

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET**  
**June 23, 2014**

President Brian Moulton Called the meeting to Order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Connor moved, with second by Walters, 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. John Siggins, student council rep, spoke of the homecoming tailgate party with will be 8/3/14. Other student council members were in attendance and handed out a flyer. Kathy Brakke spoke for the Somerset Teachers Association, they asked to meet on 5/22/14, but meeting did not take place. She wanted the board to be aware of their concern and desire to meet. Lorri Baillargeon spoke on behalf of Cheryl Ek who was not able to attend. Baillargeon read Ek's letter in regards to the teacher's association and Educator Effectiveness. Ek wanted to share this for two reasons which Baillargeon read. Her and her colleagues are working hard and questions asked are needed for clarification. Baillargeon presented a memo that was sent out by Teacher's Association to the board. Baillargeon will email the statement she read via email to the board.

**Positive Recognition**

The Board recognized 2014 Girls' State Track Participant and state champion, Samantha Flandrick. Coach Kreibich provided background with regard to the girls' track season this year. She stated Sam worked very hard and did extremely well. Samantha was in attendance with her parents.

The Board recognized 2014 Boys' State Track Participants including Mitchell Foster III, Heaven Hunt, Dallas Johnson, Dalton Johnston, Aaron Joppru, Max Praschak, Sam Schoenborn and Bailey White. Kreibich provided a re-cap of the boys track season. Praschak was the state champion in hurdles, he introduced his family that was in attendance. Coach Jahner also recapped the season and was excited that Somerset had two state champions this year. Gunther presented certificates, thanking the athletes and coaches for their dedication.

The Board recognized 2014 Somerset School District Retirees Rosanne Erickson and Jody Keller. Superintendent Randy Rosburg stated the district was fortunate to be able to recognize the retirees for their years of service and commitment to the school program and to the students. Erickson was in attendance and also thanked the district and said she will really miss the kids.

Meeting was recessed at: 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of May 19, 2014
- B. Approve Minutes of Special Session of May 29, 2014
- C. Approve Minutes of Executive Session of May 29, 2014
- D. Approve Minutes of the June 2 Special Session
- E. Approve Payment of May/June Board Bills
- F. Approve Hire of Kay Vater, .30 Elementary Art Teacher
- G. Approve Hire of Kristin Siskow, 0.7 FTE High School Social Studies Teacher
- H. Approve Hire of Zac Eichten as High School EBD Teacher
- I. Approve 2014-2015 Fall and Winter Coaching and Advising Assignments
- J. Approve Resignation of Natalie Bump, Special Education Aide
- K. Approve Resignation of Julie Mocadlo, Physical Education Instructor
- L. Approve the WERMC 66.0301 Agreement for 2014-2015
- M. Approve the MidAmerica HRA Plan
- N. Approve the Increase to the New High School English Position to 1.0 FTE from 0.6 FTE
- O. Approve 2014-2015 Graduation Date, Time and Location

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion**

*Business Services Committee:* Chairperson Marie Colbeth spoke of the 2014-15 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 shared the initial information from Health Partners has been received and discussions are still ongoing. Spoke of WERMC renewal as well as the MidAmerica Plan. Gerberding also spoke of Mr. Moore's memo in regards to the high school English position and the request to change the previous approved 0.6 FTE to a 1.0 FTE. Colbeth asked to see annual comparisons with other districts. Gerberding stated that information is provided from CESA and other surveys. Some of the information is very detailed and some is more high level. Gerberding shared this information is also provided in the HR committee. Colbeth asked to see an overview of the HRA benefit. Gerberding shared the information as to the cost to the district and number of participants.

**Superintendent Information:** Rosburg stated current enrollment is at 1,592 which is down slightly from last month and that it is typical in the summer to see a slight drop. Tentative committee meetings slated for July 7, 2014. Rosburg explained how the NEOLA review process works.

**Board Report:** *CESA II Update:* Tom Walters gave an update on the last CESA meeting. CESA just had their election. Walters will be the CESA rep. The CESA parking lot is being redone in Turtle Lake and is a bigger project than originally planned. CESA will be holding a meeting in August, the members will be part of Zoom, which allows participants to be a part of the meeting from home. Ott asked if this would be considered an official meeting, Walters explained that since no voting would take place it would be.

*Community & School Involvement:* Walters shared his trip to Washington DC was wonderful and the eighth grade students behaved very well. He thanked Miss Eichten for the work she does as it really shows in how well behaved the students are. Colbeth asked is any of the school districts have policies /guidelines around students participating in music. The admin team will follow up on this. Walters asked about the inventory of music instruments that was to be taking place. Follow up will take place on this item. Connor shared his experience in the Memorial Day Services and shared they did honors at five programs and the parade. He said it is a tradition that has been in place for many years, this was Connor's 41<sup>st</sup> year. Walters and Colbeth shared that the graduation ceremony was excellent and having the military part of it was a nice addition. The board also shared that attendance at Pea Soup Days was good, despite the weather.

**Directors and Principals Reports:** Eichten shared the report stating that much work was accomplished throughout the school year and professional development will continue throughout the summer. Eichten also shared that Linda Law, Stacy Toenjes and Cory Lindenberg presented their plan to develop common disciplinary literacy language, practices and rubrics for teachers to use across campus. The information was very well received by teachers. Walters asked about infinite campus, Eichten likes it and will learn more this summer. Wishard asked if community was part of this to which Eichten and Sheridan shared that it is. Sheridan spoke of the conference call that just took place with Infinite Campus, stating it was an informal training session but much knowledge was shared.

### **Action**

**Governance Committee:** Committee Chair Connor moved, with second by Gunther, to approve the updated versions of the NEOLA Series 2000, 3000, 4000 and 5000 First Draft Documents. Colbeth did not support approving due to the process of how the approvals go through with NEOLA. Motion carried with one Nay vote by Colbeth.

Ott moved, with second by Colbeth, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Brian Moulton, Board President

Tammie Wishard, Board Clerk