

**WEBB CITY R-7
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
December 13, 2016**

Present Dan McGrew, Lisa Robinson, Kevin Crane, Jeanne Newby, David Collard and Jason Woodmansee

Absent: William Roderique

The regular meeting of the Webb City R-7 Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 411 North Madison, Webb City, Missouri by Dan McGrew, President. Lisa Robinson gave the invocation.

Guests at the meeting included R-7 administrators Dr. Anthony Rossetti, Dr. Trey Moeller and Dr. Kevin Cooper, Dr. Brenten Byrd, Jan Shelley and Jodi Bennett.

Approve Amended Agenda

The agenda was amended to add 8. B. property discussion. A motion was made by Lisa Robinson to approve the amended agenda. Kevin Crane seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Calendar of Consent

A motion was made by Kevin Crane to approve the Calendar of Consent. Jason Woodmansee seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Bills for Payment

David Collard made a motion to approve for payment bills covered by Check Nos. 83380 through 83969. Jeanne Newby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Fourth Grade to Jefferson City

The fourth grade students treated the Board to a presentation regarding their trips to the state capitol in Jefferson City. The students enjoyed seeing the murals by Thomas Hart Benton and seeing the rotunda. They also enjoyed eating their lunch in the governor's garden. The students thanked the Board for allowing them to visit the capitol.

Retire: Davied

Tim Davied, Principal at the Webb City High School submitted his letter of retirement effective July 1, 2017. Tim has worked for the district for twenty - seven years. A motion was made by David Collard to accept his letter of retirement. The motion was seconded by Jason Woodmansee and was unanimously approved.

Resign: Kimzey

Dennis Kimzey, library media specialist at the Webb City High School has submitted his letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2016 - 2017 school year. He has worked for the district for seven years. Dennis will be accepting the high school principal position at the Miller School District. A motion was made by David Collard to accept his letter of resignation. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Newby and was unanimously approved.

Contract: Elder

Kevin Cooper, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations, recommended to the Board a contract be extended to Lt. Col. Dustin Elder to teach ROTC. A motion was made by David Collard to approve the contract for Lt. Col. Dustin Elder. The motion was seconded by Lisa Robinson and was unanimously approved.

Professional Development Day

Dr. Moeller, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, reported to the Board a professional development day was held on Monday, December 5th. Our third and fourth grade teachers met together to work on teaching strategies. The high school staff participated in break out activities focusing on problem solving skills. It was a very productive day for our staff.

Handbooks

Dr. Cooper recommended to the Board for approval changes to some of the existing policies in the employee handbook. Regarding personal illness and injury adding sick leave to be granted in the case of guardianship. The policy regarding business leave will be changed to read as follows: business leave may not be used in conjunction with scheduled school holidays and or breaks. Employees called for jury duty will receive their normal pay less any jury fees received. Employees required to travel to out of town meetings are required to request a school vehicle. Mileage will not be reimbursed if an employee uses their own vehicle and a school car was available for the trip. The policy regarding workers compensation will now state if employees are injured on the job they are required to report injuries to their supervisor immediately

with the central office being notified as soon as possible. The district will determine the best course of treatment for the employee. If the employee seeks treatment on their own the cost of treatment will not be reimbursed. A motion was made by David Collard to approve the changes to the existing policies. The motion was seconded by Kevin Crane and was unanimously approved.

Property Discussion

Dr. Cooper advised the Board he was contacted by the owner of the property located across from the Webb City Middle School. He is ready to sell and is asking \$81,720. After discussion the Board decided the price was too high and we do not currently have an immediate need for the property.

First Reading Board Policies & Regulations

Dr. Rossetti provided the Board with copies of board policies and regulations recommended for approval. The board will vote on the adoption at the January board meeting.

Refinance

Dr. Rossetti discussed with the Board the options of refinancing bonds. We have an opportunity of saving \$300,00. He believes we need to wait to refinance closer to the bonds call dates. Currently interest rates are up, hopefully closer to the call date they will be down which will create a bigger savings for the district.

Preliminary FY18 Calendar

Dr. Rossetti provided the Board with a preliminary calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. He asked the Board to look over the calendar and let him know if they have any suggestions. He will be meeting with the salary welfare committee to get their input on the proposed calendar. He will provide an updated calendar at the January board meeting. The calendar will be finalized in February and presented for their approval.

Community Gathering

The date for the community gathering has been set for Tuesday, March 7th. We will be celebrating the achievement of our students on the MAP and EOC assessments. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm with the program to follow at 7:00 pm.

Attendance Incentive

Dr. Rossetti reported to the Board a car has been donated to use for the attendance incentive at the high school. The incentive will be based on the student's attendance for the second semester. All students eligible for the incentive will be placed in a drawing.

Darrin Hostetter, auto body instructor at the high school is currently working on some minor repairs to the car. Once the repairs are completed the car will be displayed in front of the pillars at the high school. Improvement on our average daily attendance will increase the funding the district receives. Dr. Rossetti is also looking into the possibility of offering attendance incentives at the junior high. The principals for summer school have also began meeting to come up with strategies to increase interest level as well as attendance in the summer school program. In the past students with perfect attendance have been placed in a drawing for prizes. One idea to increase attendance is to offer an incentive to every student that has perfect attendance.

Architect Consultant

Dr. Rossetti provided the Board with a copy of a contract for an architect consultant for the turf project at the high school football field. The contract is with Incite Design Studio, of Overland Park, Ks. They will prepare the bid specifications to be put out for bid. Installation of the new turf will begin in March. The motion was made by Lisa Robinson to approve the contract with Incite Designs. The motion was seconded by Jason Woodmansee and was unanimously approved.

Enrollment FY18

Dr. Rossetti visited with the Board about our growing class size numbers at Mark Twain and Eugene Field. At the beginning of this year a third grade teacher was added at Eugene Field to help with the large numbers we are experiencing. Third grade classes at Mark Twain have been closed this year. Currently, we are looking ahead for solutions to the 2017-2018 school year. A classroom teacher and a special education teacher will need to be added to help with the increasing number of students.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Cheryl Chaney, Secretary
Webb City R-7 Board of Education

