

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Tim Witzmann

Roll Call; members present: Tim Witzmann, Brian Moulton, Marie Colbeth, Robert Gunther, Sharon Germain, Mike Connor, and Catherine Cranston. Others present: Randy Rosburg, Cherrie Wood, Donna Eiring, Tiffany Moore, and Jane Driscoll.

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

Lisa Voisin from R.W. Baird presented to the group on the finance and budget forecast.

Moulton moved to approve, with second by Witzmann, to proceed with Vonasek & Schieffer and SDS Architects to replace the roof top heating ventilation units on the middle school. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members discussed space accommodations for the 2008-09 school year, including larger class sizes at the high school, and additional staff at the middle school. There was much discussion regarding space needs at the elementary school and board members discussed various options such as leasing space off campus and the negative aspects such as lack of restrooms and playgrounds with this option. They discussed moving the pre-Kdgn to the middle school as well as using portable classrooms, however both options lack restroom facilities and members felt this was not what was best for students. An option brought forward by Kindergarten teachers was to increase class size to 30 students per Kindergarten section (there are currently 21 students per section), and add classroom aides to help with increased class size.

Germain moved, with second by Colbeth, to add a classroom aide position to each Kindergarten classroom. Motion carried unanimously.

Cranston moved, with second by Colbeth, to add aides to each Junior Kindergarten classroom when enrollment exceeds 25 students per classroom. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee members discussed surveying the community to discover what their desires are for building needs in the future.

Colbeth moved, with second by Connors, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.