

December 14, 2020

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Somers School District 29 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Somers Middle School Commons Area per Chairperson John Hollensteiner. Those in attendance stood for the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Board members present were John Hollensteiner, Meredith Coopman, Andy Wendle, Scott Simonson, and Jessica Swanson. Annie Aiken and Mary Obermiller via Zoom Conference. Administration present were Superintendent Joe Price, Clerk Diane Fetterhoff, and Deputy Clerk Breanne Wiest. Lakeside Principal Steffanie Broyles and Somers Middle School Principal Rose McIntyre via Zoom Conference.

Visitors: Dani Blanc present. Bri McGrath, Ali Evans, Alicia VanEgmond, Michele Oswalt, Mariah Wilcox, and Coleene Torgerson via Zoom Conference.

Minutes:

Andy Wendle moved to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and the December 3, 2020 Special Meeting. Jessica Swanson seconded the motion. For 7 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Public Participation: Mariah Wilcox thanked the board for the bonus to district staff for hazard pay during the pandemic.

John Hollensteiner on behalf of the board of trustees, thanked Diane Fetterhoff for her years with the district. Recognition to Superintendent Price.

Communications:

- a.) Memorandum of Agreement Between Somers School District #29 and the Somers Education Association and the Somers Classified Employee Unit.
- b.) Somers School District .5 Position Athletic Coordinator Letter of Resignation
- c.) 2020-2021 Student Attendance Requests to Attend Somers School District
- d.) 2020-2021 Student Attendance Requests to Attend Another District
- e.) Flathead County Superintendent of Schools Statistical Report of Schools 2020. Superintendent Price highlighted areas of the report.

- f.) Superintendent Evaluation Form – All forms should be turned into the District Clerk on or before December 18. Meredith Coopman and Jessica Swanson will meet as a committee to compile results to present at the January 2021 meeting during executive session.

Policy Considerations/Changes: None

Committees / Reports:

Superintendent Report: Written report included in board packet.

Additionally:

- a.) Noted revised guidelines by the CDC for quarantining close contacts of persons with Coronavirus.
- b.) Girls Basketball will be starting practices on January 4th. Discussion has been initiated between athletic directors for possibly delaying games for 2 weeks after the return to school from Christmas Break.
- c.) As to the .5 Athletic Coordinator Resignation, this year has been a negative experience dealing with COVID restrictions.

Principal Reports:

Steffanie Broyles: Written report included in board packet

Additionally:

- a.) Star Testing results are showing progress with student growth

Andy Wendle thanked Principal Broyles for cooperation with the Toy Drive

Rose McIntyre: Written report included in board packet

Staff Reports: None

Buildings and Facilities Discussion: Superintendent Price reported that the connection between the old building to the new building is progressing at the Middle School. Areas to be renovated in the old remaining building include new roof, siding, inside ceiling repair/replacement, as well as outside landscaping.

At Lakeside Elementary, the fence in the playground area in front of the Lakeside Post Office will be moved 5 ft. The present location of the fence was found to be encroaching on someone else's property during a survey for the sale of the property.

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.) Regular Monthly – January 11, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – Lakeside Elementary School

Consent Agenda:

After removing Consent Agenda Item C – Approve 2020-2021 Student Attendance Request to Attend Somers School District, Andy Wendle moved to:

- a.) Acknowledge Somers School District .5 Athletic Coordinator Letter of Resignation – Amanda Shaffer
- b.) Offer Remaining 2020-2021 Vacated Athletic Coordinator Contract – Louis Cielak
- c.) Removed
- d.) Acknowledge 2020-2021 Student Attendance Requests to Attend Another District
- e.) Offer 2020-2021 Girls Basketball Coaching Contracts
 - 5th Grade - Secora White
 - 6th Grade - Russell Aldrich
 - 7th Grade - Melissa Thompson
 - 8th Grade - Matthew Thompson
- f.) Offer 2020-2021 Drama Coach Contracts to Luke Johnson and Zach Duval

Meredith Coopman seconded the motion. For 7 Opposed 0. Motions carried.

Singular Action Items:

- a.) Meredith Coopman moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between Somers School District #29 and the Somers Education Association and the Somers Classified Employee Unit. Scott Simonson seconded the motion. Discussion. For 7 Opposed 0. Motion carried.
- b.) Jessica Swanson moved to revise wording for December 3, 2020 Singular Action Item to Bonus to District staff for hazard pay during the pandemic. Scott Simonson seconded the motion. Discussion. For 7 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

c.) Meredith Coopman moved to Appointing Breanne Wiest as Clerk of the Board of Trustees beginning January 1, 2021. Jesica Swanson seconded the motion. For 7 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

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

Andy Wendle noted that today was the Anniversary of the Sandy Hook school shooting and relayed his appreciation for Educators in these trying times.

Scott Simonson moved that the meeting adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

John Hollensteiner, Chairperson

Diane J Fetterhoff, Clerk