

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET
January 18, 2016**

Board President Robert Gunther called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken. Present were board members Marie Colbeth, Mike Connor, Bob Gunther, Brian Moulton, Patty Schachtner, and Nancy Dressel. Absent was Tammie Wishard.

Rosburg explained minutes from the January 4, 2016 and January 11, 2016 had been updated. The updated minutes were provided to the board in a separate handout.

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

RMM Solutions: Daniel Johnson from RMM Solutions provided an IT update. RMM will be performing a comprehensive network assessment in February. This will provide an in-depth documentation of the District's current environment. This will be done at no charge to the district. Dressel asked if it will provide log in data for VMWare. Johnson explained that it would. The IT area will begin the process of purging student files in February. The plans for E-rate are being developed for 2016. All hardware for cabling has been ordered which completes the Smartboard problem. There were two questions asked at the December board meeting which Johnson addressed. The first question asked was how many kids are getting kicked out of VMWare at home, this is not being tracked currently. The other question was how much commission RMM receives from VMWare. 5% is what RMM gets in commission from VMWare, this is the same amount that would go to any vendor. Connor asked about the cost saving and the thought behind moving to the Cloud. Johnson explained the process and their role as consultants is to help understand what is best for the district. Dressel asked RMM about their thoughts on virtual desktops, Johnson explained that this will be looked at in the upcoming assessment and also what RMM's role is in the process. Johnson stressed that the board can talk with Rosburg to express their thoughts so that RMM can provide what the district needs.

Student Council Report: Student Council Representative Mackenzie Erickson was absent but provided a handout to the board.

Directors' and Principals' Report: Middle School Principal Sara Eichten spoke of the mid-year assessments the teachers will be going through. The SLO and PPG process in place from DPI is that each educator does a mid-year review of their SLO/PPG. The staff members work collaboratively with their evaluator and colleagues to measure, reflect and gauge where both they and their students are in the process.

Positive Recognition: The board recognized the adult school crossing guards; Pat Everson, Jonathan Grant, Robin Knudston, Jennie Mangine, Julie Schulz, Melissa Swanson and Samantha Wolff. President Gunther read the proclamation from the Department of Instruction which explained the important work the adult school crossing guards provide to students on a daily basis. Gunther also shared that it is Adult Crossing Guard Awareness Week. Moulton presented those in attendance with an award and thanked them for all they do to keep the students safe.

Meeting was recessed at 7:21 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Groups or Individuals Wishing To Be Heard: Gunther read off the rules for this portion of the meeting. Middle School teacher Lorri Baillargeon spoke in regards to the Open Enrollment decisions the board will be making. Baillargeon provided handouts to the board. She reiterated the board should not make these decisions solely based on financial reasons. She spoke of the substantial growth that the district could experience upon completion of the Stillwater bridge. She spoke of the number of students per class and the impacts that this truly has. She stressed that this can also be a safety issue. Baillargeon invited the board to stop in to her classroom to see the impact of the large class sizes.

David Durand asked if the state has received the test results and when they will be released. Rosburg explained that these will be addressed by Trish Sheridan in the next portion of this evening's meeting.

Assessment Report: Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Trisha Sheridan provided updates on the embargoed test results that were just released. Sheridan provided a WSAS background history and additional

information on it. Sheridan explained that the students and their parents have received the test scores. In 2014-2015 the WSAS included Badger Exam, Dynamic Learning Maps and ACT Suite. The overall participation rate for Somerset was 99%, which is above the mandated participation rate. Sheridan walked through the Badger results, Somerset has 36.7% of students taking the test in the proficient range and 29.1% in advanced for the English, Language Arts category. Sheridan reiterated that this is year one and here is no trend data yet. In the Badger 3-8 results area, 27.9% of students are proficient which was better than the state average in math. The ACT suite results were shared as well, the district test participation rate was 97.2%. Federal requirements are a 95% participation rate. English, Language Arts has 51.9% at the proficient level. Sheridan also walked through the low income portion of the student population test takers and they did significantly better than the state. In math on the ACT 30.6% of students are at the proficient level which is better than the state average. Somerset outperformed the state in all areas except math in which they fell behind by .5. Sheridan spoke of the Aspire test which is given to the ninth grade students and how the numbers fared against the nation and how difficult it is to achieve growth in this area. Somerset showed significant growth in all areas which is a huge accomplishment. Sheridan walked through the next steps and reiterated how far Somerset has come and what is yet to be achieved with focus on the math areas. The upcoming testing schedule was shared and the Forward Exam was explained as well as how the trends will be looked at. Gunther thanked the staff for the hard work they have put into these great results. Rosburg thanked Sheridan, the teachers and the administrative team for getting the students to this level. Dressel thanked the freshman teachers for all they have accomplished as well.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of December 21, 2015
- B. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of December 21, 2015
- C. Approve Minutes of Special Session of January 4, 2016
- D. Approve Minutes of Special Session of January 4, 2016
- E. Approve Minutes of Executive Session of January 4, 2016
- F. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of January 11, 2016
- G. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of January 11, 2016
- H. Approve Payment of December/January Board Bills
- I. Approve 2016-2017 School District Calendar
- J. Approve Post-Prom Facility Sponsorship and \$1,570.00 Facility Fee

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Facilities Committee: Rosburg spoke on the three year capital plan. The list of three year items was looked at during the Facilities Committee meeting. The list was analyzed and reprioritized at the meeting. The items on the list are now more maintenance driven. This is due to the diligent work of Gerberding, the principals and the maintenance team.

Teaching and Learning Committee: Committee Chair Tammie Wishard was absent. Dressel recapped the meeting and that math and calculus were talked about at the meeting

Business Services Committee Meeting: Committee Chair Marie Colbeth thanked Dave Gerberding, Business Services Manager, for his hard work on the budget. Colbeth stated that with the way the budget is now is right on target as to where we were last year. Colbeth explained that some teachers have questions on their benefits and the questions should go to Gerberding as well as having the staff check the handbook.

Superintendent Report: Enrollment: Superintendent Rosburg stated district enrollment is at 1592, which is up four students from last month, mainly in the JK area. *Committee Meetings:* are scheduled for Monday February 1, 2016, the information on these meetings will be sent out as the date gets closer. *Staffing Report:* There were no additional staffing items. *Strategic Plan:* Rosburg spoke of the upcoming work on the plan and the committee being formed to work on the development of the strategic plan and the availability of the board members to be a part of the team. *Operational Override Referendum:* Rosburg spoke of the questions and answer document provided to the board and

that the information will be placed on the website and shared at upcoming community meetings. The flyer that is being worked on was also shared. The chart of the community meet and greet meetings was shared with the board and Rosburg asked that the board take a look at it so it may be finalized. *Primary Election:* There will be a meet and greet on February 8, 2016 with the six candidates that are running for school board. *Draft Resolutions:* The board was presented a document with the referendum ballot questions. Rosburg also shared that he will be at the Sportsman on Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 a.m. and invited all to attend if they were available. Schachtner asked about the board community calendar, Rosburg shared the details are still in the works. Schachtner would like to see a community engagement session at the Somerset Public Library as well as the Senior Center. Dressel would like the number to be verified of those that took the survey. Rosburg will verify this number with School Perceptions.

Board Report: *WASB Resolutions:* Moulton will be attending the WASB convention in Milwaukee and will be the delegate for the Somerset School Board. *CESA II Update:* Colbeth spoke of the meeting and how CESA is going over their polices and schedules. She shared that CESA is losing staff to other school districts. *Community and School Involvement:* Dressel shared calendars that were mailed home to residents in other districts and the information the calendars capture. Colbeth was in attendance at a recent Girls' Basketball game and spoke of how the team honored the teachers. She also spoke of how well the state Danceline team is doing. Gunther shared that parents from other teams stressed to Gunther how kind and thoughtful the recognition of the teachers was. The Robotics team and how well they performed was talked about with kudos going to Eric Olson and the team for all their hard work.

Action: *Teaching and Learning Committee:* Colbeth moved with second by Connor to Approve the 2016-2017 Open Enrollment Chart. Schachtner asked if this impacts class size. Rosburg explained the open enrollment seats that are available and the numbers are the same this year as they were last year. This is strictly open enrollment figures, not how many students are in each class. Gunther shared that the trend seems to be flat with a few open enrollment students coming in and then a few going out as well. Schachtner asked if the demographics of the community are changing, she is curious as to who is building. Rosburg spoke of a past demographic study and that at that time the people that were building homes here do not have students in the district. Rosburg stressed that he does not know if that statement is valid today. Gunther and Connor shared their thoughts and information they have seen in regards to growth. Dressel asked about the numbers in the numbers per section column. Rosburg stated this is just to determine open enrollment and this is used to just base the space off of. Kamrath explained how the seating is determined for open enrollment at the elementary school. Motion passed unanimously.

Donnelly explained the changes and updates to NEOLA Policy 5113, Open Enrollment. The law has tightened up around the denial process. Donnelly expressed that this was complicated and much discussion was centered around this. Dressel moved, with second by Colbeth to approve NEOLA Policy 5113, Open Enrollment. Motion passed unanimously.

Colbeth moved with second by Gunther to Approve Resolution Authorizing the School District of Somerset Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$859,600 for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Colbeth explained her reasoning for the one question option. Gunther shared that it is the job of the board to communicate with the community and tax payers and communicating one question will be a difficult challenges and having two questions would be even more of a difficult task. Dressel shared she has been reflecting on her own ability to tell the story and she thinks she can more consistently tell the story if there are two questions. Her concern is that the support could be hurt by having only one question. Should option number two pass, we may not move forward with it until question number one was addressed is Dressel's reflection and how it can explained to the community. Schachtner stressed how important it is for everyone to market this the same way and it is important to give constituents a choice. Gunther explained how one question could be explained to the community. Schachtner feels choice is good for the community and the one question with the figure of \$859,600.00 could be risky. Colbeth believes it should be put into one as that is what is truly needed. Moulton stated there are good arguments both ways and that he first wanted two questions but is now leaning towards one. Connor shared his thoughts on the two versus one question debate and what the original thought process behind having one or two questions. Rosburg walked through the tax implications on the reasoning behind the one or two question operational override referendum question. Connor

spoke on the operational needs that the district has and the budget process that was gone over to determine these figures. Programs are going to be impacted soon due to the decisions out of Madison. Connor would like this to be a win for the community. Connor asked Rosburg his thoughts, he believes with one option there is a better chance of passing. This determination was made by Rosburg through his research and conversations with Gerberding. Upon roll call vote all voted yes to Approve Resolution Authorizing the School District of Somerset Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$859,600 for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Motion passed unanimously.

OR

1. Approve Resolution Number I Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue limit by \$670,000 for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes.
2. Approve Resolution Number II Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$189,600 for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes.

C. Gunther moved with second by Colbeth to Approve Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of Resolutions(s) Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$859,600 for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Upon roll call vote all voted yes to Approve Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of Resolutions(s) Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$859,600 for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Motion passed unanimously.

Colbeth moved with second by Schachtner to approve Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC): Fabrication Laboratory Grant. The WEDC has opened a grant up to schools for assistance in developing FASB Labs, the grant is available for up to three years. As part of the grant paperwork, the district needs to have board support. The approval needs to be sent with the grant paperwork by January 22, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Gunther moved, with second by Colbeth to move to Closed Session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1) (c) and (f) for preliminary consideration of a specific matter which, if discussed in public, could have an adverse impact on the reputation of those involved. Upon rollcall vote, all voted yes to move to closed session. Discussion ensued on topic.

Dressel moved, with second by Colbeth to move out of Closed Session.

While in Open Session, President Gunther made the announcement coming out of Closed Session that the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Ashely Klobucher. While in Closed Session, Colbeth moved, with second by Moulton to accept the resignation of Ashely Klobucher, upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Gunther moved, with second by Schachtner, to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Robert Gunther, President

Tamara Wishard, Clerk