

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET  
June 21, 2010**

Members re-convened in open session. Moulton moved, with second by Connor, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Groups or Individuals Wishing To Be Heard:** Board President Tim Witzmann read off the rules for this portion of the meeting. No one came forward.

**Positive Recognition**

The board recognized 2010 Girls' State Track participants including Ontario Belter, Natalie Broome, Monica Emerson, Sara Henry, Riley Jackson Natalya Kandakova, Sarah Krig, Alicia Potting, Elizabeth Vanasse, and Lauren Westerdahl, and coaches David Praschak and Autumn Powers. Praschak said the track team did very well again this year, with a repeat as conference champs. He stated the younger talent meshed well with seniors to help make a successful season. Witzmann presented certificates to the student athletes, stating it was great to see them have such a successful year.

The board recognized Dylan Rivard for his participation at 2010 Boys' State Track. The board also recognized Rivard's coaches, Diane Belter and Nathan Klinger. Rivard was unable to be in attendance due to participation at baseball, however, his coaches provided some background information on Rivard's successful year, including his qualifying at finals and taking 8<sup>th</sup> place at state.

The board recognized 2010 Boys' State Golf participants including Jarod Bordynoski, Preston Germain, Jacob Green, Jordan Hansen, Isaac Haukom, and Matthew Skoglund, and coaches Bill Powers and Dan Powers. Bill Powers said it was a great year for Somerset boys' golf, now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, and the first time the team has made it to state. Moulton presented certificates thanking the students for a successful season and making it to state.

The board recognized Governor's School Health Award Recipients Chuck Ennis and Lisa Hohler. Ennis stated he was honored by the recognition, saying he and Hohler worked hard for the award, but they also had help from other staff in the district. Hansch presented a certificate of achievement to Ennis, thanking him and Hohler for their efforts in helping to keep students and staff healthy.

The board recognized 2010 Somerset School District Retirees including Ron Berg, Chuck Ennis, Rick Lange, Kathy Murphy, Pam Powers, Pam Seekel, Ray Standke, Robert Walker, and Roger Zolldan. Gunther presented each with a certificate, commenting that he had many of them as teachers when he was a student in the district. Witzmann stated the group represented an amazing amount of years of teaching experience, and they will all be missed.

Cranston presented diplomas to former students Dana Mickus and Cristofer Peterson, stating she was very proud of their accomplishment and desire to receive a high school diploma after completing their HSED's.

Meeting recessed at 7:31 p.m., and reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

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

- A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Session of May 17, 2010
- B. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of May 17, 2010
- C. Approve payment of May/June Board Bills
- D. Approve hiring of Nathan Brown, L-T 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
- E. Approve preliminary notice of non-renewal of Nathan Brown, L-T 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Lang Arts Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
- F. Approve hiring of Gregg Eldred, Director of Programs/Athletic Director, for the 2010-11 school year
- G. Approve hiring of Rachel Fuller, Jr. Kindergarten Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
- H. Approve hiring of Kelly Holm, .5FTE Jr. Kindergarten Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
- I. Approve hiring of Michael Holmquist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year

- J. Approve hiring of Sara Icenogle, .6 FTE Middle School/High School Health Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
  - K. Approve hiring of Susan Kadlec, High School English Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
  - L. Approve hiring of Kitzi Klinger, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
  - M. Approve hiring of Cory Lindenberg, High School English Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
  - N. Approve hiring of Ayla Mitchell, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
  - O. Approve hiring of Scott Perau, 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal Music Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
  - P. Approve hiring of Troy Pertzborn, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
  - Q. Approve hiring of Dawn Tunison, 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & General Music Teacher, for the 2010-11 school year
  - R. Approve hiring of Hillary Wolski, Elem School/High School Spec Education Teacher, for the 2010-11 school
  - S. Approve Elementary Secretary Positions A & B as nine month positions for the 2010-11 school year
  - T. Approve Orthopaedic Sports, Inc. (OSI) Athletic Training Services Contract
  - U. Approve WITC Articulation Agreements
  - V. Approve New Richmond News as official newspaper
  - W. Approve Anchor Bank/RCU as official bank
  - X. Approve 2010-11 spring coaching and advising assignments
  - Y. Approve eBanking Resolution
  - Z. Approve purchase of copier from E.O. Johnson for the Somerset High School
- Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion**

#### **Business Services Committee**

*2010-11 Staffing Update:* Colbeth deferred the report to Director of Business Services & Operations Robert Avery who stated the business office has been tracking staffing with new hires and replacements compared to where the district had been, indicating the district is \$90,000 under projections. The office will continue to evaluate and monitor staffing position needs.

#### **Governance Committee**

*ELL Student Selection Language Policy Review (1<sup>st</sup> Reading):* Witzmann stated a few changes were made including identified items that were missing by state standards. Witzmann added that board members may talk with Superintendent Rosburg if they had any questions before the policy revisions were approved at next month's board meeting.

### **Information**

Superintendent Rosburg stated enrollment numbers remain the same as last month. Committee meetings tentatively slated for Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> (moved back one week due to the holiday weekend) include Teaching & Learning Committee, Business Services Committee, Human Resources Committee, and Governance Committee.

John Huenink and Gary Zifko from Kraus Anderson were on hand to give an update on the district's new building project. Huenink stated building construction had not yet begun due to a wetland issue. Cedar Corporation is working with the DNR to get the permit issue resolved. Because of the delay, Huenink stated completing the building by September is not realistic, and the completion date may be pushed back to October. Huenink said the delay would not cause an increase to the project budget. Zifko commented that construction of the building is currently \$40,000 under budget.

### **Board**

*CESA II Update:* Cranston stated CESA II hired a new director, Jerry Walters (former Durand School District Superintendent) who will start in July. Board of Control for CESA is also responsible for the Head Start program. Cranston attended the policy council for Head Start last month to review a community assessment required by Head Start. Cranston also stated CESA's Board of Control is undergoing a self-assessment process.

*Community Involvement:* Some board members attended the Somerset Pea Soup Days festival. Colbeth wondered if the district needed to make more of an effort to attract band students. She wondered about possible negative affects of block scheduling for band students and what the district can do to make band more enticing to students. Witzmann asked that this issue be placed on the agenda of an upcoming Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.

*School Liaisons:* Witzmann stated he wanted to continue to have board members be school liaisons for another year as he would like the board to be more visible to staff and community. Cranston asked to get school schedules directly from building principals for events.

*Board Scholarship:* Witzmann asked how members felt about having a board scholarship for graduating seniors, where board members could commit a certain percentage of their annual salary to the scholarship. This issue will be reviewed in more depth at a Governance Committee meeting.

**High School Report:** Principal Shawn Madden was unavailable for the meeting, however Rosburg briefly reviewed some of the highlights of high school activities including a review of a report on High School Student Athletic & Activity Participation, an overview of high school health care office incidents for 2009-10, and Madden's recommendation for Amanda Kirk as the new Student Council Representative to the board.

**Middle School Report:** Principal Sara Eichten provided a brief review of the Middle School Student Athletic & Activity Participation Report. Eichten went on to report the middle school recently received a \$2,000 donation from a community member for the new playground, which is now up and running; the playground committee is currently working to plan fundraisers for next school year. Eichten said the class "World Day" celebration was an outstanding success. Eichten ended her report stating summer school is in full swing with classes going on at the middle school from 8:00 a.m. to Noon each day through July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Elementary School Report:** Principal Cherrie Wood said the year end with a well-attended and weather cooperative Sports Day. Elementary staff put on a Character Education skit for students about making good choices. Elementary staff is busy planning for the 2010-11 school year. K-4 teachers will be reviewing new state standards at CESA workshops during the summer. Wood indicated that JK enrollment is up from last year, and expects numbers to climb throughout the summer.

**Business Services & Operations Report:** Director Avery provided a review of the monthly budget report; he briefly reported on contributions to the middle school playground, stating contributions are half way there for cost. The district's auditing firm has scheduled this year's audit for the week of August 9<sup>th</sup>. Avery ended his report stating the Cash Flow Report, not yet completed, will be sent to the board as part of their update next week.

**Pupil Services Report:** Director Darren Kern was unable to attend; however, Rosburg indicated handouts provided in the board packet provided information with regard to enrollment numbers in special education, gifted and talented, and ELL. Rosburg also stated board members could contact Kern later in the week if they had questions.

**Curriculum & Instruction Report:** Director Ron Berg stated that in the curriculum area, re-writing of the district's curriculum will be completed by approximately 40% of staff throughout the summer. In the area of instruction, at the recent district data retreat, district staff was surveyed regarding technology use. Berg said incoming Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Manager Trisha Sheridan will present the survey information, along with an assessment report, at the July board meeting. Berg stated the district's current Strategic Plan will be completed earlier than anticipated. Pupil Services Director Kern will supervise the district's next Strategic Plan. Witzmann said he would like one or two board members to volunteer to be a part of the new plan's committee. Berg stated the commitment will be three or four planning meetings, with the first meeting occurring in early fall.

Rosburg stated this board meeting is the last for Director Berg as he will be retiring from the district at the end of the month. Berg thanked the board for their support, stating it was nice to work for a district that embraces and seeks change for kids. He added that incoming Manager Sheridan will continue to move things forward. Witzmann thanked Berg while Berg received a round of applause.

#### **Action**

#### **Business Services Committee**

Colbeth moved, with second by Moulton, to approve the 2010-11 Preliminary Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Colbeth moved, with second by Cranston, refinancing of 2003 Bonds, and the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of NOT TO EXCEED \$2,200,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Avery stated this resolution will enable the district to save an estimated \$25,000 net savings. On roll call vote, all members present voted "yes." Motion carried unanimously.

Colbeth moved, with second by Witzmann, to approve the Resolution of School Board Authorizing Loan (\$1,000,000 non-referendum debt issuance) related to the QSCB. Motion carried unanimously.

Colbeth moved, with second by Cranston, to approve Food Service Meal Increases of 5%. Hansch said she understands the reasons to increase, but wondered if this increase improves eligibility for free and/or reduced lunches for families. Avery stated eligibility is determined by the government by income level and size of household. Motion carried unanimously.

Colbeth moved, with second by Cranston, to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Tim Witzmann, President

Catherine Cranston, Clerk