

**MINUTES OF THE 2009 BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
OCTOBER 4, 2010
EARLY LEARNING CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM**

Board members present: Tim Witzmann, Catherine Cranston, Marie Colbeth, Brian Moulton, Michael Connor, Marin Hansch, and Robert Gunther.

Community members present: Sara Eichten, Shawn Madden, Trisha Sheridan, Donna Eiring, Kathy Brakke, Cherrie Wood, Tammie Wishard.

Others present: Robert Avery, Darren Kern, Dave Newman

School Board President Tim Witzmann called the 2010 Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Business Manager Robert Avery reviewed the budget planning calendar and the 2010-2011 budget process timeline, as well as the 2010-2011 Summary Budget's revenues and expenditures. Avery explained many of the various fund expenditures throughout the summary budget. In addition, Avery reviewed other information provided in the packet including tax levy history, projected tax levy by municipality, five-year tax levy history, and mil-rate history. Avery ended his report with a review of the district's debt service schedule.

Witzmann explained the procedures for the 2010 Annual Meeting and opened the floor to elect a meeting Chairperson. Eiring moved, with second by Wood, to elect Tim Witzmann as Chairperson of the 2010 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Hansch moved, with second by Wood, to elect Tammie Wishard as Teller of the 2010 Somerset School District Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Witzmann indicated the 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes were provided in the meeting packet as informational only since the minutes had been approved at the September, 2009 regular board meeting.

Cranston moved, with second by Eiring, to dispense with the reading of and to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Kern introduced himself, stating he was on hand in place of Superintendent Randy Rosburg this evening to provide information regarding the business section of the packet which included enrollment numbers. Kern explained that, because the annual meeting was held for the first time after the official September Third Friday Count, the enrollment numbers were official. Kern also briefly provided an overview of the 2005-2011 Strategic Plan, stating the plan is nearing completion and the district has started work on the 2011-2016 Strategic Planning Process. Kern also reviewed the 2010-11 District Goals, and the district's state testing results for the 2009-10 school year. Kern reviewed several of the major facility projects from the past year, including construction of the new District Office and Learning Center, repaving of a section of Spartan Drive, resurfacing of the athletic track and all three buildings' gymnasium floors, annual carpet replacement in parts of the buildings, and the high school multi-purpose room's sound system upgrade.

Moulton moved, with second by Eiring, to authorize the Somerset Board of Education to acquire real estate during the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Brakke moved, with second by Connor, to authorize the Somerset Board of Education to designate sites for district buildings and provide for the erection of suitable school buildings during the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Wishard moved, with second by Eichten, to authorize the Somerset Board of Education to direct and provide for the prosecution and defense of legal procedures during the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Wood moved, with second by Sheridan, to authorize reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses for travel of Somerset Board of Education members during the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried.

Eiring moved, with second by Brakke, to approve a tentative tax levy of \$8,354,509.00 for the purpose of defraying the operation and maintenance of the public schools for the 2010-2011 school year. The projected mill rate shall be \$12.71 per \$1,000 value. Motion carried.

Madden moved, with second by Moulton, to authorize selling tangible personal property no longer needed by the school district as determined by the Administration during the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Cranston moved, with second by Wood, to approve that the Board salaries remain as follows for the 2010-2011 school year: \$2000.00 for the Board President, \$1800.00 for the Vice President, the Clerk and the Treasurer, and \$1500 for all other members, and that all committee members will receive an additional \$25 per meeting for attending Special and Committee meetings. Witzmann commented that the motion does not reflect an increase, and that board salaries have remained the same for four years. Motion carried.

Connor moved, with second by Sheridan, to authorize the Somerset Board of Education to hold the 2011 Annual Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Center Conference Room. Motion carried.

Gunther moved, with second by Eichten, to adjourn the 2010 Somerset School District Annual Meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried

Tim Witzmann, President

Catherine Cranston, Clerk