

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

Board Vice President Robert Gunther called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken. Present were board members Marie Colbeth, Mike Connor, Bob Gunther, Kelly Ott, Tammie Wishard, and Tom Walters. Absent was Brian Moulton.

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

Groups or Individuals Wishing To Be Heard: Gunther read off the rules for this portion of the meeting. Margene Westmoreland spoke about the alerts that the Infinite Campus system is calling / sending to those that have signed up. The example she gave was in regards to receiving the calls when a student is late. She shared this has happened when there are substitute teachers as well. She would like a better process with the absent/tardy phone calls and feels the calls are excessive. Vice President Gunther stated the system can be looked at and possible improvements made.

Positive Recognition: State Honors Choir Participants: Eli Anderson; son of Dirk and Jodene Anderson, Mara Erickson; daughter of Wade and Rachel Erickson, Colin Gallo; son of Alan and Cheryl Gallo, Zeb Rivard; son of Patric and Brenda Rivard, Ethan Lammers; son of Jerry Lammers and Liz Victor, Mitch Hosley; son of John and Sherrie Hosley, Hannah Erickson; daughter of Wade and Rachel Erickson. Advisors: Scott Perau and Rachel Erickson. Choir advisor Rachel Erickson explained the state requirements and how the performances worked. She expressed her thanks and gratitude for the opportunity this allowed for the students. The board thanked the students for representing Somerset so well and presented each of them with a certificate of recognition.

The board recognized 2014 State Cross Country Participant: Anya Swanson; daughter of Darrin Swanson and JoAnn Hardegger. Head Coach Abby Christensen spoke of Anya's journey to state and that this was Anya's first year of running as she is a freshman. Anya finished 89th at state and set a personal record.

The board recognized Elementary School Art teacher Amy Stevens as the Elementary School Teacher of the Year for 2014-15. Dr. Chris Kamrath, Elementary School Principal, introduced Mrs. Stevens and stated she is highly respected amongst the staff, is adored by students and is very dedicated.

The board recognized Middle School Science Instructor, Damon Barta as the Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2014-15. Sara Eichten, Middle School Principal introduced Mr. Barta and shared he was a large part of looping with the science program at the middle school, he is a science PLC leader and took part in the TWIST program through 3M over the summer.

The board recognized High School English Instructor, Cory Lindenberg as the High School Teacher of the Year for 2014-15. Mr. Moore, High School Principal, introduced Mr. Lindenberg and shared that he is very involved with students, has gone above and beyond with his PLC and has played a large role in helping students be college and career ready. He also spoke of the many activities that Mr. Lindenberg is a part of.

The board recognized School Psychologist, Jesse Thorson as the Specialty Teacher of the Year for 2014-2015. Sara Eichten, Middle School Principal introduced Mrs. Thorson and explained that Jesse is the grade 5-12 school psychologist. She is very dedicated, puts the students first and she always keeps site of the students.

The board recognized IT Technician, Matt Rivard as the Support Staff Employee of the Year for 2014-2015. Superintendent Randy Rosburg spoke of the hard work and willingness to help that Matt provides to all the district staff with their IT needs.

Each of the recipients was presented with a certificate of recognition and a golden apple.

The board recognized Middle School teachers Kristin Flater, Nathan Klinger and Stacy Toenjes. The teachers spoke of the English Language Arts Professional Learning Community and shared a presentation. They are looking at Smarter Balance assessments, shared that curriculum is fully online and the students are excited about learning. The students are using Google docs and are learning 21st century skills. Gunther thanked the teachers for their hard work. Meeting was recessed at 7:32 p.m. and reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of October 27, 2014
- B. Approve Minutes of Closed Session of October 27, 2014

- C. Approve Minutes of Special Session of November 3, 2014
- D. Approve Payment October/November Board Bills
- E. Approve Open Enrollment Out of the Somerset School District to Osceola School District
- F. Approve Open Enrollment In to the Somerset School District from Hudson
- G. Approve Open Enrollment Out of the Somerset School District to Grantsburg
- H. Approve 2014-2015 Winter Coaching and Advising Assignments
- I. Approve Youth Options Requests for 34 Students for Spring 2015

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: *Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting:* Committee Chair Kelly Ott stated that the 2015-2016 high school course offering booklet is being revised. High School Principal Chris Moore stated there are more AP classes being added so the students can gain college credits while still in high school.

Business Services Committee Meeting: Committee Chair Marie Colbeth spoke of the 2014-2015 budget. She thanked Business Services Manager, Dave Gerberding, for his diligent work on the budget. Gerberding will be providing revenue and expenditure information on a monthly basis as well as the detail as to what is included with those funds.

Superintendent Report: Rosburg stated district enrollment is at 1,597 which is down slightly from last year at this time. The date for the next Committee meetings is set for Monday December 1, 2014. RMM will be here on December 5 to meet with the teachers. There is a cracked drain line at the high school in the food service area. Companies are being contacted to fix this issue. Snow plows have been out plowing and sanding in order to keep the campus safe.

Board Report: *CESA II Update:* Walters reported on the CESA meeting and the transitions that take place every three years. Recognition was given at the meeting to those that have 20 and 25 years of service to CESA. Walters spoke of the possible Zoom meeting which allows board members to take part in the meeting without actually being at CESA.

Community and School Involvement: Mike Connor spoke of his involvement at the Veteran's Day programs that took place at all three schools. He thanked the schools for allowing the Veteran's to be part of the program. Connor also spoke of walking in the Veteran's Day parade in Stillwater that he was able to participate in. Discussion also took place on Rachel's Challenge and the banners the students signed as part of the pledge. Colbeth spoke of the dedication that the football players have and how well they played in Stevens Point.

Student Council Report: Student Council Representative, Nicole Tetzlaff, shared that the high school has just finished freshman and sophomore testing on the computers for the first time and the sports teams have had a very successful fall season. Seniors have been applying to colleges, the counselors have offered college visits and a financial aid night is planned. Student Council is now planning Polar Daze and deciding which charitable donation drive will benefit from the fundraising.

Directors' and Principals' Report: Middle School Principal Sara Eichten, spoke of a conference she attended and the topic of purposeful abandonment which she will share with the administrative team. Eichten thanked the board for allowing the full release days this school year as it is a great benefit to the PLC's. The teachers are appreciative of the time they have to work.

Ott moved, with second by Walters, to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Robert Gunther, Vice President

Tamara Wishard, Clerk