

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET  
December 16, 2013**

Board President Brian Moulton called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call was taken. Present were board members Mike Connor, Bob Gunther, Brian Moulton, Kelly Ott, Tammie Wishard and Tom Walters. Absent was Marie Colbeth.

Ott moved, with second by Connor, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Groups or Individuals Wishing To Be Heard:** Moulton read off the rules for this portion of the meeting. Middle School teacher Lorri Baillargeon had questions in regards to item E under the consent portion of the agenda. She asked how many people applied, how many were interviewed and who was on the interview team. Superintendent Rosburg as well as High School Principal Chris Moore responded to her questions. They indicated there were two candidates; one internal and one external. Two interviews were conducted in which the director of pupil services, high school principal and current EBD teacher were part of the interview team.

**Positive Recognition:** Superintendent Rosburg recognized the Governance Committee which consists of Mike Connor, Tom Walters and Tammie Wishard. He thanked them for all their hard work and many hours they have put in on the NEOLA policy review process. Also thanked were Kelly Ott for coming to all the meetings and providing input and also Lorri Baillargeon for her attendance and input. Tom Walters thanked the administrative team for their help and input and for helping to streamline the process.

Meeting was recessed at 7:07 p.m. and reconvened at 7:13 p.m.

Gunther moved, with second by Ott, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of November 18, 2013
- B. Approve Payment of November/December Board Bills
- C. Approve Hiring of Dawn Spafford as the District Census Taker for 2014 at a Cost of \$2,700.00
- D. Approve 2014-2015 School District Calendar
- E. Approve Hiring of Zac Eichten as 9-12 Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities Teacher for 2013-2014
- F. Approve Preliminary Notice of Nonrenewal of Zac Eichten as the 9-12 EBD Teacher for 2013-2014
- G. Approve Winter Coaching Assignments for 2013-2014
- H. Approve Resignation of Tabitha Lunning as Special Education Aide
- I. Approve Hire of Anna Johnson as 7 Hour per Day Special Education Aide
- J. Approve Hire of Jamie Ericson as 3.5 Hour per Day Special Education Aide
- K. Approve Hire of Salina Caroon as Elementary School Food Service Point of Service Position

Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion: *Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting:*** Committee Chair Kelly Ott said Mr. Moore had choices on the 2014-2015 High School Master schedule. Moore indicated that in a vote on the schedule, the results were 50-50. The details are all still being worked out and a six or seven period day, not a block schedule, is currently being looked at and discussed. Ott also spoke of the Progressive Educational Reform with a Focus on Learning. She stated it was very lengthy and contained many details. Superintendent Rosburg added that the district is in line and on track with this.

***Governance Committee Meeting:*** Committee Chair Mike Connor said at the Governance meeting that took place prior to tonight's board meeting, the policy review work was wrapping up. He also shared that between February and May of 2014 the committee will be going before the full board with the results of the policy review.

***Facilities Committee Meeting:*** Committee Chair Tom Walters said that the new areas of the high school are open and in use. He also stated the punch lists are yet to be gone through. Middle School Principal Sara Eichten said due to the referendum projects at the middle school, the concert that just took place saw a great noise reduction thanks to the improvements that had taken place. Walters also stated there would be an IT review to which Superintendent Rosburg added that IT Manager, Ryan Sicard went through the IT report that was provided by Elert and Associates and will present to the board next month. Ott then asked about the issues that were happening with

the Smartboards at the high school. Rosburg replied IT is working on it and it is taking some time. Walters then spoke of the presentation the Kraus Anderson shared with the committee at the last meeting. Walters also shared with the board that on January 14 and 16, 2014 there will be tours of the high school and middle school for the community to see the completed referendum work. Discussion also ensued on the progress of the painting in the middle school gym which will begin on December 23 and should be completed by January 1. An update on the lockers at the high school was also provided, to which Rosburg added that the initial delivery was six lockers short. Those lockers will arrive soon and will be installed on January 12, 2014 along with the new phy-ed lockers.

**Superintendent Report:** Rosburg stated district enrollment is at 1,602 this month and still down a bit from last year at this time. The date for the next Committee meetings is set for Monday January 6, 2014. Rosburg also shared that the project work is coming along nicely. Rosburg met with staff members from Clear Lake that were at the high school to determine whether or not they wanted to use LED lights as Somerset has.

**Board Report: CESA 11 Update:** Walters was not in attendance at the last CESA meeting. Rosburg reported that CESA is looking into bringing in more guest speakers as these sessions have been well attended.

*Community and School Involvement:* Ott and Walters both had the opportunity to attend the high school play, Beauty and the Beast, and shared that it was excellent.

**Student Council Report:** Student Council Representative Hannah Rosentreter was absent. High School Principal Chris Moore reported that the high school has been very busy with moving into the new classrooms, a book drive for Africa, and the breakfast that NHS provided for staff.

**Directors' and Principals' Report:** Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Trisha Sheridan shared that the Project Lead the Way Program received a \$10,000 grant from the Andersen Foundation Corporation. The generous grant will be used to enhance the engineering program at the high school. Middle School Principal Sara Eichten shared that the middle school received donations for the two new wireless scoreboards in the refurbished gym. A big thank you goes out to Northview Service, Scientific Molding Co., and Spartan Quick Service for their generous donations. Brad Nemec also deserves a big thank you as he coordinated this effort. High School Principal Chris Moore thanked the following groups and individuals for their generous donations for the new athletic areas:

2014 Ice Fishing Contest - \$5,000

Somerset Youth Football - \$3,000

General Sam's Super Bowl Party - \$4,000

John Melvin - \$1,000

Mitch Flandrick - \$1,000

Somerset Youth Track - \$500

Somerset Youth Wrestling – Contributing equipment for the wrestling room.

**Action:** Connor moved with second by Walters to Approve WASB Delegate for the State Convention on January 22-24, 2014. Motion passed unanimously. Kelly Ott will be the WASB Delegate for the State Convention in January 2014.

Ott moved, with second by Walters, to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried.