

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
LEARNING CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

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

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

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

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

Connor moved, with second by Cranston, to approve the Consent Agenda:

A. Approve resignation of Don Haines, Middle School Maintenance Supervisor

B. Approve hiring of Rick Lange as Short-Term HS Mathematics Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Survey: Connor moved, with second by Gunther, to approve the Community Survey. Witzmann asked that the motion remain open for discussion of the survey. Superintendent Rosburg stated that the survey includes input from the board, support staff, teachers, and community members. The survey has also been updated by Bill Foster of School Perceptions, with final updates included last Thursday. Rosburg indicated that the largest edition to the survey was the color chart graph on Page 7, as well as clarification of words such as “virtual school” and “on-line textbooks.” Board changes to the survey are as follows:

- Page 1: Include approximate length of time to take the survey.
- Page 2: Change “Do you have children ~~that~~ previously....” To “Do you have children who previously....”
- Page 3: Change Family & Consumer ~~Education~~ to Science.
- Page 3: Highlight category of “Not Sure” and asterisk and add near bottom of the page that “more info is needed to answer the question.”
- Page 4: Change to word “~~prioritize~~” in Middle School/High School category to “answer.”
- Page 4: Separate out the maintenance needs questions from the facility questions.
- Page 4: Change “Continue to under levy and postpone maintenance” to “Continue postponing maintenance”.
- Page 4: Add the word “better” to “Maximize local taxes to better address maintenance needs”
- Page 4: Remove the word “Middle School Gym: Gym ~~upgrades~~” to “work”.
- Page 7: Add the underlined “I would support a referendum up to \$22.25 million or less for projects if there was no tax increase over the previous year.”

Board members also discussed whether or not to use “Important Survey” vs. “Valuable Survey” on the back page of the survey, and agreed to leave it as “Important Survey.”

Motion carried with changes listed above.

Cranston moved, with second by Connor, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.