

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
October 24, 2016**

Board President Bob Gunther called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken. Present were board members Brian Moulton, Robert Gunther, Courtney Kurkowski, Katie Thurmes, and Nancy Dressel. Absent was Patty Schachtner. Marie Colbeth arrived at 7:57.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Gunther reminded those in attendance of the new format of the agenda as well as the meeting are now being videotaped.

District Mission: Developing learners. Empowering futures. Together.

District Vision: To become a premier community, bridging learners with their passions and pathways.

Statement of Core Strategies: Enhance Learning

1. Advance services and operations
2. Engage community through partnerships
3. Cultivate professional growth and leadership

Protocol Reminders: Board members are asked to follow the agreed upon protocol:

1. No side bar discussions
2. No interruptions (including cell phones)
3. State your concern
4. Ensure that you understand
5. Don't take things personally
6. Adhere to time limits
7. Come prepared
8. Ensure all are heard

Dressel moved, with second by Thurmes to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 11, Adjournment and also the addition of item e under item VI Engage the Community Through Partnerships, to recognize the First National Community Bank donation. Motion passed unanimously.

Student Council Report: Student Representative Shelly Schmitt recapped the fall sports season, the successful homecoming activities, the well-attended Academic Awards Ceremony and also shared that the high school has now transitioned to video announcements twice a week. Shelly also shared pictures and a video.

Positive Recognition: The board recognized Safeway Bus Company for National School Bus Safety Week. Gunther thanked Safeway for the work they do on a daily basis with transporting the students of the school district. Gunther stressed the important work the bus drivers do and how grateful the district is for the partnership the district and Safeway have. The Safeway employees in attendance introduced themselves and President Gunther presented them with shirts.

High School Principal Chris Moore spoke in regards to the generous donation of \$10,500 from First National Community Bank. High school teacher Jen Sutton explained the Entrepreneurship class and the process the class went through. Students from the class spoke of the learning experience and shared the check that was presented to them. The students reported on the store the money will be funding and how it will be used to fund scholarships.

The meeting was recessed at 7:19 p.m. and reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

Open Forum: Gunther explained the new process of how the open forum will take place. No one came forward.

Enhancing Learning: Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Trish Sheridan provided a report on assessment results. It is the first look at the information since the embargo was lifted. Sheridan provided a brief recap of the WSAS background as well as how the results are used and an overview of the 2015-16 was explained. ELA, Math, Science (measure changed in Science), Social Studies scores were looked at and broken out by grade as to how Somerset performed as a whole and to how Somerset fared within the state. The ACT scores were discussed and how the scores have changed in regards to how the scores look differently now that all juniors are being tested. The ASPIRE test which helps students prepare for the ACT had strong scores and gave promising results. Sheridan also shared the many achievements and where this is going from a district standpoint. The next steps were discussed. The board had the opportunity to ask Sheridan questions and asked for her input on the results. The administrative team shared their thoughts and the plans they have in place.

Cultivating Professional Growth and Learning: Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Trish Sheridan provided a report on Ed Camp. On October 14, there were 750 educators on the Somerset Campus. It went off extremely well and the community was supportive. The documents used were informative and were very easily able to be shared. The sessions were geared to be effective and highly informative. There was a Smackdown at the end as well as an ending ceremony at the football stadium. Sheridan thanked the many staff that were involved and recapped the positive comments. The event will take place again next year with two more schools coming on board. Shannon Donnelly thanked Sheridan for her many hours of diligent work in planning this event.

Dressel spoke of the St. Croix Valley Friends of Education event on October 27, 2016. Dr. Tony Evers, Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction will be in attendance.

Engage the Community through Partnerships: Colbeth spoke of the Woodbury Orchestra concert that was held free of charge at the high school. All donations received from the event were given to the Somerset Food Pantry.

Kurkowski spoke of the ALICE training event that Donnelly facilitated and how informative it was. Kurkowski also shared that attendance was low, despite this being such an important topic.

Gunther asked High School Principal Chris Moore about the mentor event. Moore explained the new program and that about 18 community members volunteered to be part of the program that partners 11th grade students with a mentor.

Dressel spoke of the parenting class she attended on the topic of self-regulation skills and the importance of this.

Kurkowski shared that she attended the "Understanding Your Adolescent" event at the middle school and that the information presented was useful and informative.

Advance Service and Operations: Thurmes moved with second by Colbeth to Adopt the 2016-17 Fund 10 Budget in the Amount of \$16,975,154.42. Motion passed unanimously.

Colbeth moved, with second by Moulton to Certify the Fund 10 Tax Levy in the Amount of \$5,018,697. Motion passed unanimously.

Colbeth moved with second by Moulton to Approve Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,700,000 Pursuant to Section 67.12 (8) (a) 1, Wis Stats. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Dressel moved with second by Kurkowski to Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of September 19, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Dressel moved with second by Moulton to Approve Minutes of the Special Session of October 3, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Thurmes moved with second by Kurkowski Approve September / October Board Bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Moulton moved with second by Dressel to Approve Coaching / Advisor Positions. Motion passed unanimously.

General Information: Dressel reiterated the St. Croix Valley Friends of Education event on October 27 as well as the upcoming conferences at the elementary school. Gunther mentioned the FAFSA workshop that will take place at the high school on October 25.

Thurmes moved with second by Colbeth to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Robert Gunther, President

Nancy Dressel, Clerk