

Student Achievement Committee Minutes
October 26, 2016
Strong School Technology & Innovations Room

Committee and BOE members present: Kerrie Flanagan, Victor Friedrich, Lucy Petrella, Bob Moore
Staff present: Linda Berry and Tina Hurlbert
Merwin Foundation guests: Diane Moore and Etzie Heyl

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. **Public Comment:** None.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** On a motion by Mrs. Petrella and seconded by Dr. Friedrich, the agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Mrs. Petrella and seconded by Dr. Friedrich, the minutes of September 7, 2016 were approved.
4. **Requested information from October 5, 2016 BOE meeting:** Dr. Berry presented information on the new science standards and the results of the CMT and CAPT performance. Dr. Berry also presented the DRG comparisons on performance for SAT math and reading. She presented the SBAC data for grades 3 through 8 and the relation of District 13 to the DRG standings. She indicated we had performed very well in science but were below the mean for math and near the mean and improving in reading.
5. **Review of the new grade 7-8 STEM program:** Mrs. Hurlbert presented information on the new STEM/STEAM program and discussed the purchases made with the grant from the Merwin Foundation. She showed the facilities in the lab and the project the students were working on. They included robotics, 3D programming and printing, energy and power, environment, computer graphics and animation, forensic science, health and digital manufacturing. The students only get the program for part of the year. A discussion of the program with the guests and board members lead to the need for greater investment in the program and the need to move the STEM program into the 9th grade to avoid students losing initiative.
6. **Public Comment:** Comments were made throughout the presentations.
7. **Adjournment:** On a motion by Mrs. Petrella and seconded by Dr. Friedrich, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.