

June 18, 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 Lakeside Elementary School Music Room per Chairperson John Hollensteiner. Those in attendance stood for the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Board members present were John Hollensteiner, Jenny Montague, Courtney Shaeffer, and Meredith Coopman. Administration present were Superintendent Joe Price, Somers Middle School Principal Rose McIntyre, Lakeside Elementary Principal John Thies, and Clerk Diane Fetterhoff.

Visitors:

John Brandon, Nate Dorcheus, Chris Scheare, Max Grebe, Kelly Thies, Luke Thies, Becca Marcott, Bill Bosslet, Coleene Torgerson, Andree LaRose, Joshua Smith, Stephen L'Hereaux, Amanda Shaffer and Marlene Anderson

Minutes:

Courtney Shaeffer moved to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2018 Regular Meeting. Meredith Coopman seconded the motion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Public Participation:

Andree LaRose, attorney representing Principal John Thies, reminded board members of items that she felt had possibly been breached on some occasions earlier:

1. Board members should not solicit input from community either positive or negative.
2. Public comments should not be made against individuals.
3. Respect should be maintained for Administration. Personal information should not be mentioned.
4. Trustees should not assume duties of the Administration.

Communications:

- a.) School Board Trustee Letter of Resignation – Logan Fox
- b.) Lakeside Elementary 4th Grade Teacher Letter of Resignation – Amanda Lunde
- c.) Somers Middle School 6th Grade Math Teacher Letter of Resignation – Elizabeth Darnick
- d.) Denning, Downey & Associates Governance Letter
- e.) July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020 Somers Education Association Master Contract
- f.) July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020 Comprehensive School and Community Treatment Services Agreement
- g.) Obsolete Equipment Resolution
- h.) Board of Trustees Appeal Panel Recommendation
- i.) 2018-2019 Special Needs Bus Route
- j.) Electric Usage Worksheet

Policy Considerations/Changes:

- a.) Student Section – Attendance #3122P Revision – 2nd/Final Reading Completed
- b.) Student Section – Video Surveillance #3235 Revision – 2nd/Final Reading Completed
- c.) Student Section – Administering Medicines to Students Form #3416F2 – 2nd/Final Reading Completed
- d.) Student Section – Cell Phones and Other Electronic Equipment #3630 Revision – 2nd/Final Reading Completed
- e.) Personnel Section – Hiring Process and Criteria #5120 Revision – 2nd/Final Reading Completed
- f.) Personnel Section – Substitutes #5314 Revision – 2nd/Final Reading Completed

- g.) Personnel Section – Leaves of Absence #5321 Revision – 2nd/Final Reading Completed
- h.) Personnel Section – Complaints #5510 Revision – 2nd/Final Reading Completed
- i.) Non-Instructional Section – Tobacco Free #8225 Revision – 2nd/Final Reading Completed

Committees / Reports:

Superintendent Report: Written report included in board packets.

Additionally:

- 1. Private donation of \$2,000 for the Middle School Band
- 2. Donations to relocate the Middle School Garden

Principal Reports: Written Report from Rose McIntyre included in board packets.

Rose McIntyre Additionally:

- 1. Welcomed Amanda Shaffer, Office Manager; Rachel Stevens, 6th Grade Math; and Alicia VanEgmond, 7th/8th Grade Math
- 2. Thank You PTA for the GaGa Ball Pit

John Thies

- 1. Lots of Field Trips at the End of the Year
- 2. Music Programs
- 3. New Math Curriculum Inservice scheduled for the CP Day on June 11th
- 4. End of the year student awards
- 5. Still need to complete one interview for 4th Grade Teacher
- 6. Shared Star Testing Results

Staff Reports: None

Buildings and Facilities Discussion: Max Grebe, LPW Architects reported on the soil testing that was completed on the location of the planned construction site. The results were the worst case scenario that anyone had imagined. Geo technical testing was ordered and the results were not positive in any way. The area would have shifting/settlement issues in case of an earthquake. Building codes have gotten more stringent. It was also noted that the Flathead area is a high seismic area. Mitigation for stabilizing the area would be cost prohibitive. A new design option will need to be formulated. LPW will take on the redesign for the new structure at no additional costs. The completion date of Phase I will still remain the same as originally planned. LPW will present the new design packet along with timelines at the July regular board meeting for approval.

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: John Hollensteiner presented an overview of agreed upon Certified Staff Master Contract changes.

Personnel Committee: No Report.

Schedule Meetings:

- a.) MTSBA Trustee Development – June 25, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – Somers Middle School
- b.) Negotiation Committee Meeting – June 26, 2018 – 8:30 a.m. – Somers Middle School
- c.) Negotiation Committee Meeting – June 27, 2018 – 8:30 a.m. – Somers Middle School
- d.) Regular Monthly Meeting – July 16, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – Somers Middle School

Consent Agenda:

Courtney Shaeffer moved to:

- a.) Acknowledge Lakeside Elementary 4th Grade Teacher Letter of Resignation from Amanda Lunde
- b.) Acknowledge Somers Middle School 6th Grade Math Teacher Letter of Resignation from Elizabeth Darnick
- c.) Approve July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020 Comprehensive School and Community Treatment Services Agreement
- d.) Approve Obsolete Equipment Resolution
- e.) Offer 2018-19 Lakeside Elementary Counselor Position to Melina Chapman
- f.) Offer 1 Year Only 2018-19 Lakeside Elementary 1st Grade Teacher Position to Gayle Gustine
- g.) Offer 2018-19 Lakeside Elementary 5th Grade Position to Aaric Bryan
- h.) Offer 2018-19 Lakeside Elementary Kindergarten Position to Becca Oosterman

- i.) Acknowledge In-House Teacher Transfers
 - Nate Dorcheus – 7/8th Math to Technology
 - Rachel Stevens – 5th Grade to 6th Grade Math
 - Alicia VanEgmond – 5th Grade to 7/8th Grade Math
 - Kate Fasbender – 4th Grade to 4/5 Grade Combination

Meredith Coopman seconded the motion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motions carried.

Singular Action Items:

- a.) Meredith Coopman moved to accept School Board Trustee Letter of Resignation from Logan Fox. Courtney Shaeffer seconded the motion. Discussion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.
- b.) Courtney Shaeffer moved to ratify the July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020 Somers Education Association Master Contract. Jenny Montague seconded the motion. Discussion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.
- c.) Courtney Shaeffer moved to approve the Board of Trustees Appeal Panel Decision as presented. Jenny Montague seconded the motion. Discussion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.
- d.) Courtney Shaeffer moved to Pay Balance of June’s Expenditures at End of Month. Meredith Coopman seconded the motion. Discussion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Courtney Shaeffer moved that expenditures presented for payment be approved. Jenny Montague seconded the motion. Discussion. For 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Meredith Coopman moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

John Hollensteiner, Chairperson

Diane J. Fetterhoff, Clerk