus property and directed the administration to dispose of such items using the process described above. The motion carried 5-0.

CHILDREN OF SSD STAFF ATTENDING THE WGSD

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to have Superintendent John Simpson sign a reciprocal agreement with the Special School District of St. Louis County that would allow non-resident children of Special District staff to enroll in the Webster Groves School District next school year. The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, approval of the consent agenda including the following items:

007a Minutes for the following BOE Meeting:

007a1 January 23, 2017

007b Personnel Report

007c Policy Subcommittee Recommendations

- 007d Payment of Bills
- 007d (1) Cash Flow Summary
- 007d (2) Summary Activity Analysis
- 007d (3) Operating Check Register (1/20/17-2/8/17)-\$754,901.73
- 007d (4) Activity Account Check Register (1/20/17-2/8/17)-\$120,127.30

The motion carried 5-0.

MOTION TO RECESS  
INTO CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the board recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation [Sec.610.021(1)RS MO.] and personnel [Sec.610.201(3)RS MO.] Mr. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Dugan, Yes; Mr. Loher, Yes; Ms. Clendennen, Yes; Dr. Stricker, Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Stricker moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the meeting adjourn at 10:05 p.m. The motion carried 5-0 by a roll call vote.

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Board President

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Board Secretary