

REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
June 18, 2012

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 Tim Witzmann.

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. No one came forward.

Positive Recognition

The Board recognized Student Representative to the Board of Education, Grace Becher, daughter of Peter & Marie Becher. Moulton thanked Becher for doing a great job as student representative, saying she helps to keep the board up to speed on student happenings at the high school. High School Principal Shawn Madden said Becher will be returning as student rep next year. Moulton presented Becher with a recognition certificate for her work.

The Board recognized 2012 Girls' State Track Participants including Natalie Broome, Courtney Buckland, Sara Henry, Sarah Krig, Siera Myer, Sara Northey, Lauren Rathai, and Susan Schmitt, as well as head coach David Praschak and assistant coaches Bill Jahner, Sarah Kreibich, and Terry Otradovec. Praschak provided some background with regard to the girls' track season this year, stating eight student athletes participated in eight different categories. Praschak stated this year's team was an outstanding group, with many of the students returning next year. Praschak also thanked the assistant coaches and all of the volunteers that helped out at the home meets. Witzmann presented the athletes with certificates, thanking them for doing a great job.

The Board recognized 2012 Boys' State Track Participants including Alexander Baillargeon, Robert Flom, Dalton Johnston, Tyler Kampsula, Donald Robert Lang, Tyler Ledbeter, Mitchel McConaughey, Shane Miller, Luke Peters, Luke Praschak, Joshua Verdeja, and Bailey White, as well as head coach Michael Holmquist and assistant coaches Bill Jahner, Terry Otradovec, and William Roll. Holmquist provided a re-cap of the boys track season, stating that—because so many boys participated in track this year—they had to break out some of the school's much older track jerseys in order to provide a jersey for everyone. Holmquist said they are looking forward to continued growth and success in the program next year. Gunther presented certificates thanking the athletes and coaches for their dedication.

The Board recognized 2012 Somerset School District Retirees Don Haines, Linnea Natwick, and Tim White. Superintendent Randy Rosburg stated the district was fortunate to be able to recognize Haines, Natwick, and White 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. Rosburg also said all three employees not only worked hard during the school day, but also helped students outside the district, volunteering for many other activities including coaching and assistant coaching capacities. White and Natwick introduced family members who were present, and thanked the board for the recognition.

Meeting was recessed at: 7:23 p.m. and reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of May 21, 2012
- B. Approve Minutes of Executive Session of May 21, 2012
- C. Approve Minutes of Special Session of June 4, 2012
- D. Approve Minutes of Special Session of June 11, 2012
- E. Approve Payment of May/June Board Bills
- F. Approve CESA 10 Administrative Software Support Contract of \$26,779.00
- G. Approve Resignation of Jamie Ericson, Special Education Aide

- H. Approve Resignation of Autumn Powers, Fourth Grade Teacher
- I. Approve Resignation of Julie Schultz, School District Crossing Guard
- J. Approve Hiring of Nicole Anderson as Middle School Special Education Teacher for the 2012-2013 School Year

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

Business Services Committee: 2012-2013 Staffing Plan Committee Chair Colbeth stated district teachers who have resigned from their positions have enabled the district to retain staff and with some re-arranging of classroom assignments. Rosburg stated the committee and administration took the opportunity to look at all options. Colbeth stated more detail will be available at the July Board of Education meeting.

Superintendent Information: Rosburg stated current enrollment indicates some movement, though more movement is expected during the coming summer months. Tentative committee meetings slated for July 2, 2012 include Business Services, Governance and Human Resources Committees, which will also hold their first bargaining session on June 27th where proposals and clarification will be exchanged.

Board Report:

Community & School Involvement: Several board members worked at the beverage tent or Scholarship Committee tent during Somerset Pea Soup Days. Several administrators participated in the Somerset Pea Soup run. Connor was present at the Alternative Education Graduation, which he stated was a great night with eight graduates this year. Connor stated there was also good participation at the Memorial Day Parade as well. Walters attended his first CESA board meeting, which he stated was very informative. The Board Retreat will be held on Monday, July 23, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Rosburg reminded the board members they have a survey to complete by June 30th. This survey will be used to guide them during the retreat.

Middle School Report: Principal Sara Eichten reported that the middle school had a successful end to the school year, wrapping up the last week with the staff data retreat. Middle school students recently completed their challenges in the new NFL "Fuel up to Play 60 Program," with 75 students involved in the program challenge, which is sponsored by the Wisconsin Dairy Council. Students tracked their food activity and physical challenges; their success enabled the middle school to become a "touchdown" school. Eichten stated applications for grant monies were sent with hopes to help fund the program next year. Summer cleaning and maintenance projects are underway. Some areas of the middle school will also receive a coat of fresh paint. The 2012 Summer School Program is in full swing; Mr. and Mrs. Brad Nemec have done a great job again of organizing an extensive list of fun classes for kids. The Community Education Valley Fair field trip is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27.

Elementary School Report: Principal Cherrie Wood was unavailable to report this evening.

Business Services & Operations: Business Services Director David Gerberding reported that, in addition to discussion items this evening from the Business Services Committee, the Business Office is wrapping up year end reports and preparing for the upcoming audit. Auditors are expected to be on site near the end of July or beginning of August.

Pupil Services Report: Pupil Services Director Darren Kern reported the Indicator 13 Online reporting pilot for the school district was successful, and Somerset came out very high in its ranking with the law regarding the development of the district's transition IEP's meeting law requirements. The special education portion of summer school has started smoothly, with 18 special education staff on hand to work with students. Summer school helps with a smooth transition when the students return to school in the fall. Somerset will again be in a self-assessment cycle during the 2013-14 school year. This is a very large process that looks at all 20 indicators of required performance and helps determine if Somerset is meeting the expectations of those indicators. The ELL (English Language Learners) End-of-Year Report is complete with Somerset anticipating meeting all of the required annual measurement outcomes. Kern ended his report stating the end-of-year homeless student

numbers are very consistent with last year's numbers. Seventeen students were identified as homeless during the 2011-12 school year, which is an increase of two students from the previous year.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Report: Director Trisha Sheridan reported Professional Learning Communities (PLC) leaders ended their first year of training May 23rd by reporting out the results of their SMART goals. The results of the SMART goals, as well as the survey results, were brought to the full staff at their data retreat on June 6th. Each PLC identified areas of strength and areas for growth which will help generate new SMART goals focusing on student achievement. In the area of Professional Development, 33 teachers attended training on the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment on June 7th. This assessment identifies the level at which a student is reading and evaluates their fluency and comprehension. This screener and diagnostic tool provides invaluable information about each reader. Teachers then had a chance to try out the assessment during summer school on June 12th. Lastly, Somerset High School hosted its first official ACT test on June 9th. One hundred sixteen students from surrounding areas gathered to take the test. The district hopes to offer this opportunity several times throughout the 2012-13 school year.

High School Report: Principal Shawn Madden reported the high school maintenance folks are working very hard with painting, cleaning carpets, and upkeep. The high school is working to get bids to re-carpet two classrooms this year, as well as bids for new desks. Madden stated he was proud of all of the students and staff that were recognized during tonight's Positive Recognition portion of the meeting. Madden also congratulated the following high school students for being selected as "Student of the Month" for May, 2012. Those students include Freshmen Stacy Bracht and Samuel Schoenborn; Sophomores Lexine Lynner and Marcos Morua; Juniors Gracia Hommen and Emmitt Foster; and Seniors Megan Shelley and Tyler Pauley. The 2012-13 Student Representative to the Board next year will once again be Grace Becher. Madden asked the board members to be sure to refer to the board packet for the year's 2011-12 Police Liaison Report.

Action

Governance Committee (2nd Reading): Committee Chair Connor moved, with second by Witzmann, to approve the following policies: Policy AC (Nondiscrimination) and AC-R (Discrimination Complaint Procedures); Policy ACA (Harassment) and ACA-R (Harassment Complaint Procedures); Policy KLC (Complaints About School Personnel) and KLC-R (Procedures for Handling Complaints About School Personnel); and Policy ADA (District Mission and Vision Statement). Motion carried unanimously.

Business Services Committee

Committee Chair Colbeth moved, with second by Gunther, to approve the 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget as proposed, allowing the district to proceed per staffing plan as prioritized and proposed, and recognizing the variables still unknown with a goal of a balanced budget for October. Motion carried unanimously.

Colbeth moved, with second by Walters, to approve the Food Service Contract with A'viands for the 2012-2013 School Year. Colbeth said the contract remains very similar to last years, with the cost slightly higher. Witzmann asked if the contract includes the WI DPI healthy lunch's guidelines. Gerberding indicated A'viands follows the guidelines. Board members would like to see what those guidelines are. Rosburg will send the members a link to the DPI nutrition guidelines. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Connor moved with second by Colbeth, to move to EXECUTIVE SESSION in Accordance with Wis. Statutes 19.85 (1), (c) for the purpose of discussing benefit data of a teacher. Gunther moved, with second by Colbeth, to move out of Executive Session. On Roll Call vote, all members voted, "yes." Motion carried unanimously.

Colbeth moved, with second by Witzmann, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.