

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
October 29, 2012**

Board President Brian Moulton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Colbeth moved, with second by Witzmann, 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: The board was to recognize Safe-Way Bus Company for National School Bus Safety Week, which has now been moved to a date that is pending. President Moulton awarded Tim Witzmann with a certificate from the WASB for his years of service as a board member. Witzmann thanked the board for being able to serve and spoke of all he has learned from being on the school board. Also recognized were the students in attendance from Gwen Hennessey's business class. Rosburg thanked them for attending and for their interest in how school board meetings are run.

The meeting was recessed at 7:08 p.m. and reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

WIDOT Question and Answer Session: President Moulton introduced two speakers from WIDOT, David Solberg; Project Development Supervisor and Chris Oulette; Northwest Region Communication Supervisor. Mr. Solberg walked through a PowerPoint presentation and welcomed questions from those in attendance. He spoke of the project schedule and the completion date of the fall of 2016. He gave details of the bike path that is part of the bridge project as well as all of the environmental management that is involved. Ms. Oulette spoke about STEM; science, technology, engineering and math and how the project team is reaching out to school districts to be part of STEM. She mentioned that there are many opportunities for school districts and their students to incorporate this into their curriculum.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of September 17, 2012
- B. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of September 24, 2012
- C. Approve Payment of September/October Board Bills
- D. Approve 2012-2013 Coaching and Advising Assignments
- E. Approve Nelisena (Johnson) Landahl as Long Term Sub for Jessica Olson for Remainder of 2012-13 School Year
- F. Approve Early Retirement Letter of Agreement for Margaret Farrington
- G. Approve Middle School Jazz Band as a School Sponsored Activity
- H. Approve Youth Options Applications
- I. Approve 2012-2013 Snow Removal Contract
- J. Approve Increase to Angie Sporleder, Special Ed Aide, Hours by 30 Minutes

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Governance Committee: (1st Readings) of revisions to the following policies: Colbeth reported as Committee Chair Mike Connor was absent for committee meeting. Colbeth stated that the family of a home schooled student in the district has requested Policy LBCD: Somerset School District Non-Public School Student Participation to be modified so nonpublic school students can participate in school sports. Dave Gerberding, Director Business Services and Operations, has been in contact with the insurance consultant on this and is researching the insurance coverage aspect of this. Connor supports this change. Superintendent Rosburg thanked the family for being in attendance at the meeting. Also to be reviewed are policies IGBC, Programs for Disadvantaged Students (Title I), Policy IGBC-R Student Selection and Policy IGBC-R Title I Parental Involvement Guidelines. These are all first readings and will be brought forward for second reading and approval in November.

Business Services Committee: Committee Chair Colbeth reported on the Middle School Playground Equipment and the remaining balance due. Colbeth stated she supported options to finance the remaining balance and that an option would be to ask for donations. She went on to state that the equipment benefits the students as well as the whole community. Gunther agreed that the equipment is a benefit to students at all three of the schools and thanked all those involved. Witzmann asked if the volunteers on the playground project could be recognized at a board meeting and it was agreed by Superintendent Rosburg that it will be added to a future board meeting.

Superintendent Report: Rosburg indicated enrollment is at 1,605 as of October 26, 2012. Committee meetings tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2012, include: Teaching & Learning (to discuss space planning), Human Resources) and Facilities (to review the energy audit that has recently been completed). Rosburg also addressed the Strategic Plan and District Communication Plan. The district is using Facebook, Blogs and Twitter as well as the district website and newsletter. Rosburg would like the board to come up with ideas to be discussed at the November meeting pertaining to communication and input meetings between the board members and the community. These ideas will be published in the December 2012 District Newsletter and would take place in the January 2013-June 2013 timeframe.

Board Report: *CESA 11 Update:* CESA board member Walters reported that at the last CESA Board Meeting they went through the process to get two new vehicles for the CESA staff and authorized the bids. *Community & School Involvement:* Walters spoke of the meeting that was held at the Sportsman on September 25, 2012. Both Walters and Ott were in attendance as well as Superintendent Rosburg. Walters stated there was a good group of people in attendance. Walters also attended the choir concert on October 22, 2012. He learned at the concert that the baritone saxophone is no longer usable due to rust and other issues. The band is trying to brainstorm ideas as to how to obtain a new one. Ott spoke to her attendance at the Third Grade Reading Club. She said it was a great experience and looks forward to attending more.

Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment Report: Director Trisha Sheridan shared information that the Student Learning Targets (I can Statements) are complete for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Disciplinary Literacy as well as several other content areas. Sheridan spoke to the training of the PLC Leaders. She also addressed the ways the district is trying to locate cost effective options for reading and math interventions to add to the district's current resources. She stated the DPI mandated PALS testing is underway for the kindergarten students, the Performance Series Testing for grades 1-8 has wrapped up and the WKCE testing window began on October 22.

High School Report: Principal Shawn Madden was absent.

Student Council Report: Student Representative Grace Becher reported on the great success of Homecoming Week and the events were well attended by the student body with the seniors winning spirit week. Becher stated there were 107 items of food for the food drive which were donated to Grace Place. Becher also thanked Dave Newmann from the New Richmond News for his excellent coverage of the Homecoming Week Activities. She also added his support of the school was greatly appreciated.

Middle School Report: Principal Eichten stated the Middle School has set a goal to move from 'meets expectations' to 'exceeds expectation' on the state report card. As a building, they are looking at ways to increase the amount of non-fiction the students are reading and writing. This is because by eighth grade 75% of what they read and write needs to be non-fiction. Eichten and Sheridan met with the Middle School ELA PLC to begin discussing how to blend reading and language arts in to one course. Eichten stated that Tracy Yndestad, Middle School Media Specialist is hosting two Thinkfinity training sessions and is also filling in at the high school media center one day per week. Eichten said the Hoops for Heart fundraiser was a great success and that another fundraiser may take place in order to reach the goal of \$1,500.00 as the American Heart Association would then donate \$200.00 back to the middle school for playground equipment. The playground committee will be selling t-shirts in November to help raise funds for the playground loan. A question was raised about the technology issues at the middle school and Eichten answered that she is working through the issues with her staff. Eichten stated she has 21 followers on Twitter and is using this as another way to communicate. The first Student of the Month Breakfast is November 8 at 7:15 a.m.

Elementary School Report: Elementary Principal Darren Kern stated the building goal for the year has been developed. The goal is written to improve accountability report card rating from 'meets expectations' to exceeds expectations'. The work being done in the PLC's is to write Smart Goals that support this. An example Kern brought forward is the 'I Can' statements that the third graders have developed. Kern stated he has seen tremendous gains from the students involved with interventions and the great progress is unheard of. Kern spoke to the testing that is currently underway: PALS testing, the new assessment required by DPI to measure kindergarten reading and also the WKCE testing. Kern is using Twitter as one of the ways he communicates and has 50 followers. He stated he also posts a weekly update on the elementary page of the website.

Pupil Services Report: Director Shannon Donnelly stated the special education student count is at 200. She also stated October 19 was the fall Child Development Day at which 23 students were screened. This is a large increase from the 13 that were screened last year. This is the largest amount of children Somerset has screened since 2009 at which there were 27. Donnelly stated the EL teacher has 18 students on her caseload and explained the breakdown of them. She also spoke to the current breakdown of the GT students and that the GT teacher can now see the students daily. Donnelly said eight i-pads have been purchased to assist students. Donnelly then spoke of the District Emergency Management Steering Committee and that she will lead the staff through the revamped emergency plans.

Business Services & Operations Report: Director of Business Services Dave Gerberding stated several items in his report were included as Action items later in the agenda, and will be discussed at that point. The Cash Flow Chart was included in his report.

Action

Human Resources Committee: Committee Chair Gunther explained tonight's action was to approve the Continuation of a Sick Leave Bank. Gunther made the first approval, seconded by Witzmann, motion passed unanimously to approve the Continuation of a Sick Leave Bank.

Teaching and Learning Committee: Witzmann stated the board would discuss and possible approve a plan of action to address the Impact of the River Crossing Bridge on the Somerset School District. Witzmann asked what the board's response should be to the new bridge as demographic studies have been done in the past. Walters asked Rosburg what other districts were doing. Rosburg stated that other districts are considering using Hazel Reinhardt for their demographic studies with a cost between \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00. Discussion then was on whether mitigation funds from WIDOT could be used for the cost of the demographic study. It was determined that mitigation funds cannot be used for this. It was reiterated that the bridge will not be done until 2016 and it is not known what the economy will look like then and how this will impact the district. It is known that right now the high school is 20% over capacity and moving carts as well as the media center are being used as classrooms. It was decided that this discussion will go back to committees based on consensus.

Business Services Committee

Colbeth moved, with second by Gunther, to Adopt the 2012-2013 Original Fund 10 Budget with a Total Expenditure of \$16,308,457.00.

Colbeth moved, with second by Gunther, to Certify the Fund 10 Tax Levy in the Amount of \$4,463,898.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Colbeth moved, with second by Gunther, to Approve Exhibit A Resolution Authorizing Cash Flow Borrowing in Amount Not to Exceed \$2,900,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. A roll call vote was then taken by Moulton in which all present voted yes.

Action

Move to Executive Session in Accordance with Wis. Statutes 19.85 (1), (c) for the purpose of discussing compensation, contract, and benefit data of CESA 11 administrator. Walters moved, seconded by Colbeth to move to Executive Session. All voted yes in roll call vote to move to Executive Session at 9:42p.m. All voted yes in roll call vote to come out of Executive Session at 9:58 p.m.

Colbeth moved, with second by Witzmann, to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Brian Moulton, President

Marie Colbeth, Clerk