

July 13, 2020

**Call to Order:**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Somers School District 29 was called to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Lakeside Elementary Music Room per Chairperson John Hollensteiner. Those in attendance stood for the pledge to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

Board members present were John Hollensteiner via zoom conference, Mary Obermiller, Meredith Coopman, Scott Simonson, Jesica Swanson, Annie Aiken, and Andy Wendle. Administration present were Superintendent Joe Price and Clerk Diane Fetterhoff.

**Visitors:** Anne Ofstad, Coleene Torgerson via zoom conference and Carrie Eklund via zoom conference.

**Minutes:**

Mary Obermiller moved to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Annie Aiken seconded the motion. For 7 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

**Public Participation:** Anne Ofstad, a researcher in the CDC Disaster Field spoke on the seriousness of the COVID Pandemic. Noted that this should not be taken lightly and health and safety plans should be established now for the safe return of students into the schools. Carrie Eklund, district parent, added that everyone needs to take this pandemic seriously. A definite plan needs to be in place for student safe return to school. Could possibly rotate teachers not students.

**Communications:**

- a.) MTSBA 2020-2021 Participation and Fee - \$4,640.00
- b.) 2020-2021 Family Hearing Professionals Audiological Services
- c.) Denning, Downey & Associates 2019 Audit
- d.) Somers District #29 Guidelines for Reopening Schools - All Phases Draft  
Superintendent Price noted along with this Draft, a team comprised of office managers, custodians, teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, and board members wanting to attend will be assembled to discuss safety for the return of students to school. The team will begin meeting starting this week.

- e.) 2020-2021 Montana Schools Property & Liability Insurance Plan/Proposal
- f.) July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023 Northwest Montana Educational Service Agency Agreement
- g.) 2020-2021 Transportation Interlocal Agreement with Bigfork School District #38
- h.) Out-of-District Attendance Requests to Somers School District (3)
- i.) 2020-2021 Bus Routes – Established/Revised/New
- j.) Electric Usage Worksheet

**Policy Considerations/Changes:** None

**Committees / Reports:**

**Superintendent Report:** Written report included in board packet.

**Staff Reports:** None

*Buildings and Facilities Discussion:* Superintendent Price reported that work is mainly concentrated in developing the parking lot at this point. Work on the building is still on schedule.

*Financial and Federal Programs Committee:* No Report

*Disciplinary and Public Relations Committee:* No Report

*Buildings, Facilities and Grounds Committee:* No Report.

*Transportation and School Food Committee:* No Report

*Curriculum and Extracurricular/PIR-CP Committee:* No Report

*Policy Committee:* No Report

*Negotiations Committee:* No Report

***Schedule Meetings:***

- a.) Policy Committee – July 20, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – Somers Middle School
- b.) Regular/Final Budget Meeting – August 17, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – Somers Middle School

**Consent Agenda:**

Mary Obermiller moved to:

- a.) Approve MTSBA 2020-2021 Participation and Fee - \$4,640.00
- b.) Approve 2020-2021 Family Hearing Professionals Audiological Services
- c.) Approve Fiscal Year 2019 Audit
- d.) Acknowledge 2020-2021 Montana Schools Property & Liability Insurance Plan/Proposal
- e.) Approve July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023 Northwest Montana Educational Service Agency Agreement
- f.) Approve Out-of-District Attendance Requests to Somers School District (3)
- g.) Approve 2020-2021 Bus Routes – Established/Revised/New
- h.) Offer 2020-2021 Lakeside Elementary Music Position
- i.) Offer Deputy District Clerk/Business Manager Position – Start August 17, 2020

Scott Simonson seconded the motion. For 7 Opposed 0. Motions carried.

**Singular Action Items:**

- a.) Mary Obermiller moved to approve the 2020-2021 Transportation Interlocal Agreement with Bigfork School District #38 as revised to only pick up elementary and high school students who reside on Fennon Way. Meredith Coopman seconded the motion. Discussion. For 7 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Jesica Swanson moved that expenditures presented for payment be approved. Mary Obermiller seconded the motion. Discussion. For 7 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Scott Simonson moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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John Hollensteiner, Chairperson

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Diane J. Fetterhoff, Clerk

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