

REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
March 17, 2014

Board President Brian Moulton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken. Present were board members Brian Moulton, Kelly Ott, Tom Walters and Marie Colbeth. Absent was Bob Gunther, Mike Connor and Tammie Wishard.

Tom moved, with second by Ott, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Groups or Individuals Wishing To Be Heard: Moulton read off the rules for this portion of the meeting, no one came forward.

Positive Recognition: The Board recognized 2014 State Wrestling Participants: Maxwell Praschak, son of David and Sarah Praschak; Bailey White, son Bobbi and John Melvin. Head Coach Trent Larrieu, Assistant Coaches Lloyd Larrieu and Austin Bushinger. Trent shared in the sport of wrestling there are many ups and downs, in the end it is all worth it. He congratulated Max and Bailey for their achievement in advancing to State and praised them, appreciating their leading by example, not words. He also thanked them for their assistance with the youth wrestling program. Trent went on to discuss the new wrestling room sharing: everyone loves the new room, it is not crowded, and there is plenty of room now for the youth programs. Mr. Moulton then congratulated and presented Max and Bailey with their awards.

The Board recognized 2014 AMC (American Mathematics Competition) Math contest winner, Adam Marty. The AMC is dedicated to the goal of strengthening the mathematical capabilities of our nation's youth, believing that one way to meet this goal is to identify, recognize, and reward excellence in mathematics through a series of national contests. Mr. Moore congratulated Adam on his outstanding score and achievement in earning a Patrick Green \$1,000 scholarship. Adam is the son of James Marty and Sheila Baillargeon. Mr. Walters congratulated and presented him with an achievement certificate. Rosburg later recognized Adam's accomplishments in Hockey identifying that he has had 103 goals in his hockey career which is a highest total goals scored for the school.

The meeting was recessed at 7:16 p.m. and reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of February 17, 2014
- B. Approve Minutes of Special Session of February 17, 2014
- C. Approve Minutes of Executive Session of March 3, 2014
- D. Approve Payment of February/March Board Bills
- E. Approve 2014-2015 CESA 11 Shared Services Contract
- F. Approve 2014-2015 Spring Coaching and Advising Assignments
- G. Approve 2014 Cash Farm Lease Supplement
- H. Approve Addition of a Stipend for the Assistant Forensics Advisor
- I. Approve Hiring of Jennifer Hinz as Transportation Secretary (Enc 9, Pg 21)
- J. Approve 15 Minute per Day Increase for Jamie Ericson, Special Education Aide
- K. Approve Resignation of Rosanne Erickson, Gifted Talented Instructor at the End of the 2013-14 School Year

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Discussion:

Business Services Committee: Director of Business and Operations, Gerberding, reviewed the general parameters for the budget development for next year. The district is fortunate to be in the second year of the state biennial budget and is able to use known factors in much of the district revenue limit calculation for next year, the major variable that will impact it are student membership and health insurance renewal. The budget will become clearer once those costs are known. The Committee also discussed the CESA 11 Shared Services Contract and made a recommendation to the board to approve it.

Teaching and Learning Committee: Committee Chair Ott gave an IT Status Update. Ott shared that things are moving along slowly, most issues have been resolved, a few issues remain. Mr. Moore indicated that all the issues he is aware of in the High School have been resolved. Ott indicates people need to speak up if something isn't working, to keep moving forward as technology is a big part of our academics. The district has a plan in place to convert all analog cameras to digital; the newly installed digital cameras and system are working.

Information: Superintendent Rosburg stated student enrollment is 1,594 which is down a bit, two from last month. Committee meetings are tentatively set for Monday, April 7, 2014. Rosburg addressed our current process for determining: a late start, early release days or full day closures. When deciding the factors considered are: a -30 degree temperature, a -30 degree sustained wind, and/or icy roads. If between 7-8:00 am the temp is -30 we will call for a two hour delay. If the temp -30 degree temp will be sustained for the duration of the day, we will call school off for the full day. Two hour late starts and two hour early releases can also be impacted on the part of icy/impassible roads. Rosburg indicates he relies on Accuweather, Kare 11 and the local thermometer on top of the high school to guide him on temperatures. He relies on Twin Cities weather stations, municipal crews, Safeway Bussing Co and maneuvering the roads himself in determining the impassability of the roads. This process starts at roughly 4:30 to 5:00 am, to be able to notice staff by 5-5:15 am and initiating the process of noticing of parents by 5:30 am. Currently, cancellations to date are causing us to make up 3 days by the end of this year, adding two days onto the end of the year and canceling our early release days in March and April. We currently have enough minutes within our schedule to allow for a 2-hour delay or early release without having to make it up.

Board Report: *CESA 11 Update:* Walters was unable to attend the last CESA meeting. Rosburg is appreciative of the training that is offered by CESA, it is nice to have quality training so close to home rather than having to drive to Madison.

Community and School Involvement: Ott spoke of her involvement with the Post Prom Committee. This year's post prom should be fun; there is still a need for overnight volunteers on April 26th. Ott also indicates she is volunteering for the Power Up 2.5K which will be held on May 2nd, from 9:00 to 11:00 and is a District wide initiative involving parents, faculty and students of all ages. Ott is also looking forward to the Scholarship Committee's annual Las Vegas night which will be held on April 17th at the American Legion. Colbeth recognized the hard work and efforts put into the artwork for the Fine Arts program at the middle school and wonders if there is a way in which to show the work on a rotating basis within our extended community, possibly the hospital in Hudson. She also would like to see if there are funds within our budget to purchase a sign to provide a notice for weekly events that can be placed alongside the road. Colbeth concluded by appreciating our band program, happy to see that they are at more events including hockey games.

High School Report: Student Council Representative was absent; Mr. Moore read the report from student council.

Directors' and Principals' Report: Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Trish Sheridan advised it has been a strong month of training for all levels. The focus of the PLC teams changed due to the inclement weather days. The teams are creatively brainstorming ways in which to continue the work without the half day release times. Our elementary has tapped into CESA 11 consultants helping to address the workshop model (Common Core State Standards) which allows for more student choice, differentiation, and integration of content in order to build authentic learning that meets the demands of our new standards. Our high school and middle school representatives traveled to CESA 11 to hear Doug Buehl address a packed room of educators. He addressed literacy and helping students tackle complex text and content reading. Implement Response to Intervention (RTI) for K-12. The District RTI committee met on February 26th to begin discussions around what is going well with our current RTI model and continued areas of improvement. At the Elementary School our third grade program was held on Thursday March 6, 2014. The program had a patriotic theme and the students did a wonderful job as they sang songs from around the world. The program also included a portion where students used sign language to sign the song. Conferences were held at the ES on Tuesday February 18th and Tuesday February 25th, with 97% of all families attending. WKCE individual result reports were sent home with ES students. At the Middle School the annual Fine Arts Festival was a huge success again this year. The displays were outstanding; we truly have amazing artists in this district! The musical talent displayed was fine-tuned and the mass choir to finish off the evening was powerful. WKCE individual result

reports were sent home to all middle school students tested. We will receive all-school results later this spring. We participated in the Smarter Balanced Field Test for mathematics in the late part of March. Our 8th grade students will all be tested on non-performance and performance tasks with a classroom activity. At the High School we have had many students recognized this past month for their effort: Hannah Rosentreter - Kohl Student Scholar Winner; Adam Marty - \$1000 Scholarship for his achievement on a National Math Assessment; Meghan Wolner - Scholar Athlete; and Gaelin Elmore - Scholar Athlete. WKCE: Individual student results for the October 2013 WKCE assessment were mailed home to families. Co-Curricular Recognitions:

The forensics team qualified for the district level competition; the boys basketball team won their first Middle Border Conference title (third conference title in school history); Mock trial finished third in district competition (their highest finish in years); The Fine Arts Festival had great artwork, performances, and attendance. We are proud of all the work students and staff put into the festival; Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) had four individuals qualify for state competition: Brianna Coerber, Claire Kielsa, Kaitlyn Nichols, and Janae Rothe.

Our Special Education department held their annual spring "Child Find Activity" on February 27 and 28. We screened a total of 10 children over the course of the 2 days.

Action

Teaching and Learning Committee: Ott moved, with second by Colbeth to Approve Make Up Plan for the Inclement Weather Day of February 21, 2014. It was recommended the February 21st inclement weather day be made up on two early release afternoons, March 7 and April 4, 2014 with an additional recommendation that future inclement weather days be made up using the early release afternoon of May 2, 2014 and adding additional days onto the end of the school year. On vote, motion passed unanimously. Ott questioned a delay for future weather; Rosburg indicated we have 2 hours currently banked.

Governance Committee: Walters moved, with second by Ott to Approve the Four Month Review Process for Neola First Draft Policies. Upon voting, all board members present voted yes. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Ott moved, with second by Walters to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Brian Moulton, President

Marie Colbeth, Clerk