



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Minutes from a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, February 27, 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 7:01 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2017, by its president, Steven Loher.

The following members were present:

Steven Loher	President
Jean Dugan	Director
Emerson Smith	Director
Arnold Stricker	Director
Michael Shipley	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
Tim Brown	Director of Learning Technology
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services
Bruce Ellerman	Interim CFO/COO
Shari Meyers	Board Secretary

Not in attendance:

Amy Clendennen	Vice President
David Addison	Director
Doug Copeland	Attorney

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

AGENDA Dr. Stricker moved, seconded by Mr. Shipley to move 008e (1) from the Consent Agenda and add it as a separate item 008e (1).1. The motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Dugan moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Dr. Stricker. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Shipley requested the BOE Self-Evaluation Meeting be added as a topic of discussion. Mr. Loher said that under the Sunshine Law the agenda could not be modified during the time of the meeting. Mr. Shipley moved to add the BOE Self-Evaluation Meeting as an agenda item to the March 13 meeting, seconded by Dr. Stricker. The motion failed with a vote of 3-2. Mr. Shipley said that adding an agenda item for a future meeting at the current meeting is completely acceptable under board policy. Mr. Loher stated that the BOE Self-Evaluation Meeting would be added to the March 13 meeting agenda without making a motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS	Dave Buck praised all WGSD teachers for building character and shaping our students' lives.
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS	Policy JFBB was approved, providing for a student advisor and an alternate to be chosen by a process developed by the high school principal to sit in on open board meetings. The student selection criteria will be brought back to the board at a future meeting.
PLANS FOR USING AND SHARING DATA FROM THE ENROLLMENT STUDY	Cathy Vespereny shared that the enrollment study was presented at the Key Communicators meeting last week. The committee felt the information in the enrollment study did not merit a public meeting, but suggested we post a brief synopsis or summary page of just the key points.
WEBSTER GROVES 4 TH OF JULY CARNIVAL	Dr. Simpson shared information regarding WGSD hosting the Fourth of July Carnival on the Moss Field parking lot. Dr. Simpson reviewed the pros and cons with the board. Mr. Shipley inquired if a legal document would be created to outline the Webster Groves School District Fourth of July agreement with the City of Webster Groves. The board was open to the idea of using our parking lot for one year and asked Dr. Simpson and District Attorney Doug Copeland to negotiate a more formal agreement with the WG Lions Club and City of Webster Groves to present at the next board meeting.
COORDINATED HEALTH AND WELLNESS REPORT	Mr. John M. Thomas shared the safety measures the district is implementing such as posting room numbers on the exterior windows of our buildings and issuing employee ID's to all staff members. He celebrated the nurses, counselors and social workers for attending professional development and presenting at conferences. WGSD counselors Anna Garwood, Beverly DePung, Sara Bodi and Karen Verstraete shared a brief summary of their roles with students and parents at the elementary, middle and high school grade levels. Mr. Thomas shared data on school suspensions and celebrated this year's drop in the number of students who received out-of-school suspensions. He stated there is still more improvement needed. The board members thanked the counselors for all they do to support our students.
MOU WITH THE RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT	The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sent from the Riverview Gardens School District to receiving districts states that they will financially support the students currently enrolled at the VICC rate of \$7,000 per student until a natural transition or 3 years. WGSD currently has four Riverview Garden students enrolled in Grades 3 rd , 7 th , 8 th and 10 th . Under the MOU, the 8 th and 10 th grade students can attend the WGSD until graduation. The 3 rd grader can continue attending WGSD through 5 th grade and the 7 th grader can continue attending WGSD through 8 th grade, the natural transition. Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt Doug Copeland's changes and allow the two older students to graduate from WGSD and the two younger students to stay in the WGSD until the natural transition. The motion carried 4-0, Michael Shipley abstained.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	Dave Buck praised the WGSD for its academic success.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

008a Minutes for the following BOE Meeting:

008a1 February 13, 2017

008b Personnel Report

008c Policy Subcommittee Recommendations

008d Roberts Gym Floor Repairs

008e Payment of Bills

008e (2) Activity Account Check Register (2/9/17-2/23/17)-\$70,175.88

008e (3) P-Card Account Check Register (1/20/17-2/23/17)-\$15,882.98

The motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Dugan moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve item 008e (1).1 Operating Check Register (2/9/17-2/23/17) - \$1,127,477.97. The motion carried 4-0, Dr. Stricker abstained.

MOTION TO RECESS
INTO CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, that the meeting adjourn at 9:56 p.m. The motion carried 5-0 by a roll call vote.

Board President

Board Secretary