

January 22, 2018

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Somers School District 29 was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Somers Middle School Conference Room per Chairperson John Hollensteiner. Those in attendance stood for the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Board members present were John Hollensteiner, Jeremiah Jennings, Courtney Shaeffer, and Meredith Coopman. Logan Fox was connected via phone conference. Administration present were Superintendent Joe Price, Somers Middle School Principal Rose McIntyre, Lakeside Elementary School Principal John Thies, and Clerk Diane Fetterhoff.

Visitors:

Andrea Sundberg, Dani Blanc, Tina Lerum, Lane Lackey, Dayra Schmidt, Coleene Torgerson, Jennifer Carrier, Erin Black, Rachel Stevens, Alicia VanEgmond, Daniel Tipton, Jennifer Tipton, Cindy Bassett, Kaylie Aldrich, Jessica Swanson, and Jeanie Hubb.

Minutes:

Courtney Shaeffer moved to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2017 Regular Board meeting. Meredith Coopman seconded the motion. For 5 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Communications:

- a.) Final Bond Resolution

- b.) Tax Compliance Procedures Resolution

c.) Resolution Calling for School Trustee Election – May 8, 2018

d.) Electric Usage Worksheet.

Policy Considerations/Changes:

- a.) Review Policy 4550 – Registered Sex Offenders
- b.) Review Policy 5122 – Fingerprints and Criminal Background Investigations
- c.) Review Policy 5430 - Volunteers

Committees / Reports:

Superintendent Report: Written report included in board packets.

Principal Reports: Written Reports included in board packets.

Additionally:

- 1. Lakeside Elementary will be practicing the Run, Lock, Fight strategies on February 6th.
- 2. Somers Middle School 6th grade ski trip has been rescheduled to February 7th due to our ice day.

Staff Reports: None

Buildings and Facilities Discussion:

- 1. Oversight committee meeting
- 2. Superintendent Price

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: Courtney Shaeffer requested current worksheets e-mailed to members of the committee.

Curriculum and Extracurricular/PIR-CP Committee: No Report

Policy Committee: Request to check with other districts for their current volunteer policies.

Negotiations Committee: No Report

Personnel Committee: No Report.

Schedule Meetings:

- a.) Policy Work Session – February 8, 2018 – 4:00 p.m. – Somers Middle School
- b.) Regular Monthly Meeting – February 12, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. –Lakeside Elementary School

Public Participation: After clarification from the board as to when comments by visitors in attendance could be heard, public participation was opened since the item they wished to speak to was not specifically listed on the agenda. Comments as listed:

1. Erin Black – Registered Sex Offender Volunteering in Classroom – Need changes in the screening process. Would be willing to personally pay for fingerprint background checks and felt others would feel the same.
2. Dayra Schmidt – Policy in place should not be only for unsupervised volunteers working with students. Bigfork requires background checks every 2 years for volunteers.
3. Andrea Sundberg – All volunteers should be required to undergo a fingerprint background check.
4. Daniel Tipton - Questioned the policy in place which allows one person the authority to make the decision if a background check is required.
5. Cindy Bassett – If an exception is made, parents should be notified. An appointed panel should be designated to make the decisions. Thanked the board for listening.
6. Jennifer Tipton – Parents have an expectation that their children are safe when at school.
7. Jennifer Carrier – This situation put everyone in a bad situation. Everyone should educate themselves as to what is going on around them.

Consent Agenda:

Courtney Shaeffer moved to:

- a.) Approve Student Attendance Agreements (3) to Somers School District w/Attachment.

- b.) Approve Substitute Teacher Contract and Notice of Non-Renewal to Gayle

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Meredith Coopman seconded the motion. For 5 Opposed 0. Motions carried.

Singular Action Items:

- a.) Courtney Shaeffer moved to adopt the final bond resolution Jeremiah Jennings seconded the motion. Discussion. For 5 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

- b.) Courtney Shaeffer moved to adopt the tax compliance procedures resolution. Jeremiah Jennings seconded the motion. Discussion. For 5 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Due to an individual's right for privacy outweighing the public's right to know, John Hollensteiner declared the meeting in executive session at 7:00 p.m. to proceed with Personnel Committee Review of Policy Implementation and the Superintendent Evaluation.

Meeting returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.

Courtney Shaeffer moved that expenditures presented for payment be approved Jeremiah Jennings seconded the motion. Discussion. For 5 Opposed 0. Motion Carried.

Courtney Shaeffer moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

John Hollensteiner, Chairperson

Diane J. Fetterhoff, Clerk