

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET  
October 27, 2014**

Board President Brian Moulton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

**WIDOT Question and Answer Session:** Tim Mason, Project Supervisor from WIDOT, was introduced and walked through his presentation and shared photos of the bridge project. The timeline, WI approach staging and photos of the project were discussed. Also discussed was the MNDOT portion of the project, the Minnesota approach as well as photos and updates from the Minnesota side. Mason shared that the completion date is still slated for fall of 2016. Contact information was provided as well as websites to track the progress of the project.

**RMM Solutions:** Amy Arnold and Scott Gremler from RMM Solutions provided an update on IT. A reminder was given in regards to the online survey that was sent out and that good feedback has been received so far. The ticketing board was discussed. Gremler spoke of the network assessment and how it is a good tool and will help provide a plan for the future. The hardware the district has is built and designed very well. The systems may be a bit over engineered, RMM is looking at reducing the complexity and creating efficiency in the system to help the district going forward. Arnold said they are looking at the fixes that can be made immediately so the teachers can teach and be focused on the students, not working on IT issues. Gremler would like to reduce the complexity and put things back in the hands of the district. Arnold will go through the survey results on Wednesday, after the survey has closed. She will follow up and compile the results so that a short term plan may be created.

**Groups or Individuals Wishing To Be Heard:** Moulton read off the rules for this portion of the meeting. Patty Schachtner, High School Health Care Provider and Chief Medical Examiner for St. Croix County came forward. Patty spoke of the QPR training and her role in the suicide prevention task force. She spoke to the fact that Somerset School District has had no student suicides but has had seven parental suicides. She explained the crisis that is currently happening with mental health issues. Schachtner explained the QPR training and how the training is powerful, effective and helpful.

**Positive Recognition:** The board recognized Safe-Way Bus Company for National School Bus Safety Week. Superintendent Rosburg thanked Safe-Way for the work they do on a daily basis with transporting the students of the district. Vicky Java from Safe-Way expressed her gratitude for the great working relationship the bus company and school district have. The bus drivers that were in attendance introduced themselves and shared how long they had been with Safe-Way. Superintendent Rosburg presented the Safe-Way employees with Somerset Spartan shirts and expressed his gratitude for all they do. President Moulton expressed his thanks for the work Safe-Way does to keep the students safe on a daily basis.

The board recognized Stacy Bracht, 2014 Girls' State Golf participant. President Moulton shared that Stacy Bracht is the first girls' golfer to make it to state. Coach Powers and Coach Lindenberg spoke highly of the hard work Stacy has done to achieve this honor. Powers also thanked Stacy's father for his support of her throughout her four years on the golf team. Stacy introduced her father and he thanked the board and the district for supporting Stacy.

The board recognized Sarah Colling, Health Education Instructor for her work on Somerset School Prevention Programming. Colling spoke of prevention programming and how the goal is to prevent rather than react. She explained AODA programming, services and interventions. She spoke of the three tiered approach and explained each of the levels. Colling shared that as part of the Power Up initiative she is here on Saturday mornings for open gym, this is open to the community and all are encouraged to attend this free event. Colling shared that all students are impacted by this programming as it is providing a safe environment for students, positive relationships and access to many helpful resources.

The meeting was recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of September 15, 2014
- B. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of September 15, 2014
- C. Approve Minutes of the Executive Session of September 22, 2014
- D. Approve Minutes of the Executive Session of September 29, 2014
- E. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of October 6, 2014
- F. Approve September/ October Board Bills
- G. Approve Hiring of Bill Roll as the Elementary School Maintenance Technician and Buildings and Grounds Position
- H. Approve Increase to Lisa Haverly, OT, from .50 FTE to .60 FTE
- I. Approve Hiring of a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant for Two Days per Week
- J. Approve Resignation of Sharon Kroll, Middle School Office Aide
- K. Approve Resignation of Patty Schachtner, High School Health Care Provider
- L. Approve 2014-2015 Winter Coaching and Advising Assignments

Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion: Facilities Committee:** Committee chair Tom Walters provided an update on the review of the 3 Year Capital Maintenance Project list. The list is typically reviewed and reprioritized on a twice a year basis by building staff and administrators.

**Superintendent Report:** Rosburg indicated enrollment is at 1,591 as of October 7, 2014 which is in line with where we were at last year. Committee meetings and an Expulsion Hearing are currently scheduled for November 3, 2014. Superintendent Rosburg shared with the board that the State Convention is upcoming in January 2015. Also discussed was the Somerset Community Food Pantry and that they will begin next week as the food pantry that will be serving the Somerset area. The Community Foundation meeting will be held on October 28, 2014.

**Board Report: CESA II Update:** Tom Walters provided an update on the last CESA meeting. A thirty year employee from CESA will be retiring in June 2015.

**Community & School Involvement:** Colbeth attended the Halloween Hayride and shared that it was a great event and very well attended. Ott spoke of the scholarship committee and that they are looking at new ways to raise funds. Colbeth attended the choir concert and said it was well attended and the students all did a great job. Connor stated the Veterans will be in attendance in all three schools for the upcoming Veteran's Day holiday.

**Student Council Report:** Student Representative Nicole Tetzlaff reported on the great success of Homecoming Week and the events were well attended by the student body. The newest tradition was the tailgate party which will be held again next year as enough money was raised to continue the tradition. The victory king and queen were Reed Baillargeon and Kendrah Wink. The Homecoming king and queen were Max Praschak and Rachel Plourde. Special thanks were given to The New Richmond News for the photographs they took of all the homecoming activities. The seniors have been busy with college application, the freshman and sophomores have been testing and the juniors are prepping for the ACT.

**Directors' and Principals' Reports:** Mr. Moore spoke of the testing that has been going on all month at the high school and thanked the high school guidance counselors, teachers and the tech department for their roles in the testing process. 40 students took the PSAT this year and Somerset hosted the ACT test this past Saturday, there were 87 students that took the test from Somerset as well as other districts. Director of Curriculum, Instruction and assessment, Trish Sheridan explained that Teachers and principals in all three buildings are currently using local, state, and national assessment data to identify areas where they can work to increase student achievement. Based on this data, Student/School Learning Objectives (SLO) for Educator Effectiveness will be created. More data will

be collected from various assessments and classroom observations to ensure that the students are making progress toward meeting the SLO. There will be a formal midyear check to help with benchmarking the progress.

**Action**

**Business Services Committee:** Colbeth moved with second by Ott to Adopt the 2014-2015 Original Fund 10 Budget in the Amount of \$16,755, 260.46 Colbeth stated school tax amounts have gone down and thanked Dave Gerberding, Director of Business Services and Operations for his hard work on this. Motion passed unanimously.

Colbeth moved with second by Gunther to Certify the 2014-2015 Fund 10 Tax Levy in the Amount of \$4,533,324.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Colbeth moved with second by Gunther to Approve Exhibit A Resolutions Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000.00. Colbeth thanked Dave Gerberding, Director of Business Services and Operations for his diligent work. Motion passed unanimously.

**Teaching and Learning Committee:** Ott moved with second by Colbeth to Approve High School Readiness Course. High School Principal Chris Moore spoke of the High School Course Readiness Courses. The program would be made up of three courses that students could elect to take to become more knowledgeable about possible career interests. Moore stated they will start a pilot project this year and go full scale next year. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Ott moved, with second by Walters, to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Brian Moulton, President

Tammie Wishard, Clerk