

**SOMERSET BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
May 19, 2014

Board President Brian Moulton called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Board members present include Brian Moulton, Robert Gunther, Mike Connor, Marie Colbeth, Kelly Ott, Tom Walters and Tammie Wishard.

Connor moved to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Rosburg indicated consent item E will have the name Billie Jo Stephens added. Consent Item F will be removed from the agenda until June 2014. Rosburg also added that one of the board handouts is the Teaching and Learning minutes. Second by Ott. Motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Forum: Review of K-12 Journey with High School Seniors.** Dakota Belisle, Jonathan Bucklew, Megan Erickson, Mary Fohrenkamm, Frank Johnson, Aaron Joppru, Hannah Rosentreter. President Moulton explained that the senior panel was to answer the questions that were asked of them by the board openly and honestly. The seniors shared that the high school has done a great job of supporting them throughout their high school career. They would like to see more challenging classes starting at a younger grade level as well as some updates to IT. The seniors also shared that being involved in extracurricular activities was important. They felt the high school library staff was doing a great job this year. The board thanked the seniors for attending and invited them to come back in five years to share updates.

**Groups or Individuals Wishing to Be Heard:** Moulton read off the rules for this portion of the meeting. Nancy Dressel came forward, introduced herself. She asked that the board review policy KBG, Access to Public Records. She explained that tax payers can only get paper copies of board packets by paying a per page fee for the information. She indicated that upon doing research, she found that some districts are placing this information on their websites. President Moulton responded that board policies are currently being reviewed and that he will research this and get back to her.

**The Board recognized** Hannah Rosentreter, Student Council Representative to the School Board. Superintendent Rosburg thanked Hannah for her year of service to the school board and stated she is an amazing leader. President Moulton presented her with a gift.

**The Board recognized** Hannah Rosentreter, 2014 Kohl Scholarship winner. Superintendent Rosburg explained that being recognized as a Kohl Scholarship winner is a great honor and presented her with a certificate.

**The Board recognized** 2014 State Destination Imagination Team participants Ridley Bemis, Jackson Cook, John Johnson, Katie Schroeder, Lauren Young, Eric Forsberg, Sally Bodlovick, Sophia Dunleap, Amy Lippman, Stephanie Lustig, Serenity Slayton, Rachel Webb, Frederick Richert, Roxanne Ring and Advisors Rosanne Erickson. Erickson explained that the team all worked very hard and collaborated very well together. The board presented the team members with certificates. President Moulton also shared that Rosanne Erickson is retiring at the end of this school year. The Destination Imagination team members presented Erickson with gifts and thanked her for her dedication.

**The Board recognized** 2014 State Music Listening Contest participants Juliauna Belisle, Katie Bartig, Allison Meuers and advisors Rachel Erickson and Rosanne Erickson. The advisors explained that this is a very tough contest to be a part of and the students put in many hours preparing for this. The board presented the team members with certificates.

**The Board recognized** 2014 State FBLA participants Breanna Coerber, Claire Kielsa, Kaitlyn Nichols, Janae Rothe and advisor Gwen Hennessey. Advisor Gwen Hennessey spoke to how well the students did at state. She also introduced, Nicole Quaderer who will be the president for the 2014-2015 school year.

**The Board recognized** 2014 State Solo Ensemble Instrumental participants Danielle Anderson, Michael Barger, Mikaela Barger, Sydney Branom, Rachel Cloutier, Frank Johnson, Cally Meixner, Quinn Perro, Ryan Phalen, Racheal Russell and Autumn Wilson. Instrumental Music Instructor: Andrew Emerson. Emerson spoke of all

the hard work and many hours the students put in while preparing for the competition and that all team members did very well. The board presented the students with certificates.

**The Board recognized** 2014 State Solo Ensemble Choir participants Ashley Beasley, Kelsie Caster, Emily Colombo, Miranda Cote, Kaitlin Croes, Hannah Erickson, Mackenzie Erickson, Mary Fohrenkamm, Hannah Gervers, Taylor Goosen, Christopher Haglund, Mitchel Hosley, Frank Johnson, Jonathon Karis, Ethan Lammers, Braeden Lange Green, Kacie Larkowski, Gavin Meader, Sydney Nelson, Jeanette Newberg, Rebecca Olin, Emily Olson, Nicole Quaderer, Hannah Rosentreter, Janae Rothe, Jacob Scott, Madeline Scott, Elsie Shartin-Folkert, Zachery Siebenaler, Tayva Strom, Malia Triebold, Natalie Van Dam, Ryan Vang, Grace Von Holtum. Vocal Music Instructor: Scott Perau. Perau stated that many students went to state and all fared very well. He also congratulated Nicole Quaderer for receiving the State Exemplary award, which is a difficult award to receive. The board presented the students with certificates.

**The Board recognized** 2014 Kohl Fellowship Recipient, Nancy Andersen, Second Grade Instructor. Elementary school principal Darren Kern thanked Nancy and shared that she is very deserving of this prestigious award. Her countless hours spent in the classroom as well as the volunteer work she does for the community are appreciated. Kern presented Andersen with a certificate.

Before the meeting was recessed for cake at 7:45, President Moulton thanked the Girl Scouts for being in attendance.

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 in the Learning Center conference room.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of April 21, 2014
- B. Approve Minutes of Special Session of May 5, 2014
- C. Approve Payment of April/May Board Bills
- D. Approve Hiring of Stephanie Briggs as Middle School Special Education Teacher
- E. Approve Hiring of \_\_\_\_\_ as Elementary School Special Education Teacher
- F. Approve Hiring of \_\_\_\_\_ as Elementary School Gifted and Talented Teacher
- G. Approve Hiring of Catherine Skramstad as Classroom Aide
- H. Approve Resignation of Sherry Petznick, Title 1 Reading Instructor
- I. Approve Gallup Teacher Insight Contract for June 10, 2014 through June 9, 2015 for \$3,656.00

### **Discussion**

*Teaching and Learning Committee:* Committee Chair Kelly Ott had questions, which she was able to get answered in regards to standards around weightlifting. Students must show growth from year to year in the weightlifting class. Ott had Rosburg provide IT update. IT is still working with HP for assistance. Ott and Colbeth expressed their concerns over the IT issues and ongoing nature of them. Ott would like to have a brainstorming meeting to see what we need. Colbeth agreed and stated it was surprising that a technology company did not know of a bug in the system. Walters asked if a technology ad hoc committee should be formed. The immediate needs of the district needs to be looked at. Colbeth recommended making it into a separate committee as it needs to be addressed. Ott then provided an update on writing skills, there is now a rubric on this. Are students just used to texting or are we not teaching them the importance of proofreading? Ott also spoke to relevancy in the learning process and how the ideas should be brought to the board.

*Human Resources Committee:* Chair Moulton said there are no specific details yet for benefits and wages as they will be available in June.

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Randy Rosburg provided an overview of current enrollment, stating the current enrollment is at 1,600 which is up one student from last month. Rosburg then asked the board

to please check their availability for the upcoming graduation ceremonies and to please let Mr. Moore know. The committee meetings for June are tentatively set for Monday, June 2. The June Board of Education Meeting will take place on June 23, 2014. There will be an Executive Session on May 29, 2014.

**Board Report:** *CESA II Update:* Tom Walters provided updates including, June 2 the representative seat will be up for election and Tom will be attending. He also shared that there has now been a 16<sup>th</sup> open meeting request as per Jerry Walters as CESA. Other items including the federal paperwork has been completed and a server has been replaced due to an emergency breakdown. Tom will report more on the STAR academy next month.

*Board Officers & Committee Assignments:* President Moulton stated the recommendation is to keep committee assignments the same with all members agreeing to them. Rosburg then began the process of electing the board officers for this term. Moulton will re-address Walter's request for an IT committee.

- Colbeth nominated Moulton for President. After receiving no other nominations, Colbeth then moved to close the nomination. Motion passed unanimously, Moulton retained the President role.
- Colbeth nominated Gunther for Vice President. After receiving no other nominations, Colbeth then moved to close the nomination. Motion passed unanimously, Gunther retained the Vice President role.
- Ott nominated Colbeth for Clerk. Colbeth nominated Wishard for clerk. After receiving no other nominations, Colbeth then moved to close the nomination. After votes were tallied, Wishard was named Clerk.
- Colbeth nominated Connor for Treasurer. After receiving no other nominations, Colbeth moved to close the nomination. Motion passed unanimously, Connor retained the Treasure role.

**Community and School Involvement:** Connor spoke of his involvement in the upcoming Memorial Day ceremonies. It is a wonderful group to be a part of and is great way to recognize and honor veterans. Colbeth spoke highly of the great attendance, turnout and benefit to students of having the Running of the Spartans. Rosburg thanked Patty Schachtner for her coordination of this as it will be a model for the surrounding counties and communities. Colbeth shared the excitement she has heard over the new band uniforms. Walters attended the Saints game and also was in attendance at the school bus races. Colbeth asked why so many events were now being on Wednesday nights as that was deemed a night that would be a family night. Rosburg explained how the dates are chosen and it was reiterated by Moore how it is all scheduled. Moore stated that due to weather some things had to be scheduled on Wednesday nights this spring.

**Student Council Report:** Hannah Rosentreter spoke of the great turnout and positive feedback from Community Day in which the high school students completed volunteer projects and clean-up efforts throughout the community. Only juniors and seniors participated this year due to the freshman and sophomores participating in testing and other activities. General Sams provided water and Waste Management provided trash receptacles. She also shared that the Running of the Spartans was a great event. She also stated the seniors are busy preparing for graduation and the student council is working on nominations for next year and the board representative and other school board roles will be announced soon.

**Directors and Principals Report:** Trisha Sheridan highlighted the launch of the summer development including a national presenter and CESA speakers being brought in. The development catalog was put together by information that was garnered from surveys that staff received. Staff will be attending many different levels of professional development this summer.

**ACTION**  
**Governance Committee**

Connor moved, with second by Moulton, to approve First Draft of NEOLA Policies 2000 and 5000. Colbeth wants to see changes to 5421. Rosburg stated the information was sent to NEOLA and not yet received back. Connor amended the motion to be a first reading, second by Wishard. Motion passed unanimously.

**Human Resources Committee:** Moulton moved, with second by Gunther to approve the 2014-2015 Employee Handbook. Motion passed unanimously. Colbeth felt it was premature to approve since the budget will not be set until June. Rosburg explained the current changes and that this could be brought to every meeting if need be. Motion passed unanimously.

**Teaching and Learning Committee:** Ott opened up the discussion on 2014-2015 Master School Year Calendar. There will be 176 students contact days rather than the 180 as it was in the past. Teachers will have 192 days as has been in the past. Support staff will possibly have 178 days to include the 176 days with students and two for training. This will provide the support staff with two less work days for the 2014-2015 year than in the past. The bus routes will be re-routed to allow elementary students less time in school. DPI has set a number of instructional minutes that the schools must be in session for the students. The rerouting of bus schedules will allow the elementary school instructional hours to be more closely aligned to the minimum amount by DPI. The elementary school has built into the calendar five inclement weather days. The middle and high school have four days built into their calendar. If additional inclement weather days need to be made up they will occur March 6 and June 10. The proposed calendar would have five full work days during the school year rather than eight early release half days. These days will be used for PLC, Educator Effectiveness and professional development work. Rosburg then explained the comparisons to the other MBC schools. Gunther asked about professional learning days, these have been addressed and included in the 2014-2015 calendar. Wishard asked of the cost saving to which Rosburg walked through the potential savings. Wishard and Ott stated they liked the elimination of the half days which teachers were using for professional development. Teachers need the full days which will now be on the calendar for 2014-2015. Ott spoke of distractions and how field trips and other events can be turned into learning events. Ott moved that the revised 2014-2015 calendar be approved, second by Colbeth. Lorri Baillargeon shared that support staff have expressed concerns over how this will affect their pay. Kathy Brakke echoed this sentiments as she had heard it as well. Rosburg explained the process and support staff could be asked to work these two days. Motion passed unanimously.

Ott moved, with second by Colbeth to approve 2014-2015 Student/ Parent Handbooks, Extra Curricular Code and IT User Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Ott moved, with second by Colbeth to approve Open Enrollment Requests In and Out of the District for the 2014-2015 School Year.

A. Approve all Open Enrollment requests out for the 2014-2015 school year.

B. Approve Open Enrollment requests in for the 2014-2015 school year for students currently attending and who are changing buildings, currently attending with a 1st time request, students with siblings currently attending in our district and JK students as we have space available in this grade.

C. Deny Open Enrollment requests in for the 2014-2015 school year for students currently not attending and students with no siblings attending in our district, with the exception of JK grade.

Gunther asked for clarification on the open enrollment request. Items A, B and C were explained.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Business Services Committee:** Colbeth moved, with second by Gunther to Approve Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$330,000.00 general obligation promissory notes pursuant to section 67.12(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moulton moved, with second by Walters to Move to CLOSED SESSION of the Board pursuant to WI**

**Statute 19.85(1) (c) and (f) for preliminary consideration of a Specific matter which, if discussed in public, could have an adverse impact on the reputation of those involved. On roll call vote, motion passed unanimously at 9:13 p.m.**

The Board discussed and provided guidance on topics before them during closed session. Strategized regarding land for sale and consideration of an offer to purchase. Evaluated vendors for IT consulting work.

Action coming out of closed session was approval of a resignation letter from Darren Kern, pending formal hire of Kern by another school district. Gunther made the motion, seconded by Ott, roll call vote passed with unanimous vote to approve. Colbeth made the motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Sicard, seconded by Moulton, roll call vote passed the motion with six yes, one no (Ott) and one abstention (Gunther).

Ott moved, with second by Gunther to come out of CLOSED SESSION. On roll call vote, motion passed unanimously at 10:23 p.m.

Gunther moved, with second by Ott to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Brian Moulton, President

Tammie Wishard, Board Clerk