

MINUTES OF THE 2014 BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
LEARNING CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM

Board members present: Robert Gunther, Mike Connor, Tom Walters, Marie Colbeth and Tammie Wishard. Absent: Brian Moulton and Kelly Ott. Community members present: School Superintendent Randy Rosburg, Chris Kamrath, Chris Moore, Sara Eichten, Trisha Sheridan, Dave Gerberding, Kathy Brake, Lorri Baillargeon, Jen Sutton, Becky Olson, Anton Lang and Rochelle Lindquist. Others present: Jordan Willi.

School Board Vice President Bob Gunther called the 2014 Budget Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m. Gunther briefly went over the guidelines of the meeting and read the welcome message. Business Manager David Gerberding reviewed the budget planning calendar along with the 2014-2015 budget process timeline. Gerberding indicated the upcoming year's budget timeline will likely be similar as in past years. An addition to the calendar will be long term budgetary discussions and what the projections look like. These will be held in the October-November and March-April timeframe.

Gerberding went on to review and explain portions of the 2014-15 budget, including highlights of the Special Projects Fund, Debt Services Fund, Food Service and Community Service Funds. Noting that the Food Service Fund will be running at a small surplus for 2014-2015. Gerberding also recapped the outstanding referendum approved indebtedness.

Gerberding explained the Tax Levy History and stated property values are projected to increase about 6.0%. The projected Mill Rate is \$11.08 per \$1,000.00 value. There were no other questions and the Budget Hearing was concluded.

Gunther called the 2014 Annual Meeting to order at 8:12 p.m., explaining the procedures for the meeting, and opened the floor to elect a meeting Chairperson. Superintendent Rosburg moved, with second by Lorri Baillargeon, to elect Bob Gunther as Chairperson of the 2014 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Rosburg moved, with second by Brakke, to elect Rochelle Lindquist as Teller of the 2014 Somerset School District Annual Meeting. Motion carried. Gunther stated last year's annual meeting minutes were provided in the meeting packet as informational since the minutes had been approved at the October, 2013 regular school board meeting.

Board Treasurer Mike Connor moved to [dispense with the reading of and] to approve the Treasurer's Report with a second by Tom Walters. Motion carried.

Rosburg reported on the Business portion of the meeting, starting with the district enrollment report. Rosburg said the enrollment information provided in the packet was generated by actual students attending school on campus on September 4, 2014. The enrollment report indicates student numbers are up three from this time last year and that these numbers are updated as we go, with the official count taking place on the third Friday of September.

Rosburg went on to report on the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan and its three action strategies, as well as the district's 2014-2015 goal to improve student achievement and growth. Rosburg stated the Strategic Plan information is reported out to the board at the monthly board meetings.

State Testing Results were included in the information; Rosburg recapped the WKCE, ACT, PLAN and EXPLORE test results as well as the Advanced Placement data. Rosburg explained that Wisconsin raised the benchmark scores in order for students to reach the proficient or advanced levels. Due to these benchmark score changes, WKCE results across the state show a significant decline. Curriculum Director Trish Sheridan can be contacted for further questions and information on the test results.

Rosburg summarized the report of the 2014-15 Capital Maintenance Projects including the 1996 rubber membrane portion of the high school roof was replaced during the summer of 2014. Additional insulation

and slope drains were part of this work. The roof has a 20 year warranty. Portions of the campus lots and roadways were chip sealed and striped. There were four corners from roadways into parking lots that had the turning radius into those areas increases to better accommodate bus traffic.

Rosburg noted that the school district calendar includes six in-service days. This allows for teachers to do PLC work and standards alignment. Rosburg also noted the start and end times of each school day have been adjusted.

Wishard moved, with second by Connor, to authorize the Somerset Board of Education to acquire real estate during the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried.

Brakke moved, with second by Baillargeon, to authorize the Somerset Board of Education to designate sites for district buildings and provide for the erection of suitable school buildings during the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried.

Walters moved, with second by Eichten, to authorize the Somerset Board of Education to direct and provide for the prosecution and defense of legal procedures during the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried.

Brakke moved, with second by Sheridan, to authorize reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses for travel of Somerset Board of Education members during the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried.

Colbeth moved, with second by Connor, to approve a tentative tax levy of \$4,495,914.00 for the purpose of defraying the operation and maintenance of the public schools for the 2014-2015 school year. The projected mill rate shall be \$11.08 per \$1,000 value. Motion carried.

Wishard moved, with second by Sheridan, to authorize selling tangible personal property belonging to the school district that is no longer needed by the district as determined by the Administration during the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried.

Baillargeon moved, with second by Lang, to approve that the Board salaries remain as follows for the 2014-2015 school year: \$2,000.00 for the Board President, \$1,800.00 for the Vice President, the Clerk and the Treasurer, and \$1,500.00 for all other members, and that all committee members will receive an additional \$25 per meeting for attending Special and Committee meetings. Motion carried.

Colbeth moved, with second by Walters, to authorize the Somerset Board of Education to hold the 2015 Annual Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. in the Learning Center Conference Room. Motion carried.

Colbeth moved, with second by Sheridan, to adjourn the 2014 Somerset School District Annual Meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Bob Gunther, Vice President

Tammie Wishard, Clerk