

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOMERSET HIGH SCHOOL IMC
MAY 19, 2008**

The Somerset Board of Education moved to regular session at the High School Instructional Media Center. Members present were President Tim Witzmann, Brian Moulton, Marie Colbeth, Catherine Cranston, Michael Connor and Robert Gunther. Sharon Germain was absent.

During the positive recognition portion of the meeting, vocal instructor Rachel Erickson introduced the 2008 State Solo Ensemble participants including Britney Anderson, Dana Carlson, Katie Carlson, Cylie Colbeth, Briana Crichton, Joseph Egon, Holly Germain, Gina Hanzlik, Caitlin Hinke, Joseph Hinke, Jessica Lammers, Tayler Miller, Haley Ritter, Danielle Stone, Johanna Smith, and Amanda Warner, and commended the students for their hard work and participation at state. Colbeth thanked the students and presented them with a certificate of excellence award. Students then introduced their parents. Erickson mentioned the students will continue to perform at various locations throughout the area and will do so up to the end of the school year.

Instrumental instructor Andrew Emerson introduced the 2008 State Solo Ensemble Instrumental participants including Alexandra Butler, Katie Carlson, Briana Crichton, Jered Deal, Joseph Hinke, Elizabeth Ottman, and Johanna Smith. Emerson said the students participated in a total of seven events, including a flute and clarinet duet number, and a jazz solo which was a new event this year. Colbeth thanked the students for their participation and efforts, and said it was exciting to see the music department doing so well.

Forensics advisor Jeanne Germain introduced the 2008 State Forensics participants including Cambrya Belter, Katie Carlson, Kathryn Carr, Sara Dettmann, Soraida Henne, Greta Leemkuil, Hanna Newman, Johanna Smith, and Rachel Van Dam. Germain stated she jumped in as advisor mid stream to assist in the process, saying it was one of the best experiences she's ever had. She summarized events the nine students participated in, stating they came back with four silver awards and a bronze award. Cranston presented an award of excellence certificate to the students and thanked them for representing Somerset so well. The students then introduced their parents.

FBLA advisor Gwen Hennessey introduced the 2008 State FBLA participants including Katie Carlson, Kathryn Carr, Soraida Henne, Katherine Kippes, Megan McCune, Mackenzie Ott, Elizabeth Ottman, Johanna Smith, Danielle Stone, and Rachel Van Dam. Hennessey said the level of involvement of stellar students was obvious tonight, and said the student president and vice pres of FBLA represented the group very well. She explained how students wrote up business plans and then presented those plans to judges. Connor presented the FBLA students with certificates, thanking them for their outstanding performance at state. Participants introduced their parents.

Destination Imagination advisors Rosanne Erickson and Richard Thompson were unable to attend tonight's positive recognition, so the 2008 middle school DI participants were introduced by Middle School Principal Rick Lange. Participants included Danielle Anderson, Ashley Andrews, Hanna Barritt, Sydney Branom, Mallory Conrad, Megan Duggan, Aminah Henne, Tyler Kupczak, Kim Lynner, Lexine Lynner, Angelina Meuers, Kaylin Peterson, Jessica Wishard, and Emilee Wolf. Lange asked the students to explain what their challenges were. Some of the students worked on building projects, participated in acting out plays of historical events, or created a masquerade character as part of a theatrical performance. Moulton presented the students with certificates and thanked them for representing Somerset in such a positive way. Students then introduced their parents.

High School Principal Shawn Madden said Student Council Representative Hanna Newman was unable to attend the meeting, however Hanna asked him to let board members know she really enjoyed attending the board meetings and liked being able to provide student input, thanking the board for the experience.

Madden introduced Governor's School Health Award Winners Patty Schachtner and Debbie Revalee. Schachtner is the high school health care provider, and Revalee is the school district's lunch coordinator. Schachtner said the process of applying for the Governor's Health Award began four months ago. She said getting the students to work on living a healthy lifestyle now will help them for life in maintaining their health. Witzmann thanked Schachtner and Revalee for their efforts, stating their work was greatly appreciated.

Witzmann recessed the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Colbeth moved, with second by Cranston, to approve the consent agenda:

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Session of April 21, 2008 of the School Board
Approval of Minutes for Special Session of April 28, 2008 of the School Board
Approve payment of April/May Board Bills
Increase H.S. teacher Heidi Haugen's contract from .92 to 1.0 for the 2008-09 school year
Approve hiring of Lane Johnson for Elementary Maintenance position starting with the 2008-09 school year
Approve hiring of Jeremy Kerg for the high school guidance counselor starting with the 2008-09 school year

Motion passed unanimously.

Members then reviewed Action Steps of the 2008-09 District Goals, thanking Rosburg and administrators for pulling the goals together from the recent board retreat. Rosburg told members they could edit the goals this evening or during the week if they wished. Witzmann asked that the board reporting out monthly be added back into the District Community Goal to continue with board communications involvement. Board members agreed they would like the district to consider purchase and implementation of a communication tool, such as a school sign, as a way to engage communication with the community. Rosburg said the district will explore cost and options of a digital communication board.

Members had first reading of suggested changes brought forth by the Governance Committee with regard to Board Policy IIBH of the Virtual School Program. Rosburg stated the policy had been revised to fit more appropriately with board policies and what the district is doing. Some items in the policy are already happening at the high school, but the revised policy will expand the program and enhance what the district is already doing, as well as provide new opportunities. Rosburg stated any questions with regard revisions may be sent to High School Principal Shawn Madden or Curriculum & Instruction Director Ron Berg, or any of the Governance Committee members. Madden said members of WI Virtual School will be brought in to give a presentation before students and parents to talk about how Virtual School works.

Rosburg reported out on current enrollment and said the district, for the first time, has crossed over the 1,600 mark with 1,609 students currently enrolled. He said committee meetings tentatively scheduled for June 2, 2008 are Facilities, Business Services and Teaching and Learning.

Rosburg reported that, with the re-lighting of the high school and middle school gymnasiums, the district received a cost incentive from Focus on Energy Business Programs for \$5,330.00, which was added to the Fund 10 account. Rosburg said a similar incentive effort is in place with the new high school chiller. He also said the district is going forward with the middle school roof top unit replacement and discussed the options provided last year with SDS Architects. The district may wish to include the four middle school classrooms into computer controls like the rest of the building if project numbers come in low. Depending upon the bids of the roof top, other project options may also be put in place. SDS Architect Tom Hanley anticipates everything will be done before the start of school in September.

Pupil Services Director Darren Kern reported on new rule changes in the area of Gifted and Talented (GT) program, stating districts are now required to identify GT students starting in Kindergarten. Kern said his department is working on changes to the policy, which will be brought before the board to approve. Through the GT program, Kern stated three middle school students recently participated in the State Music Listening Competition and finished 2nd place in state; he is hoping they will be recognized at a future board meeting. Kern also reported that the Access for ELL test results came in very promising. In addition, the WI Alternate Assessment test results came in and nearly all of the students' test results were in the proficient or advanced range. Kern said a small group of middle school special education students attended the Friendship Track Meet in Osceola; pictures of some of the events were provided in the board packet. Kern said this was a very positive event, and is hoping elementary teachers will want their students to attend next year. Proposed special education rule changes and specific learning disability criteria will go to next year's legislative session as this year's session has ended.

Elementary School Principal Cherrie Wood gave a brief snapshot of all of the happenings at the elementary school, stating Mrs. Erickson's choir students put on a concert for the elementary kids; Career Awareness Day was last Friday

and community members came in to put on demonstrations of different careers; an Intergenerational luncheon event was held last week where eight members of the community's senior citizens group had lunch with elementary students, toured the elementary building, and participated in a smart board demonstration; elementary students have gone on many field trips the last couple of weeks, all connected to curriculum; and Sports Day is scheduled for June 3. Rosburg stated he was in contact with Shelia DeRosier of the Department of Aging and she said the seniors have asked to attend the Intergenerational Luncheon on a regular basis.

Rosburg reported on cash flow & budget, stating funds are available and are looking positive; some funds will be transferred to other fund areas toward the end of the year. Revenue Summary report shows entire school year to date, and the Expenditure Summary page is laid out in more detail. Rosburg said the budget will be pulled together in June, and felt the district is on track to make it to the end of school year successfully.

Rosburg reported for Director of Curriculum and Instruction Ron Berg, stating teachers and support staff recently participated in a survey for professional staff development purposes. The Staff Development Committee is looking to see what other interests these groups have with regard to continuing staff development. The C&I Dept. is also working with district math curriculum groups to look at research following recent national statistics and what the district would like to see come out of the math curriculum. WKCE results are posted on-line, but will not be ready for public viewing until May 30th.

Hanna Newman was unable to be on hand for the Student Council Report, however High School Principal Shawn Madden reported on student highlights including 2008-09 student council elections, success of the recent junior prom dance and post prom party, with special thanks to Safe-Way Bus Company for donation of three buses for the post prom party. Next year's prom has been scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009 and the 2010 prom has been scheduled for Saturday, April 24th. Homecoming week for 2008-09 school year will run from September 29 through October 3 with a homecoming dance on Saturday, October 4. The seniors are planning final activities including the Senior Picnic, memory night and graduation decorations. Three students have expressed interest in becoming next year's student representative to the board.

Madden provided a high school building update, listing the current students of the month. He stated the school had a successful community cleanup day and thanked the board, staff, and community for their involvement. The Empty Bowls project continues to raise awareness about hunger; students have designed t-shirts depicting the project. Madden also displayed some of the alternative education students' creative artwork depicting homelessness. Board members Moulton and Cranston offered to be on hand for the June 1st high school graduation ceremony to help hand out diploma's, with Board President Witzmann doing the opening welcome. Cranston asked to take this opportunity to thank Brad Nemecek for all the hard work he did providing and coordinating the enactment of a car crash as part of the post prom program; Cranston stated it was good to see so many students and community members in attendance at this event.

Middle School Principal Rick Lange said makeup day for staff will be spent working on building goals and reviewing thematic units from this year and new ones for next year. He said the middle school has lots of activities going on, including the 7th and 8th grade band and choir concert tomorrow and Sports Day this Friday for 5th and 6th graders, World Day next Thursday where students will be displaying their thematic projects all over the building. Lange informed the board that health care provider Dawn Spafford and special education instructor Jennifer Nickowski attended a health and wellness conference in Green Bay where Somerset was picked as one of four schools to get an "extreme equipment room makeover." The middle school will be working with the group to coordinate remodeling and repainting of the room and makeover. The American Heart Association's "Hoops for Hearth Health" will be working with students next week.

Members discussed the appointment of a representative to the 2008 CESA 11 Annual Convention. Witzmann said Cranston was appointed last year and asked her to share her experience of the process. Cranston said she has enjoyed being involved, and said she would continue as a representative and stay for another year. Colbeth moved, with second by Moulton, for Cranston to represent the cluster of schools to the CESA 11 Annual Convention. Motion passed unanimously. Witzmann thanked Cranston for her willingness to serve again.

Members reviewed the appointment of representatives to board committees. Witzmann noted enclosed committee assignment document had some blank areas that needed to be assigned. Colbeth moved, with second by Cranston,

to accept the assignment of committees as presented. Members discussed the need for a community and WASB representative. Colbeth stated the board should discuss how the community rep position would be used, and bring it back for further discussion next month. Witzmann will ask board member Germain if she would like to continue as the WASB rep for the coming year. Members agreed the board school building liaison is a very valuable piece, but would like to see the role more defined. Rosburg offered to bring it back to the Governance Committee to determine how they would like this role to move forward. Board members would like information to go out to each of the board members about what was gathered from the Governance committee for further review; Witzmann will follow up to see if there is a need for discussion. Motion on the floor was passed unanimously.

Members discussed the 2008-2009 Preliminary Budget. Cranston pointed out the budget included extra classroom aides enabling the Junior Kindergarten program to stay at the elementary building. Members also briefly discussed some of the capital maintenance projects for the buildings, as well as the health insurance package; members agreed insurance outlook is promising as staff is taking responsibility for their health. Colbeth moved, with second by Moulton, to approve the 2008-2009 Preliminary Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Connor moved, with second by Cranston, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed.

Tim Witzmann, President

Catherine Cranston, Clerk