

REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
February 15, 2016

Board Vice President Marie Colbeth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken. Present were board members Marie Colbeth, Tammie Wishard, Mike Connor, Patty Schachtner and Nancy Dressel. Absent was Bob Gunther and Brian Moulton.

Connor moved, with second by Wishard, to approve the agenda, with two changes: the Balanced Report Card discussion was moved to take place right after Discussion and Action item A under Business Services Committee was moved to occur right after groups or individuals wishing to be heard. Motion carried unanimously.

RMM Solutions: Daniel Johnson and Randy Lee from RMM Solutions presented the IT report. RMM completed a full comprehensive network assessment on February 3, 2016. RMM found no compelling reason to change the current mobility strategy. Moving forward RMM will be aware of reducing the cost and complexity of the current network infrastructure while maintaining a high level of availability. Dressel asked if there were any 'aha' moments, RMM stressed the key will be to reduce complexity while keeping the infrastructure working. RMM also provided an update on E-rate, part of updating the technology plan is mapping out a plan to simplify the network even more. RMM is working with Superintendent Rosburg on the development of the E-rate plan. Somerset IT and RMM are working on the enhancement of the current wireless network to ensure high availability for the October 14, 2016 Middle Border Conference meeting.

Student Council Report: Student Council Representative Mackenzie Erickson provided the student council report. Polar Daze has recently wrapped up and was a very successful and fun weeklong series of events for the students to participate in. The winter sports teams are doing well along with Danceline and Robotics. The junior class is preparing for the March 1st ACT test. The students had an opportunity to attend a three weekend long ACT prep class. On the day of the ACT the seniors will be doing service work and Feed my Starving Children and the sophomores will be doing college visits.

Directors' and Principals' Report: Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Trish Sheridan, spoke of the upcoming assessments. February 5 was a PLC day that focused on technology. It was the first EdTech day and was a huge success. Initial training for the WI Forward Exam is being rolled out across the state and details are being finalized for the ACT plus Writing assessment to be conducted on March 1. Online Access testing for the ELL students wrapped up and the testing went smoothly.

Positive Recognition: The Board recognized 2016 Valedictorian, Claire Kielsa, daughter of Kris and Sarah Kielsa. High School Principal Chris Moore stated that Claire is still deciding on colleges. Claire participated in NHS, FBLA, drama and a creative writing project. Claire began figure skating when she was five years old and is now an instructor. Claire introduced her parents, Kris and Sarah Kielsa. The board presented Claire with a certificate and congratulated her on her achievement.

The Board recognized 2016 Salutatorian, Breanna Coerber, daughter of Ross and Dawn Coerber. Principal Moore shared that Breanna is also very involved in school activities including FBLA, NHS, book club robotics, stand, civics. Breanna in planning to attend UW Eau Claire. Breanna has already received two scholarships; Honors Program Acceptance scholarship and Eau Claire scholarship. The board presented Breanna with a certificate and congratulated her on her achievement. Breanna introduced parents, Ross and Dawn Coerber. The board presented Breanna with a certificate and congratulated her on her achievement.

The Board recognized the 2016 State Danceline Participants and Coaches Hailley Leverty and Tara Huppert. Nancy Dressel spoke on behalf of the coaches and team. The Danceline has been in existence for only 4 years and has made great strides since their inception. They all worked very hard and were self-motivated to meet their goals. The members that were in attendance received a certificate from the board. The students in attendance introduced their parents.

The Board and Trish Sheridan recognized the Presenters of Technology: Brandon Berrey, Jen Sutton, Erin Formella, Tracy Yndestad, Nathan Klinger, Kristin Flater, Brianne Gaard, Alex Bell, and Stacey Helder-Pevan.

Trish introduced the Library Media Center staff and they introduced the building staff. The highlights of training were discussed as well as the variety of classes that were offered to staff. The classes were well attended and staff had many positive things to say.

The Board recognized Reading and Math Night coordinators: Erin Hoff, Diana Peterson, and Tammy Schroeder. Dr. Kamrath thanked the staff for the planning and preparations that went into the event. Hoff and Schroeder spoke of the event and that there were over 100 in attendance. Also thanked was Stacey Belisle, parent group coordinator for her help with the event.

The meeting was recessed at 7:33 p.m. and reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

Groups or Individuals Wishing To Be Heard: Colbeth read the rules for this portion of the meeting. No one came forward

Action

Business Services Committee: Dressel moved with second by Colbeth to Approve Polcin Petition to Detach from New Richmond School District and Attach to Somerset School District and also to Approve Ross Petition to Detach from New Richmond School District and Attach to Somerset School District. Dressel shared the two families in attendance are very active in the community and the school and she fully supports the change.

Stacey Belisle (Polcin) and Katy Ross spoke on behalf of the alter boundaries requests. Belisle spoke of growing up here and teaching here. The alter boundaries would eliminate need for Open Enrollment. Katy Ross shared she currently open enrolls her students and would like to have the boundaries altered so they are part of the Somerset School District. This is their community and they want to be a part of it.

Board discussion spoke of the parcels both being adjacent to Somerset School District property when you cross the road or lake. They went on to share the two parcels are encircled too by Somerset property. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of January 18, 2016
- B. Approve Minutes of Special Session of January 27, 2016
- C. Approve Minutes of Executive Session of February 1, 2016
- D. Approve Payment of January/February Board Bills
- E. Approve 2016-2017 School District Calendar
- F. Approve 2016 Cash Farm Lease Supplement
- G. Approve Board of Canvassers for the February 16, 2016 Primary Election and April 5, 2016 General Election
- H. Approve Brad Nemec as the Director of Summer School 2016 with a Stipend of \$6,000
- I. Approve Hiring Sandy Nemec as the Secretary for Summer School 2016
- J. Approve Resignation of Grant Solem, Special Education Teacher

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Discussion:

Teaching and Learning Committee: Committee Chair Wishard spoke of Standards Based Grading Report and the 2016-17 calendar. Also discussed was the alternative phy-ed credit. The PE Health PLC wanted to speak to the committee about their concerns. After reviewing their concerns, the committee supported that no changes be made to the policy at this time. This was discussion only. Standards Based Grading Report was also discussed and the principals shared at the committee meeting how Infinite Campus is working with Standards Based Grading. This topic will be coming back to the March committee meeting for further discussion. The teacher input on phy-ed topic was welcomed by the board.

Business Services Committee: Committee Chair Colbeth shared that the board members had received the debt schedule that Gerberding provided. There were no questions on the topic.

Balanced Scorecard Report: Trish Sheridan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment provided a report on the Balanced Scorecard. Sheridan shared the building goals and how they were gathered and how Somerset fared against the state level benchmark. The report that was shared is the tool that was used to look at specific data right down to the classroom level. What can Somerset do to impact learning in a positive way was one of the questions that was looked at and discussed. Student learning and student development were broken out and discussed. Each building's data was walked through by the building principals. Elementary school data was used to build SLO and growing PALS development was discussed at the elementary school level. The middle school looked for achievement in the Badger scores and the Performance Series. Their successes and items yet to be achieved were discussed. The high school walked through insight statements and ACT test data. The high school has focused on reading and how to encourage reading throughout the school. The AP and Honors courses were discussed as well as the jump in the number of students taking these classes. It was stressed by the principals that growth is occurring and the teachers are working hard on connecting the topics to the students.

Schachtner shared that she appreciates the data and it may be productive to schedule a special session in the future to walk through it even further and get any questions answered. Sheridan added that the timing of the embargoed data did not make it conducive to work collaboratively on this. The mid-year SLO check ins were explained and how comparing the data happens. Rosburg shared that he meets with the principal's weekly/monthly to track the growth and if there needs to be improvements, the building level conversations are happening to ensure growth. Schachtner would like to know what we can do to inspire students to take AP classes, we want them to not be afraid to get a C in the advanced classes. More emphasis should be placed on the learning and not so much on the grade, it is ok to try the tougher classes. Colbeth asked how to encourage students to take AP, Honors or Dual Credit. Moore shared that the counselors are a great resource and it depends on the path of the student.

Dressel asked about the students taking AP courses. She asked if this is the total number of enrolled students in the courses. Moore explained the number and Sheridan also spoke of the dedication and hard work the students put in.

The practice lockdown drill was touched upon. Shannon Donnelly will be attending ALICE training. Wishard asked if state mandates how many lockdown drills a school needs to do throughout the year. Rosburg responded that no, the state does not mandate but the school districts are planning and practicing more of them.

Information: Superintendent Rosburg stated student enrollment is 1,594 which is up two from last month. An Open Enrollment report was provided to the board as well as a staffing report. The next committee meetings are tentatively planned for either March 7 or March 14. The preference of the board is to have the meetings on March 14 as March 7 is during spring break and staff may not be available to attend. The consensus of the board is for the next committee meetings to be held March 14. Rosburg explained the Smile 4 Life program. It is a non-profit organization that receives funding from Federal programs for students that do not otherwise have access to dental care. The program is currently used as neighboring districts and all spoke very highly of the program. Somerset will be partnering with Smile 4 Life and parents will have the opportunity to use this opportunity. Mental health is a topic that the Middle Border Conference superintendents have discussed. Rosburg reached out to Family Means and asked if they could provide services to students and staff on a weekly basis. Rosburg spoke of the community engagement calendar and the availability of the board to attend meetings.

Board Report: *CESA II Update:* Colbeth spoke of the mental health summit that CESA is putting together and that CESA is working on putting together their board evaluations. Colbeth also shared a document put together by CESA that highlights what other districts have achieved. *Community and School Involvement:* Schachtner spoke of a class for parents on April 16 that is for parents to learn about adolescents. There is a trauma informed care class on April 14, Schachtner will share the information to those that want to attend. Forensics is doing well, the play is upcoming and there are Somerset students that have art displayed at WITC. *WASB Convention Report & Recap:* Rosburg spoke of the convention and provided a brief recap. Sara Eichten was recognized at the convention as the Principal of the

Year. Rosburg also spoke of creating a legacy and what it is to be a board member and how Somerset could facilitate something like this. Board member Brian Moulton is researching this and more will be shared on this topic.

Action

Governance Committee: Connor moved, with second by Colbeth to approve NEOLA Policy 5460, Graduation Requirements. Dressel asked if there are policies in regards to having a separate graduation ceremony for alternative education. The high school counselors and Principal Moore will research as it may not be at the policy level, but a part of the Alternative Education Handbook. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Connor moved, with second by Dressel to approve NEOLA Policy 5500, Student Code of Conduct. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Connor moved with second by Dressel to approve the District Organization Chart. Dressel spoke of having other committees look at the policies that are pertinent to them versus having them all under the Governance Committee. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Dressel moved, with second by Schachtner to take a 15 minute recess and reconvene at 9:20. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Schachtner moved, with second by Wishard to Move into Closed Session of the Board pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1) (c) and (f) for consideration of a communication matter which, if discussed in public, could have an adverse impact on the reputation of those involved. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes to move to Closed Session. Discussion ensued on topic.

Dressel moved with second by Schachtner to move out of Closed Session. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes to move out of Closed Session with no announcement coming out of Closed Session.

Connor moved, with second by Schachtner to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Marie Colbeth, Vice President

Tamara Wishard, Clerk