

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011, 7:30 PM
LEARNING CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM**

Board president Tim Witzmann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call was taken. Present were board members Tim Witzmann, Catherine Cranston, Robert Gunther, Mike Connor, Marie Colbeth, and Marin Hansch. Absent was Brian Moulton

Cranston moved, with second by Gunther, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Groups or Individuals Wishing to be Heard: Witzmann read off the rules for this portion of the meeting. No one came forward.

Project Lead the Way Presentation: Curriculum and Instruction Manager Trisha Sheridan stated the school district recently received a 3M Grant of \$22,248 for the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) course which was offered in the district during the 2010-11 school year for the first time. PLTW has become a national best practice in K12 science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education. Many students were excited to be part of the new class and presented their projects/assignments before the board. Students making presentations included Robert Le Roy, Sean Victor, Tyler Kupczak, Zach Ott, Jacob Perkins, Anne Plourde, Lance Hildebrand, and Ben Martell. Instructors Eric Olson and Richard Thompson stated some of the students were able to use their classes for college credit. Sheridan thanked Olson and Thompson for all of the hard work and enthusiasm they have put into providing this new class for the district.

Colbeth moved, with second by Hansch, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve resignation of Grady Radabaugh as K-12 PE teacher
- B. Approve hire of Wade Erickson as high school math teacher
- C. Approve hire of Sara Kreibich as high school social studies teacher

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

Policy DIBA, General Fund Balance (1st Reading): Superintendent Randy Rosburg stated the revised policy provides more detailed clarification of each category and classification in reporting financial statement fund balances. The updates will align the policy with the new definitions mandated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54 starting July 1, 2011, and is presented tonight to the full board for a 1st Reading.

Election of Board Officers: Rosburg stated that the board would need to elect four officers tonight for the positions of President, Vice President, Board Clerk and Treasurer.

Colbeth nominated Tim Witzmann as President. Cranston moved, with second by Colbeth, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Witzmann as President. Motion carried.

Connor nominated Brian Moulton as Vice President. Colbeth moved, with second by Cranston, to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Moulton as Vice President. Motion carried.

Colbeth nominated Catherine Cranston as Board Clerk. Colbeth moved, with second by Gunther, to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Cranston as Board Clerk. Motion carried.

Witzmann nominated Robert Gunther as Treasurer. Colbeth moved, with second by Cranston, to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Gunther as Treasurer. Motion carried.

Establish Board of Education Action Plan(s) from Data from Board Self-Evaluation: Witzmann indicated tonight's goal was to bring an item(s) from the board self-evaluation instrument to use as a collective goal amongst the board members. Board agreed to do one action plan that reads as follows: "The board members make every effort to become visible, approachable, and familiar with district employees." The following five items are the action steps for the action plan:

- 1) Receive district staff directory book, to include board members pictures, each school year in September or October.
- 2) Board serves each building pizza at least once during the year at a "meet and greet" gathering.
- 3) Board representation at new staff orientation.
- 4) Volunteer at one school district home athletic or activity event. Wear name tag.
- 5) Host at least one informal "meet and greet" gathering off campus.

Cranston moved, with second by Colbeth, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Witzmann, President

Catherine Cranston, Clerk