

REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
June 17, 2013

President Brian Moulton Called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken. Present were Brian Moulton, Robert Gunther, Marie Colbeth, Michael Connor, Kelly Ott, Tom Walters, and Tammie Wishard.

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

Groups or Individuals Wishing to Be Heard: Moulton read the rules for this portion of the meeting. Mr. Peter Castner, retired Safe-Way Bus driver thanked the district and spoke highly of the students and staff. Mr. Castner just turned eighty years old and decided it was time to retire. President Moulton thanked Mr. Castner for his years of service.

Positive Recognition

The Board recognized 2013 Girls' State Track Participants Natalie Broome, and Sarah Krig as well as head coach David Praschak and assistant coaches Bill Jahner and Sarah Kreibich. Praschak provided some background with regard to the girls' track season this year. He stated the girls all worked very hard and were up against some very tough competition. He thanked the assistant coaches as well as the board for their continued support. Ott presented the athletes with certificates, thanking them for doing a great job.

The Board recognized 2013 Boys' State Track Participants including Jared Buchanan, Dallas Johnson, Donald Robert Lang, Tyler Ledbetter, Mitchell McConaughy, Shane Miller, Luke Praschak and Bailey White as well as head coach Michael Holmquist and assistant coaches Bill Jahner and William Roll. Holmquist provided a recap of the boys track season and stated that team has continued to grow and has seen many new students join. The boys track team was regional as well as conference champions this year. Holmquist stated that Luke Praschak broke his own school records this year and was amazed by Luke's great dedication and athleticism. Coach Holmquist thanked the assistant coaches, the board and also Dave Newman from the New Richmond News for all the support that was given to the team. Gunther presented certificates thanking the athletes and coaches for their dedication.

The Board recognized 2013 Somerset School District Retirees Al Duerkop, Donna Eiring, Mary Johnson, Jane Karl and Nancy Klaas. Superintendent Randy Rosburg stated the district was fortunate to be able to recognize the retirees for all their years of service and commitment to the school program and to the students. Rosburg stated the employees will be very hard to replace. Donna Eiring was in attendance and introduced her husband and daughter. Eiring spoke of her many great years with the district and said the junior kindergarten group is the greatest age group to teach. Mary Johnson was also in attendance and introduced her husband. She thanked the board and district for all their support over the year. President Moulton thanked all the retirees and said the positive influence they have on the students is unbelievable.

Meeting was recessed at: 7:20 p.m. and reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Conner moved, with second by Gunther-to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of May 20, 2013
- B. Approve Minutes of Special Session of May 28, 2013
- C. Approve Payment of May/June Board Bills
- D. Approve Hire of Karissa Danes, School Psychologist
- E. Approve Resignation of Nancy Klaas, Middle School Special Education Instructor
- F. Approve Resignation of Zac Eichten Special Education Aide
- G. Approve Resignation of Mike Holmquist, Third Grade Instructor
- H. Approve Resignation of Michelle Hoffbeck, ES Secretary
- I. Approve the WERMC 66.0301 Agreement for 2013-2014

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

Student Handbooks: (1st Readings) The updated Student Handbooks were presented for a first reading. Superintendent Rosburg stated there were only minor changes and the second reading would occur at the July 15, 2013 board meeting.

Teaching and Learning Committee: Chairperson Kelly Ott recapped that the committee reviewed the staffing processes used by administration. Also discussed by Ott was the System Approach to Teaching and Learning. Ott spoke of the last committee meeting at which discussion was held on this in which there were questions brought forward to Superintendent Rosburg. Rosburg is obtaining the answers and will be discussed at a future committee meeting.

Facilities Committee: Chairperson Tom Walters gave an update on the referendum projects and stated as much recycling as possible will occur. He asked if it would be possible to save some of the old wood floor to be used for plaques or awards. Principal Eichten is going to check on this. Superintendent Rosburg added the substantial groundbreaking will occur later this week.

Business Services Committee: Chairperson Marie Colbeth spoke of the 2013-14 budget and that it is a work in progress. She asked Dave Gerberding, Director of Business Services and Operations to provide updates as well. Gerberding spoke of the lunch survey and his meeting with the building principals, food services staff and Aviaand's. The team will meet again in the fall and all were happy and optimistic with the survey results.

Governance: Chairperson Mike Connor spoke of the NEOLA Board Policy review and timeline. A timeline will be rolled out for a complete review of policies. The process will take about a year with the first meeting to occur on July 1, 2013. Wishard said the fact the NEOLA will keep history of the policy changes will be very beneficial and helpful to the district. Connor added that his is a very complicated process and NEOLA will be of great help in keeping up with this. It will provide continuity and put the district in a good place.

Superintendent Information: Rosburg stated current enrollment is at 1,669 which is up ten from last month. Tentative committee meetings slated for July 3, 2013 include Human Resources, Governance and possibly Business Services and Facilities will meet as well.

Board Report: *CESA II Update:* Tom Walters gave an update on the last CESA meeting. CESA received a grant for the STAR Academy, a program for teachers to advance their craft. A teacher will attend this free training. Walters also spoke of the phone system upgrade that is occurring at CESA as well as providing an update on CESA joining a healthcare consortium.

Community & School Involvement: Peas Soup Days was a very well attended event this year. This year's event had the largest attendance on record. The Nemec's served as the parade Grand Marshalls.

Directors and Principals Reports: Trish Sheridan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment provided an update. She stated the teachers are wrapping up and reflecting on the year. Sheridan has just kicked off the professional development plan for the summer. Many teachers are taking advantage of the numerous options. Colbeth and Moulton thanked Sheridan for her continued hard work. Middle School principal, Sara Eichten spoke of a DPI grant that was just awarded to the district. The grant will be used to fund drug and alcohol prevention training. Eichten spoke highly of all the hard work and time that was put in by Sarah Colling, Health Education Instructor. Thanks to Sarah's hard work, Somerset received the grant. Dave Gerberding then provided an update on the cash flow chart and gave an overview of the referendum proceedings. Gerberding will be providing more reports as referendum projects continue. Colbeth thanked Gerberding for all his extra work that he has devoted to the reporting on the referendum financials.

Action

Governance Committee (2nd Reading): Committee Chair Connor moved, with second by Walters, to approve the 2013-204 Athletic Code. Motion passed unanimously.

Business Services Committee

Committee Chair Colbeth moved, with second by Gunther, to approve the 2013-2014 Staffing Plan. Colbeth asked to have the moves and changes spelled out more specifically. Wishard spoke of a new position that is listed in the plan and asked how administration decided on this new position. Rosburg answered by explaining that Gerberding was doing many of these duties and needed assistance. This position would help to free up some of his time to be able to focus on the actual tasks of his position. Rosburg added that this began to be looked at when the budget and staff plan was first being discussed and that this is a budgeted for position. Ott asked for clarification on this and that there is not yet an IT staff assessment being done. Rosburg answered and explained that the IT staffing as well as other staff needs have been looked at. Rosburg will provide a flow chart of the assistance that the administrators are receiving from their staff. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chair Colbeth moved, with second by Gunther to approve PMA Bond Fund Management. It was then amended to approve PMA Bond Fund Management per the resolution language. Motion passed unanimously.

Colbeth moved, with second by Connor, to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Brian Moulton, Board President

Marie Colbeth, Board Clerk