

November 12, 2018

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 Conference Room per Chairperson John Hollensteiner. Those in attendance stood for the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Board members present were John Hollensteiner, Courtney Shaeffer, Mary Obermiller, Jenny Montague, 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:

Lorrie Gomez, Dawn Evans, Jesica Swanson, Bri McGrath, Martin Shrock, Dick Syverson, Cindy Harvey, Gayle Gustine, Becca Oosterman, Rachel Stevens, Alicia VanEgmond, Moe Chapman, David Brown, and Della Brown.

Minutes:

Mary Obermiller moved to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Meredith Coopman seconded the motion. For 5 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Public Participation:

Dawn Evans spoke on her perspective of the retirement bonus on Schedule B of the Somers Certified Master Contract. Thought that this was supposed to be an item for negotiations for the 2018-2020 Master Contract, but for some reason it was not included. This is effecting her both mentally and dollarwise with the differences in the retirement bonuses between Schedule A and Schedule B. This should not be a us versus them regardless of what salary schedule was selected by teachers.

Cindy Harvey questioned why there is a difference between the two Schedules as far as the retirement bonus is concerned. Her rights are the same as everyone else. Should be fair to all parties.

Lorrie Gomez indicated that even though she started teaching later in life, everyone should receive the same incentive regardless of what salary schedule they selected.

Communications:

- a.) Sp Ed Coop Preschool Student Attendance Agreements (2)
- b.) Letter to Board – Lorrie Gomez
- c.) Electric Usage Worksheet

Policy Considerations/Changes:

- a.) Board of Trustees Section – Resignation #1112 – Revision 2nd/Final Reading Completed.
- b.) Board of Trustees Section – Vacancies #1113 – Revision 2nd/Final Reading Completed
- c.) Board of Trustees Section – Abstentions From Voting #1425 – Deletion 2nd/Final Reading Completed.
- d.) Board of Trustees Section – Conflict of Interest #1512 – Revision 2nd/Final Reading Completed.
- e.) Instruction Section – School Year Calendar and Day #2100 – Revision 2nd/Final Reading Completed.
- f.) Community Relations Section – Visitors to Schools #4301 – Revision 2nd/Final Reading Completed.
- g.) Financial Management Section – Crowdfunding Proposals #7225 – New Policy 2nd/Final Reading Completed.
- h.) Non-Instructional Operations Section – Service Animals #8425 – New Policy 2nd/Final Reading Completed.
- i.) Non-Instructional Operations Section – Service Animal Allowance Procedure #8425P – New Procedure 2nd/Final Reading Completed.

Committees / Reports:

Superintendent Report: Written report included in board packet

Additionally:

- 1.) PTA Leap & Live Grants were awarded.

Principal Reports: Written reports included in board packets

John Thies Additionally:

- 1.) Kudos to Cindy Harvey, coordinator for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program at Lakeside.

Rose McIntyre Additionally:

- 1.) Alumni students from Flathead HS Leadership Team/Student Council will be visiting with our students November 13th.

Staff Reports:

Mollie Freese, LES: Veterans Day Assembly was fantastic.

Lorrie Gomez, LES: Kootenai Culture Group will be doing a ½ hour presentation in each classroom at Lakeside at the end of November.

Dick Syverson, District Bus Coordinator: In response to a safety concern for students, informed the board that safety with bus routes is first and foremost a main priority for making sure students are safe. 3 of the 6 routes do not have students crossing on a county road and there is absolutely no students crossing to get on busses on Hwy. 93. In the 24 years that he has been driving for Somers District, there has never been a serious issue.

Martin Shrock, District Bus Driver: Presented information regarding the Cherry Haus/Lakeside Park Estates stop, noting that he felt that this was an unsafe stop due to visibility and other drivers' response time for stopping and would like to see it eliminated. Approximately 10 students would be affected. Those families would have to take their students to Lakeside Elementary or to the Mission View Terrace bus stop.

Robin Vogler, District Food Service Director: Introduced Davis Neuhauser as the Americore Vista Volunteer assigned to the District this year. Davis's goal this year is to increase breakfast participation as well as coordinating a summer feeding program. Robin presented a power point presentation outlining her goals for the year which included providing the best quality food for our students, using locally sourced foods, and establishing healthy eating habits for our students. Noted that the district student's free and reduced numbers are declining from the 17-18 school year. Breakfast program participation at both schools is increasing. Wellness committee initiated a Glo-Run this year with 75 racers participating.

Buildings and Facilities Discussion: Superintendent Price reported that the next oversight committee will be meeting November 20th at 3:30 p.m. with both LPW and Swank attending. Still planning on breaking ground in March.

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: Mary Obermiller reported that the committee met November 6th to begin reviewing Section 1000 – Board of Trustees. Will submit recommendations at the December regular meeting.

Negotiations Committee: John Hollensteiner reported that the committee met with Delane Duffy and Superintendent Joe Price on October 30th. An additional line was added for a retirement bonus of \$12,000.00 on Schedule A for teachers retiring with 20-24 years in MTRS and at least 60 years of age during the negotiation process for the Certified Master Contract but the same consideration for Schedule B in the same configuration during the final approvals was omitted during the process. It was noted that the negotiating teachers intended that a retirement bonus be considered in the amount of \$6,000.00 for teachers retiring with 20-24 years in MTRS and at least 60 years of age in Schedule B.

Personnel Committee: No Report.

Schedule Meetings:

- a.) Buildings & Facilities Committee Meeting – November 20, 2018 – Lakeside Elementary School
- b.) Regular Monthly Meeting – December 10, 2018 – 6:00 pm – Lakeside Elementary School

Consent Agenda:

Courtney Shaeffer moved to:

- a.) Approve Sp Ed Coop Preschool Student Attendance Agreements (2)
- b.) Approve 2018-19 Out-of-District Attendance Requests (3) w/Attachments
- c.) Acknowledge 2018-19 Out-of- District Attendance (2) to Smith Valley District #89
- d.) Acknowledge 2018-19 Out-of-District Attendance (15) to Kalispell District #5
- e.) Acknowledge 2018-19 Out-of-District Attendance (15) to Swan River District #44

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

Singular Action Items:

- a.) Jenny Montague moved to approve an amendment to the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Somers Education Association Negotiated Agreement Salary Schedule B Retirement Bonus in the amount of \$6,000.00 for certified teachers retiring with 20-24 years in MTRS and at least 60 years of age. Mary Obermiller seconded the motion. Discussion. For 5 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Courtney Shaeffer moved that expenditures presented for payment be approved. Mary Obermiller seconded the motion. Discussion. For 5 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Courtney Shaeffer moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

John Hollensteiner, Chairperson

Diane J. Fetterhoff, Clerk