

SOMERSET BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
May 16, 2016

Board President Bob Gunther called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members present include Brian Moulton, Robert Gunther, Courtney Kurkowski, Marie Colbeth, Nancy Dressel and Patty Schachtner. Katie Thurmes was absent.

Superintendent Rosburg stated that item III was to be removed as well as Action item XII.D3.

Colbeth moved, with second by Schachtner to approve the agenda. Dressel asked that item 9A under consent, approve Minutes of the Regular Session of April 18, 2016 be moved to Action so discussion can occur. Motion passed unanimously, with item 9A being moved to Action.

RMM Report to the School Board: This item was removed from the agenda.

Student Council Report: Mackenzie Erickson provided a handout with the student council update.

Directors and Principals Report: Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Trish Sheridan introduced the staff that spoke on the slide presentation on the PLC work; Heidi Olson, Stacy Toenjes, Sara Kreibich and Kelly Emerson.

Sheridan then spoke of ES ELA work and introduced Sarah Praschak, Chris Kamrath (for absent Cheryl Ek) and Nancy Andersen then shared a handout and presented on the topic.

Middle School Principal, Sara Eichten reported out on the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan to which High School Principal Chris Moore added to the discussion.

Positive Recognition: The Board recognized Mackenzie Erickson, Student Council Representative to the School Board.

The Board recognized 2016 State Solo Ensemble participants and Vocal Music Instructor, Jaimie Palbicki. : Elijah Anderson; son of Dirk and Jodene Anderson, Sally Bodlovick; daughter of Robert Bodlovick and Mary McComb, Blaine Covett; son of Michael and Risa Cavett, Cade Colbeth; son of Rick and Marie Colbeth, Hannah Erickson; daughter of Wade and Rachel Erickson, Mackenzie Erickson; daughter of Jason and Tamara Erickson, Taylor Goosen; son of Paul and Jan Goosen, Tristan Gow; son of Tony and Jennifer Gow, Ashley Hess; daughter of Jaime Cole, Mitchel Hoslet; son of John and Sherrie Hosley, Evan Johnson; son of Timothy and Mary Johnson, Braden Lange Green; son of Susan Lange, Sierra Lange Green; daughter of Susan Lange, Jacqueline Martell; daughter of Bruce Martell and Heidi Haugen; Blake Merritt; son of Patty Osadchuk and Walter Merritt, Sydney Nelson; daughter of Derek and Tracy Nelson, Jeanette Newberg; daughter of David and Charlotte Newberg, Emily Olson; daughter of David and Heidi Olson, Hannah Oman; daughter of Matthew and Heather Olson, Anna Pasno; daughter of Fred and Susan Pasno, Nicole Quaderer; daughter of Amy Quaderer and Gary Quaderer, Zeb Rivard; son of Patric and Brenda Rivard, Janae Rothe; daughter of Christine Milde Rothe, Jaden Skwarek Schwartz; daughter of Lori Skwarek and Keith Schwartz, Alexis Vossen; daughter of Mary and Troy Kunze and and Vocal Music Instructor, Jaimie Palbicki.

The Board recognized 2016 State Solo Instrumental Participants: Keirstan Kupczak; daughter of Jami Kupczak and Bradley Kupczak, Anna Pasno; daughter of Fred and Susan Pasno and Instrumental Music Instructor: Eric Possehl.

Director of Programs John Walsh thanked the staff that help volunteer with athletic activities: Charlotte Russell, Sarah Praschak, Sara Kriebich, Cory Kriebich, Nancy Klaas, Lorri Baillargeon, Megan Walter, Lynn Harstad, Elizabeth Gilles, Andre Johnson, Nicole Richie, Robin Knudtson, Amy Young, Sarah Colling and Eric Olson.

The meeting was recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

Groups or Individuals Wishing to Be Heard: Gunther read off the rules for this portion of the meeting. Melissa Wright addressed the board in regards to her eighth grade son. Gunther stated the board and the school will work to get this resolved.

Board Reorganization: Gunther walked through the committee assignment roles, school liaisons, CESA and Memorial Scholarship representatives.

Rosburg then began the process of electing the board officers for this term.

- Colbeth nominated Gunther for President, there were no other nominations. Colbeth moved to close the nominations. After a vote, Gunther was named Board President.
- Gunther nominated Colbeth for Vice President, there were no other nominations. Dressel then moved to close the nomination. After a vote, Colbeth was named Vice President.
- Gunther nominated Dressel for Clerk, there were no other nominations, Schachtner then moved to close the nomination. After a vote, Dressel was named Clerk.
- Colbeth nominated Schachtner for Treasurer. There were no other nominations, Dressel then closed the nominations. After a vote, Schachtner was named Treasurer.

Moulton moved, with second by Colbeth, to approve the Consent Agenda with item A moved to Action:

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of April 18, 2016
- B. Approve Minutes of Special Session of May 2, 2016
- C. Approve Minutes of the Special Session of May 9, 2016
- D. Approve Payment of April/May Board Bills
- E. Approve Hiring of James Roesler as the Middle School Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher for 2016-2017
- F. Approve Hiring of Ashley Borchardt as the Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for 2016-2017
- G. Approve Annual Contract with WERMC for Risk Management Cooperative for 2016-2017

Motion Passed unanimously.

Discussion

Facilities Committee: Maintenance Projects: Gunther spoke of the facility items that were discussed at the last facilities meeting.

NEOLA Policy 9130 Public Requests, Suggestions or Complaints: Gunther explained that this was discussed at the last committee meeting for the purpose of discussion and this will go back to the Governance Committee.

Teaching and Learning Committee: Dressel spoke of the First Readings of the following handbooks, she walked through the changes and updates to each of the handbooks. She indicated these are first readings and will come back in June as second readings.

- 2016-2017 Alternative Education Handbook (1st Reading)
- 2016-2017 ES Student Handbook(1st Reading)
- 2016-2017 HS Student Handbook(1st Reading)
- 2016-2017 MS Student Handbook(1st Reading)
- 2016-2017 All School Handbook(1st Reading)
- 2016-2017 Extra-Curricular, Advisor and Coaching Handbook(1st Reading)
- 2016-2017 Student Code of Conduct(1st Reading)

Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Cum Laude System: Dressel spoke of the system and the new process to be implemented going forward. This topic will come back before the board at another session for discussion on whether to identify Valedictorian and Salutatorian in 2018 and beyond.

Business Services Committee: 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget: Colbeth spoke of the information Gerberding put together for the board. Budget is currently balanced unless the hiring of two teachers occurs. This topic will be looked at further with consideration by the BOE for approval of the 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget in June.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Randy Rosburg provided an overview of current enrollment, stating the current enrollment is at 1,597.

Staffing: One retirement, Mary Timm, Accounting Clerk.

Open Enrollment: One Open Enrollment in to Somerset from New Richmond.

Board Member Participation and June 5, 2016 Graduation Ceremonies: Gunther and Colbeth will be present at the 2016 graduation ceremonies.

June 6, 2016 Breakfast, 7:15-8:00 a.m.: Schachtner, Colbeth, Gunther, Kurkowski and Dressel will be in attendance.

Board Report: *CESA II Update:* Colbeth reported out on her attendance at the last CESA meeting.

Community and School Involvement: Dressel and Schachnter spoke of recent and upcoming community involvements.

ACTION

Gunther moved with second by Colbeth to Approve Minutes of the Regular Session of April 18, 2016. Motion Failed 5-1, with Colbeth abstaining.

Governance Committee

Dressel moved, with second by Moulton to approve NEOLA Policy 8310, Public Records. Motion passed unanimously.

Dressel moved, with second by Moulton to approve NEOLA Policy 8390, Animals on School Property. Motion passed unanimously.

Teaching and Learning Committee: Dressel moved, with second by Colbeth to Approve Adoption of K-4 English Language Arts Resource. Motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources Committee: Moulton moved with second by Gunther to approve the 2016-2017 Employee Handbook. Motion passed unanimously.

Business Services Committee: Colbeth moved, with second by Gunther to approve all Open Enrollment requests out for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Colbeth moved, with second by Gunther to approve all Open Enrollment requests in for the 2016-2017 school year for students currently attending and who are changing buildings, currently attending with a 1st time request, students with siblings currently attending in our district, new applicants and deny one student in grade six as classroom space in special education is not available in this grade. Motion passed unanimously.

Gunther moved, with second by Dressel to move to Closed Session in Accordance with State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) for the purpose of considering compensation and benefits of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Upon roll call vote all voted yes to move to Closed Session.

Colbeth moved, with second by Dressel to move out of Closed Session. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes to move out of Closed Session.

Announcements coming out of Closed Session: Dressel moved, with second by Moulton to approve payout of unused vacation days to Mary Timm which are still remaining on June 30, 2016 at her daily rate of pay. A pending motion by Gunther moved, with second by Moulton to approve Andre Johnson as the 2016-2017 MS EBD teacher if after posting for this position internally until May 23, 2016, he is still the most qualified candidate for this position.

Schachtner moved, with second by Dressel to adjourn at 11:00 p.m.

Bob Gunther, President

Nancy Dressel, Board Clerk