

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
February 21, 2011**

Board President Tim Witzmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken. Present were Tim Witzmann, Catherine Cranston, Brian Moulton, Robert Gunther, Mike Connor and Marin Hansch. Marie Colbeth arrived at 5:30 p.m.

Gunther moved, with second by Hansch, to approve the agenda. Cranston asked to amend the agenda so that "Action" Item 9.B.1 to approve the contract with School Perceptions would be moved to "Discussion" Item 7.B.1. in order for the board to review survey examples from School Perceptions. Motion carried with agenda amendment.

Gunther moved, with second by Hansch, to move to Executive Session in Accordance with Wis. Statutes 19.85 (1), (c) for the purpose of discussing performance, compensation, employment, contract, and benefit data of an administrator and teachers. On Roll Call Vote, all members voted "yes." Board moved into Executive Session. Colbeth moved, with second by Moulton, to move out of Executive Session. On Roll Call Vote, all members voted "yes." Board moved into Open Session.

Groups or Individuals Wishing To Be Heard: President Witzmann read off the rules for this portion of the meeting and asked if anyone would like to come forward. Lorri Baillargeon asked if board members had read Governor Walker's repair bill and what their position was on the bill. Witzmann stated that he has read several letters to the governor regarding this issue, including a letter from the Wisconsin Association of School Board President and the letter from State Superintendent Tony Evers to the governor, and the first ten pages of the legislative bill. However, Witzmann stated the board does not have a response to the governor's bill, and indicated the board would like to focus on the fact that the school district is here for the kids and community, and appreciates its relationship with teachers. Witzmann stated the board prefers not to take a position, and not to speak as a board on the issue.

No other comments from other groups.

Positive Recognition: The school board recognized Kalya Berger, daughter of Martin and Annette Berger, as Somerset's 2011 Valedictorian. The board also recognized Kayla's twin sister, Krista Berger, as Somerset's 2011 Salutatorian. High School Principal Shawn Madden congratulated both Kayla, who is planning to pursue a degree in Health Science and/or Marine Biology at UW-Lacrosse, and Krista who is planning to pursue a Nursing Degree at Vietrbo University. Madden said the students have been involved in numerous athletic programs and activities at Somerset High School such as Friendship Club, NHS, and academic excellence awards, as well as community-related volunteering activities that both students have participated in during their high school career. Kayla and Krista have participated in many of these activities together over the years, and have given support and encouragement to each other to excel in all of their endeavors. Madden stated Kayla and Krista are exemplary students and citizens. Both students shared their school experiences, stating there was never competition between them, but that they both motivated each other. The students then introduced their parents, and Moulton presented each with a certificate of recognition.

Meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m., and reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

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

- A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Session of January
- B. Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2011 Executive Session
- C. Approve payment of January/February Board Bills
- D. Approve Post-Prom Facility Sponsorship and \$1,200.00 Facility Fee
- E. Increase of 2 hours per week for speech and language time for Michelle Paulisich
- F. Approve 2011-2012 School Calendar
- G. Approve early graduation request
- H. Approve 2010-11 Spring Coaching/Advising Assignments

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: *Governance Committee:* Revision of Policy IGBE & IGBE-R School-Age Parent Program and revision of Policy JHCD & JHCD-R Administering Medication to Students (1st Readings). Committee Chair

Connor said the committee is bringing policy changes forward for their first reading, and the policies will be brought forward to the full board next month for approval. Questions regarding the policies may be directed to Rosburg. *Teaching and Learning Committee:* Committee Chair Cranston stated the committee reviewed information and services of School Perceptions with regard to conducting a community survey. Cranston said the issue was moved back to "Discussion" from "Action" on tonight's agenda as the board would like to see some examples of School Perception's surveys. Cranston stated having an outside firm conduct district surveys may be helpful since the district's school-conducted surveys have seen only a 3% return. She stated the goal of the district is to have two-way communication with community. Cranston said the committee will review the School Perceptions services contract again next month after reviewing other survey samples from other districts.

Superintendent's Information: Superintendent Rosburg stated enrollment data for this month was provided in the packet and board members can compare this month's enrollment data with previous months. If board members have any questions regarding enrollment, they may contact Rosburg. Tentative committee meetings slated for Monday, March 7, 2011, include Business Services Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee. Times will be set for a later start than before. Rosburg ended his report stating the Board - Administrator Retreat, typically held in April each year, will be scheduled in either July or August, 2011. He stated the change was due to a conversation that the administrative team had with regard to ACT and Strategic Plan data being available for the retreat. Rosburg stated more details will be sent as the administrators go further along in the planning process.

Board Report: *CESA 11 Update:* Cranston stated CESA hired Victor Drost as its new Business Manager. Drost started February 1st. Cranston said CESA hoped the hiring of a Business Manager will streamline some things at CESA. Cranston stated CESA continues to review Common Core state standards with language arts. Video streaming is working well. Advanced Placement Performance by district was also shared. The CESA Board of Control recently completed a self-evaluation which Cranston stated had never been done before. Witzmann thanked Cranston for her continued involvement on the CESA 11 Board. *Community and School Involvement:* Members had nothing to share at this time. *WASB Convention Report:* Witzmann stated had not yet received a report of the delegate assembly, so this item will be tabled until next month's agenda. Witzmann added the report of the delegate assembly becomes the lobbying efforts of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards as it relates to specific education issues.

High School Report: Student Council Representative Amanda Kirk was unavailable to report, however High School Principal Shawn Madden filled in for Kirk, stating the high school hosted its first annual Polar Days week with outstanding success. The week ended with a talent show that all enjoyed. Madden said there were a lot of talented students in the district that participated in the talent show, and gave credit to Jen Grambort who organized the activity. Madden ended the report stating that the high school was excited to receive a donated power saw worth \$67,000 from its recent partnership with Safety Speed Manufacturing. Madden stated the saw will help to enhance student education and experience in technology education. Madden said the New Richmond News had done an article regarding the donation and encouraged board members to read the article.

Elementary, Middle, High School and Curriculum & Instruction Reports: As part of the elementary, middle and high school reports, elementary school media specialist Kristin Flater, middle school media specialist Tracy Yndestad, and high school media specialist Nancy Dressel, gave a presentation with regard to developing 21st Century skills for students. Dressel said the goal this evening was to share their new mission statement with the board. Dressel said the media specialist team worked collaboratively to come up with the new mission statement. She said the district's media specialists were happy to have had many opportunities to attend training sessions in the area of information and technology, adding that these training opportunities provided a great way for them to stay up to date on emerging technologies and to be able to share them with students and staff. Training also gives the media specialists opportunities to pilot technology programs such as T3 Technology training for teachers. Flater added that EETT grant funding has enabled the district to bring in some great technology training and tools as well, along with book fairs and other donations and grants. Circulation no longer only includes only books, but also equipment such as flip cameras, head phones, laptops, USB drives, etc. The team said they have also developed several programs for parents and students including an Internet Safety presentation, and responsible use of materials and technology information. The LMC specialists thanked the board and administration for the opportunity to present this information to them this evening. Board members thanked the specialists for a very enlightening presentation.

Business Services and Operations Report: Rosburg stated monthly and cash flow data was provided in this month's report. The cash flow report was in two formats—one was more specific and detailed than the first report. Rosburg thanked former Business Services and Operations Director Robert Avery for the extra time he has put in to help with the report. Witzmann also thanked Rosburg for the extra time he has put in during the transition time for this position.

Pupil Services Report: Director of Pupil Services Darren Kern stated ELL, GT and Special Education enrollment numbers were provided in tonight's report. He stated board members were welcomed to contact him if they have any questions regarding the enrollment numbers. Kern also stated that work continues on the Strategic Plan with Action Teams working weekly to report back in March to the full planning Committee. Kern then provided a video presentation entitled, "Did You Know?" regarding the fast pace of technology and its socio and economic impact.

Action

Business Services Committee

Colbeth moved, with second by Cranston, to Approve Desio Petition to detach from Somerset School Dist & Reattach to New Richmond School District. Board members discussed the information provided regarding the petition to detach property from Somerset School District and reattach to the New Richmond School District. Board members discussed the petition, and concern that tax dollars would be lost, with no returning monies from the other district as the petition did not include a trade of property from the New Richmond School District. Cranston said she was concerned that the property would be left like an island in the middle of the school district as the property lines do not border with the New Richmond School District and would affect school bus transportation issues as well. Witzmann asked for a vote of the action. All board members were opposed to the petition. Motion to approve is defeated and the petition is denied.

Colbeth moved, with second by Cranston, to Approve Jones Petition to detach from Somerset School District and Reattach to Hudson School District. Cranston indicated this situation was similar to the Desio petition, however it was even more of an issue as there was more land involved in the proposed detachment. Witzmann indicated property owners also have the option to open enroll their students to other districts. Witzmann stated this was another petition that did not include a trade of property with Hudson School District so there was a concern of losing tax dollars as well as school bus transportation concerns. Witzmann asked for a vote of the action. All board members were opposed to the petition. Motion to approve is defeated and the petition is denied.

Cranston moved, with second by Colbeth, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Tim Witzmann, President

Catherine Cranston, Clerk