

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

Vice President Marie Colbeth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken. Present were Marie Colbeth, Nancy Dressel Patty Schachtner, Courtney Kurkowski and Katie Thurmes. Absent were Bob Gunther and Brian Moulton.

Schachnter moved, with second by Dressel, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Positive Recognition: The Board recognized Sarah Colling, for the AODA grant. High School Principal Chris Moore spoke of the hard work and dedication Colling has put towards the AODA grant and the benefits the district receives from this grant.

The meeting was recessed at 7:03 and reconvened at 7:10.

Directors' and Principals' Reports: Middle School Principal Sara Eichten spoke of the Impactful Coaching Seminar the admin team participated in as well as upcoming training opportunities. The Impactful Training seminar was a positive experience, staff from St. Croix Central were able to attend as well. Schachtner asked the cost of the seminars as well as the hours and pay for the PLC leaders. Discussion ensued on topic with board, admin team and staff that were in attendance.

Groups or Individuals Wishing to Be Heard: Colbeth read the rules for this portion of the meeting. Lorri Baillargeon, staff member and community member spoke of teachers that have, in the past, come forward and stated the pay for PLC leaders could be better spent on a classroom teacher.

Consent Agenda: Dressel moved, with second by Thurmes to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of June 20, 2016
- B. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of June 20, 2016
- C. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of July 11, 2016
- D. Approve Payment of June/July Board Bills
- E. Approve Hire of Sarah Colling as High School Counselor Long Term Substitute

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: No discussion topics.

Superintendent Information: *Enrollment:* Interim Superintendent Shannon Donnelly stated enrollment numbers will not be presented as they fluctuate due to the rollover cycle in Infinite Campus as well as families moving in and out of the district in the summer months.

Hires: Donnelly spoke of the vacancies that are still working on being filled. Dressel asked for the salary information when the vacancies are filled.

Open Enrollment: Donnelly walked through the Open Enrollment applications for the month. The board received backup information on this in their packets.

Strategic Plan: Key Performance Objectives were to be walked through in July, this is on hold until Dr. Bezek is on board.

Yearly Seclusion and Restraint Report: Donnelly stated this is the annual report that is presented to the board and walked through the numbers presented in the report. Thurmes asked why the report is annual and how does the board / staff find out about seclusion and restraint issues. Donnelly explained the process and the laws and rights around the report as well as the tracking and procedures around it. Kurkowski asked how the numbers are compared to the past years, Donnelly responded that they are a bit higher. Dressel asked how the district compares with others, Donnelly responded that it is difficult to quantify. Schachtner asked about

de-escalation training for staff. Donnelly explained the training the staff goes through and that Somerset trains all staff, not just the special education staff.

St. Croix Valley Foundation Grant: Donnelly spoke of the \$1,200.00 grant the district received and how grateful the district is to receive this. Schachtner elaborated on the grant, the training and how powerful the QPR training is.

Committee Meetings: There will be committee meetings scheduled for August 1, 2016.

Board Report: *CESA II Update:* Colbeth stated there was nothing to report this evening.

Community and School Involvement: Schachtner thanked Sarah Colling and John Walsh for attending the opiate training. Colling spoke of how the training will be put to use with students and staff this fall.

Action

Colbeth moved with second by Kurkowski to approve the 2016-2017 Academic Standards. Thurmes asked if this was in committee prior to being on the agenda. Donnelly responded that this is stating the fact publicly that Somerset is using the state approved standards. Discussion ensued on topic. Questions on the Standards will be brought to Trish Sheridan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. Motion passed unanimously.

Governance Committee:

Thurmes moved with second by Dressel approve the deletion of NEOLA Policy 2510, Adoption of Textbooks. Motion passed unanimously.

Thurmes moved with second by Schachtner to Approve NEOLA Policy 2210, Curriculum Development and also to approve NEOLA Policy 2521, Selection of Instructional Material and Equipment. Motion passed unanimously.

Colbeth moved with second by Thurmes to approve Deficit Spending within the 2016-2017 Expenditure Budget. Colbeth explained the discussion that was held on this topic at the July 11, 2016 Special Session. Thurmes spoke of the 1.0 FTE hire at the elementary school and that it was approved as a board and the need that was also brought forward at the high school. Thurmes stressed that work could be done with the new district administrator to find money in the budget to fund the needed positions. Schachtner spoke of the cuts that have already occurred and there is a need for staff at the elementary and high school. Kurkowski stated it is an obvious need for both positions and hopes Dr. Bezek can find creative ways to save money. Dressel stated there are many opportunities to save money and she would like them to be looked at. Tom Lindfors, New Richmond News reporter, asked about the decision being made when two board members were out. Colbeth responded that it was ok to make the decision as the two absent board members have been part of the discussion in the past. Donnelly spoke of the JK numbers and where they are at.

Colbeth amended to the motion to read, approve Deficit Spending within the 2016-2017 Expenditure Budget for two full time employees, one at the elementary school and one at the high school. Motion passed unanimously.

Dressel asked about other types of hiring to which Colbeth and Donnelly responded. Discussion also took place on JK hiring and when this will come back to the board.

Thurmes moved, with second by Dressel, to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.