

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
November 18, 2013**

Board President Brian Moulton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Ott moved, with second by Connor, 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: State Honors Choir Participants: Ethan Lammers; son of Jerry Lammers and Liz Victor, Sydney Nelson; daughter of Derek and Tracy Nelson, Nicole Quaderer; daughter of Gary Quaderer and Amy Quaderer, Zeb Rivard; son of Patric and Brenda Rivard, Hannah Rosentreter; daughter of Douglas and Donna Rosentreter, Jacob Scott; son of Joshua and Kristi Scott Advisor: Scott Perau. Mr. Perau introduced the students and expressed his gratitude for the hard work and many hours they all put in. He also thanked their parents for getting them to and from all the practices. Mr. Perau shared that the State Honors Choir Competition is available on line via the WSMA website (<http://wsmamusic.org>). The board thanked the students for representing Somerset so well and presented each of them with a certificate of recognition.

The board recognized 2nd grade teacher Nancy Andersen as the Elementary School Teacher of the Year for 2013-14. Darren Kern, Elementary School Principal introduced Mrs. Andersen and stated she is highly respected amongst the staff, is adored by students and is well-known in the community for all of her hard work and dedication.

The board recognized Media Specialist Tracy Yndestad as the Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2013-14. Sara Eichten, Middle School Principal introduced Miss Yndestad, stating she has taken the library from a place to check out books to a place of learning. She is well respected amongst her peers and is a lifelong learner.

The board recognized Health Education Instructor, Sarah Colling as the High School Teacher of the Year for 2013-14. Mr. Moore, High School Principal introduced Miss Colling and shared that upon his starting with the district, he recognized Miss Colling as one who is forward thinking and will help move the district forward in a positive way. She is heavily involved in school activities as well as the community.

The board recognized Special Education Teacher, Zach Stephens as the Special Education Teacher of the Year for 2013-14. Darren Kern, Elementary School Principal introduced Mr. Stephens and explained that Mr. Stephens works with a unique group of students and that he really understand the students he works with. He makes a significant impact on those he teaches and has a gift for teaching.

The board recognized Elementary School secretary, Lisa Hohler as the Support Staff Employee of the Year for 2013-14. Darren Kern, Elementary School Principal introduced Lisa Hohler. He shared that Lisa makes a positive impact on all those that come into the office and she goes above and beyond in all she does. She would be truly missed if she were ever to leave as she is highly respected and represent the Elementary School office in a very positive light.

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

Meeting was recessed at 7:16 p.m. and reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of October 28, 2013
- B. Approve Payment October/November Board Bills
- C. Approve Hiring Elementary School Food Service Point of Service Position
- D. Approve Hiring of Janelle Thompson as the Short Term Substitute Special Education Instructor
- E. Approve Open Enrollment Exception Out to New Richmond
- F. Approve Open Enrollment Exception in from Hudson
- G. Approve Open Enrollment Exception in from Hudson

H. Approve the 2014-2015 High School Course Offering Booklet
Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: *Facilities Committee Meeting:* Committee Chair Tom Walters stated the referendum projects are continuing to progress. He shared that in January of 2014 an open house will be held so the community can see all the great work that he been completed. Dates will be communicated as soon as they have been decided upon. President Moulton asked if there were any projects that were behind schedule, Superintendent Rosburg responded that there were just a few, including the varsity wrestling mats. Principal Eichten said the backboards at the middle school were just installed on November 18. Also discussed were facilities planning for the future which will also be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting: Committee Chair Kelly Ott stated that positive recognition at the board meetings was discussed and the question was raised as to what the best way to recognize the recipients of positive recognition is. Should the board be going to the banquets these group have to recognize them, should it be a few times a year event? Student Council Representative, Hannah Rosentreter shared that she sees it as an honor to be invited to the meetings. President Moulton indicated the board is looking at other ideas and ways to make this easier for everyone so all can attend.

Governance Committee Meeting: Committee Chair Mike Connor provided updates on the progress on the policy review and Neola policy templates. Connor shared that going though each policy and making sure it is a good fit and within the law is a positive. He shared that the 6 and 7 thousand series has been completed. Colbeth then thanked the committee as this is a long and time consuming process.

Superintendent Report: Rosburg stated district enrollment is at 1,606 this month which is up three from last month but still down a bit from last year at this time. The date for the next Committee meetings is set for Monday December 2, 2013. Rosburg and Walters attended a WASB seminar and shared that WASB is hosting events at CESA and board members are encouraged to attend.

Board Report: *CESA 11 Update:* Walters reported on the CESA meeting and that they are working on salary and wages for the CESA staff. Walters also shared that they were just notified that the use of ITV for voting in CESA meetings is not allowed per Open Meeting Laws. There will be further research into this as ITV is an excellent way for CESA board members to attend the meetings, especially in the winter as some have very long drives.

Community and School Involvement: Kelly Ott attended the Superintendent Input Group Meeting which is held at 7:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month. The discussion that took place was in regards to when to start planning for possible growth due to the bridge. The consensus is that planning should begin early with much communication to the community. Connor spoke of the book club he attended at the elementary school with High School Principal Chris Moore and Superintendent Rosburg. Connor shared that this was a wonderful experience and the students worked very hard at putting this together. Connor thanked the school district for allowing the Veterans to be a part of the Veteran's Day Celebration that took place in each school on November 11 and was grateful that the district recognizes this important day. Colbeth shared she is glad the band was able to attend the football game on November 15 and is glad they band members have the opportunity to also attend parades.

Student Council Report: Student Council Representative, Hannah Rosentreter shared that the high school just wrapped up Red Ribbon week which is a campaign to promote being drug free. The high school students visited both the elementary and middle schools to include them in the campaign as well. The sophomores have been working on the WKCE testing while the other grades participated in other activities while the testing took place. Other activities include a Veteran's Day celebration, an upcoming fundraiser over the holidays and updates on the junior class fundraising. Walters asked Rosentreter if the high school students were looking forward to the completion of the construction projects and she stated they are all excited and looking forward to it.

Directors' and Principals' Report: Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Trisha Sheridan

provided updates which included, the wrapping up of WKCE testing, the release of the SMARTER Balance Assessment practice test questions as well as the teachers tracking the alignment of curriculum to state and national standards in order to ensure it is guaranteed and viable.

Action:

Facilities Committee: Walters moved with second by Ott to Approve Replacement of Boys' and Girls' Physical Education Lockers in the Amount of \$38,170.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Business Services Committee: Colbeth moved with send by Gunther Approve Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow Purposes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Teaching and Learning Committee: Ott Moved with second by Colbeth to Approve Hiring of an EBD Teacher at the High School for the 2013-14 School Year. Motion passed unanimously.

Move to Closed Session in Accordance with Wis. Statutes 19.85 (1), (c) for the Purpose of Discussing Benefit Data. Moulton moved, seconded by Gunther to move to Closed Session. All voted yes in roll call vote to move to Closed Session at 8:03p.m. Ott moved, with second by Connor to move out of Closed Session. All voted yes in roll call vote to come out of Closed Session.

Moulton moved with second by Ott to approve a Sick Leave Bank for an employee. All voted yes in roll call vote to approve sick leave bank for an employee.

Walters moved, with second by Ott, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Brian Moulton, President

Marie Colbeth, Clerk