

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
October 28, 2013**

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, Robert Gunther, Mike Connor, Marie Colbeth, Tammie Wishard and Tom Walters.

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

WIDOT Question and Answer Session: The WIDOT presentation was moved up in the meeting to occur before positive recognition. Dave Solberg, project manager from WIDOT, was introduced and walked through his presentation and shared photos of the bridge project. Mr. Solberg was in attendance at the board meeting in October of 2012 and was asked to come back to provide updated on the Stillwater bridge project. He detailed out the various stages of the project as well as speaking of the loop trail which will accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic. He also spoke of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) opportunities that are being offered to school districts to involve students in the project.

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 Safe-Way Bus Company for National School Bus Safety Week. President Moulton 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 also expressed his gratitude for all they do.

The meeting was recessed at 7:46 p.m. and reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of September 16, 2013
- B. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of September 18, 2013
- C. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of October 7, 2013
- D. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of October 9, 2013
- E. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of October 23, 2013
- F. Approve Payment of September/October Board Bills
- G. Approve Youth Options Applications
- H. Approve 2013-2014 Winter Coaching and Advising Assignments
- I. Approve Kari Bergeson as the Kindergarten Instructor
- J. Approve Julie Schultz as the Morning and Afternoon Crossing Guard for the 2013-14 School Year
- K. Approve Rebekah Meuers as the Bus Aide/Lunch Recess Supervisor
- L. Approve Carol Switzer as the Seven Hour per Day Special Education Support Staff
- M. Approve Increase to Lisa Haverly, OT, from .40 FTE to .50 FTE
- N. Approve Increase to Kristin Roll, OT, from .40 FTE to .45 FTE

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Governance Committee: Committee chair Mike Connor provided an update and shared that the Series 200 policies have been completed. Work has since started on Series 5000. Mike thanked the staff that has now been attending the Governance Committee meeting and stated that their input has been very valuable. Connor also shared that Stu Waller of Neola has been providing excellent guidance through the policy review process. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2013.

Teaching and Learning Committee: Committee chair Kelly Ott spoke on Professional Learning Networks. Tracy Yndestad, Middle School Media Specialist was in attendance at the committee meeting. Ott expressed that Tracy's involvement and knowledge with Professional Learning Networks will be a great resource to the district.

Facilities Committee: Committee chair Tom Walters provided updates on the referendum projects. Walters and Superintendent Rosburg walked through the construction projects prior to the board meeting. Walters noted that that construction is going well and that Kraus Anderson is doing a great job. The wrap up date is December 2, 2013. Gunther asked about the middle school bleachers to which Rosburg responded that they should be here very soon. Kraus Anderson is working out the details on the bleacher project. Middle School principal Sara Eichten said the gym is currently being used for physical education classes and it is working fine for now.

Superintendent Report: Rosburg indicated enrollment is at 1,603 as of October 17, 2013 which is up one from last month. Committee meetings that are currently scheduled for November 4, 2013 include Facilities and Teaching and Learning. The district communication plan was recently reviewed in a scheduled meeting on the topic as well as at the Superintendent Input Group meeting. The change that will be made to the plan is that the use of Twitter will be removed. It has been decided that Twitter is more of a one-way communication tool. If it is determined that we need Twitter, it can be added back to the plan at a later date. Ott was in attendance at the last Community Input Group meeting and shared that the community would like to see higher ACT scores.

Board Report: *CESA 11 Update:* Tom Walters was not able to attend the last CESA meeting as he was attending a legal seminar. *Community & School Involvement:* Colbeth was in attendance at the choir concert which took place the prior week and stated that it was excellent. Walters thanked Hannah Rosentreter for her and the rest of the student's phenomenal work at the choir concert and football games.

Student Council Report: Student Representative Hannah Rosentreter reported on the great success of Homecoming Week and the events were well attended by the student body. Rosentreter also thanked Dave Newman from the New Richmond News for his excellent coverage of the Homecoming Week Activities. Rosentreter explained that this week at the high school is Red Ribbon Week which promotes students to be drug free.

Directors' and Principals' Reports: Elementary School Principal Darren Kern reported that each of the schools had bullying presentations that were well received by all of the students. Kern also shared that one of the initiatives with RtI is working with families and providing more communication. Reports will be sent to the parents whose students are part of RtI. High School Principal Chris Moore shared that when the marching band performed at the Minnesota State Fair this year, they received third place.

Action

Business Services Committee: Colbeth moved with second by Gunther to Adopt the 2013-2014 Original Fund 10 Budget in the Amount of \$16,462,798.23. 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 2013-2014 Fund 10 Tax Levy in the Amount of \$4,538,279.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Colbeth moved with second by Ott to Approve Exhibit A Resolutions Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000.00. Colbeth stated that last year this number was \$2,900,000.00 and pointed out the lower amount this year was thanks to the diligent work of Gerberding. Motion passed unanimously.

Facilities Committee: Walters moved with second by Ott to Approve Replacement of the Middle School Gym Main Basketball Backstops in the amount of \$7,563.00. Walters said this is a good choice as the original backstops

are 38 years old. The new backstops are safe for the students and are backed with an excellent warranty. Motion passed unanimously.

Walters moved with second by Gunther to Approve Renovation of Shower in the High School Training Room. Walters stated, which was reiterated by Moulton, that it was time to replace as this was the original shower. Motion passed unanimously.

Move to Closed Session in Accordance with Wis. Statutes 19.85 (1), (c) for the Purpose of Discussing Benefit Data. Walters moved, seconded by Ott to move to Closed Session. All voted yes in roll call vote to move to Closed Session at 8:23p.m. Ott moved, with second by Gunther to move out of Closed Session. All voted yes in roll call vote to come out of Closed Session at 8:31.

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

Ott moved, with second by Walters, to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Brian Moulton, President

Marie Colbeth, Clerk