

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
December 15, 2014**

Board President Brian Moulton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Colbeth moved, with second by Ott, 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. No one came forward.

Positive Recognition: The board recognized 2014 State High School Football Team, Head Football Coach Bruce Larson, and Assistant Football Coaches Bob Seibel, John Rivard, Dean Hoff, Joe Hutter, Ross Wargula, Chet Bangor, Terry Otradovec, Grant Solum, Dave Praschak, Tim Germain, Mick Fox, Tyler Rosa and Trent Larrieu, 2014 Football Team Managers and Helpers; and the 2014 Football Cheerleading Team, Cheerleading Coach Emily Dullea and Assistant Cheerleading Coach Jennifer Jacobson. The recipients were presented with a certificate of recognition. Meeting was recessed at 6:17 p.m. and reconvened at 6:28 p.m.

Ott moved, with second by Colbeth, to approve the Consent Agenda with item F, being moved to Action.

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of November 17, 2014
- B. Approve Payment of November/December Board Bills
- C. Approve Hiring of Dawn Spafford as the District Census Taker for 2015 at a Cost of \$2,700.00
- D. Approve Hire of Lisa Humphrey as .40 Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant for the 2014-15 School Year
- E. Approve Hire of Jeana Miller as Middle School Office Aide
- F. Approve Hire of Christine Leyden as the High School Health Care Provider
- G. Approve Hire of Laura Bambach Early Childhood Education Aide
- H. Approve Winter Coaching and Advising Assignments for 2014-2015
- I. Approve Athletic Training Services for 2015 Winter Season
- J. Approve Early Graduation for Jon Brinkman and Moses Sheffel
- K. Approve Club Shooting League for High School Students
- L. Deny Open Enrollment In to the Somerset School District from Hudson
- M. Approve a Sick Bank for a District Employee

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: *Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting:* Committee Chair Kelly Ott spoke on the topic of Formative Assessment Homework. People are now understanding the process and Trisha Sheridan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment did a great job of explaining and presenting this at the committee meeting. Walters asked that the video that was shared at the committee meeting be made available to others.

Superintendent Report: Rosburg stated district enrollment is at 1,596 which is down one student from last year at this time. The date for the next Committee meetings are set for Monday January 5, 2015. *Accountability Measures,* Superintendent Rosburg spoke of the system Mahtomedi, MN school district uses and that Somerset is working on creating accountability measures. Work is being done on this with more information and details to follow. *RMM Report,* progress is being made, RMM is still working on some items. The RMM meeting with the teachers brought out some items that are being looked at. Amy Arnold from RMM believes things are moving forward and the communication between RMM and Somerset is going well. There has been a change in the weekly RMM rep that is on site, the new rep has experience with schools similar to Somerset and will be a good fit.

Board Report: *CESA II Update:* Walters reported on the CESA meeting, the paper usage at CESA has been cut in half the past few years, which is a savings. The last CESA meeting was done via ZOOM. Members were given the opportunity to attend the meeting at CESA or via Zoom from home.

Community and School Involvement: Ott shared that the scholarship night will be held in April, 2015. Bingo and Pea Soup Days are being looked at as well for scholarship fundraising activities. Wishard attended the play, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown and shared that it was very well done. Colbeth attended the honors choir event and shared that it was excellent. Connor was able to attend the football banquet along with Moulton and said Coach Larson's speech was very powerful.

Student Council Report: Student Council Representative, John Siggins, reported that the juniors have been busy with ACT prep and there were a large number of students that took the test this past Saturday. The school presented the play, 'You're a Good Man Charlie Brown' and it was a great success. Students have been switching homerooms based on various needs and freshmen mentoring on Fridays during homeroom is ongoing. Ugly sweater/holiday dress up is upcoming as well as Polar Daze week and a fleece blanket drive.

Directors' and Principals' Report: High School Principal Chris Moore spoke of the TIES conference that twelve staff members have recently attended. Moore shared highlights of the key note speakers as well as information from the breakout sessions. As part of the being college and career ready, speakers will be presenting at the high school, the goals is to have 1-2 presentations per month. Middle School Principal Sara Eichten shared that the penny wars at the middle school raised over \$1,180.00 which will be used to help families in need.

Action: Ott moved with second by Walters to Approve Brian Moulton as the WASB Delegate for State Convention of January 21-23, 2015. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Ott moved, with no one coming forward to Approve NEOLA Second Draft Policies. The Approval of the NEOLA Second Draft Policies will be brought back for discussion at the January 5, 2015 Governance Committee meeting.

Connor moved, with second by Moulton to approve the hire of Christine Leyden as the High School Health Care Provider. Ott raised questions on the policy that is used to hire a health care provider. Rosburg clarified that policy and hiring process were both followed, job description and interview questions were aligned with postings and resulted in a quality candidate. Ott stressed there is a difference in experience that a candidate may have versus relevant/current experience. Question was asked to how many candidates there were and where it was posted. Wishard asked if this position was posted on WECAN. Rosburg shared that it was not posted on WECAN as we use it mainly for professional positions. Wishard would like to know how many of the other districts used WECAN for support staff positions as well as the cost involved for these postings. Connor shared that if we do not have someone in place for this position we put the high school in harm's way. Motion Failed with a three to two vote, Connor and Moulton voted Yes and Wishard, Walters and Ott voted No.

Ott moved, with second by Walters, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

Brian Moulton, President

Tamara Wishard, Clerk