

**BOE Meeting Template**  
**Monday, May 21, 2012 7:00 PM**

Mabelle Avery Middle School District Offices Board Room, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. CALL TO ORDER
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4. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS
  1. Director of Pupil Services Introduction - Dr. Denise Messina  
The board will have an opportunity to meet Dr. Denise Messina and ask any questions that they may wish. We welcome Dr. Messina to the Somers Public Schools.
  2. Social Studies & Physical Ed/Health Curriculum Presentations 5  
Ms. Kathleen Pezza, Director of Curriculum will give presentations to the board on the social studies and physical ed/health curricula. She will be available for any questions board members may have.
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS
7. CONSENT AGENDA
  1. Approval of Bills 25
8. NEW BUSINESS
  1. Appointment to Pension Advisory Committee  
Two members of the community have volunteered to serve on the Somers Public Schools Pension Advisory Committee. Mr. Michael Frigo and Mr. Brian Case have volunteered their services. Each individual is working in the investment or accounting field and has extensive background in their respective areas of expertise. They will be introduced at the board meeting and if members have any questions they may ask them at that time.
  2. Appointment to Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Steering Committee  
The town's Plan of Conservation and Development is currently being reviewed by the Planning Commission and the Board of Selectmen would like to appoint a steering committee to assist the Planning Commission. The selectmen are requesting that a member from the Board of Education be appointed to this steering committee. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting.
  3. First Warning of DBS Code: 5141.221 - Pediculosis (Head Lice) 31  
The Policy Committee has reviewed this policy which has been recommended by CABE. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 6/11/12 agenda.
9. OLD BUSINESS
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11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  1. Budget
  2. Curriculum
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  5. Planning
  6. Other Committees
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## SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 Vision Boulevard

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING – May 7, 2012

**Members Present:** D.Palmer, J.Formeister, R.Lees, B.Pellissier, A.Kirkpatrick, S.Bollinger, M.Maniscalco, B.Devlin  
**Members Absent:** M.Cicciarella  
**Administrators Present:** M.Suffredini, K.Pezza, B.Boutwell, B.Bunnell, J.Morrow  
**Staff Present:** C.Smith, L.Gengenbach  
**Citizens Present:**  
**Students Present:**  
**Others:**

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Palmer in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

#### 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 23, 2012 – It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to approve the April 23, 2012 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 8-0

#### 4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

##### 4.1 Lunch Program Report

Co-Directors of Food Service, Catti Smith and Leslie Gegenbach, and Director of Business Services, Bill Boutwell, presented an update regarding the district's lunch program to the Board. The update included information regarding the three schools lunch waves: SES has five lunch waves for 30 minutes each ranging from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m, MBA has three waves for 23 minutes each ranging from 11:38 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., and SHS has four waves for 22 minutes each ranging from 10:58 a.m. to 12:31 p.m. Breakfast is also served at SHS from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. daily. Current school year pricing is as follows: SES \$2.25 and MBA/SHS at \$2.00 dollars. The report also covered services provided during Storm Alfred with the staffed shelter for eight days serving over 2,880 meals total (3 meals per day).

#### 5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Palmer received a letter from CABB regarding Student Leadership award assembly.

#### 6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

#### 7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

##### 7.1 Approval of Bills 05/07/12 (\$289,832.43)

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to approve the 04/09/12 Bills in the amount of \$289,832.43 as presented. PASSED 8-0

#### 8.0 NEW BUSINESS

##### 8.1 Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code: 1316 – Conduct on School Property (Civility)

The Policy Committee has reviewed the policy and has first and second warned it, as recommended by CABE.

It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to adopt DBS Code: 1316 – Conduct on School Property (Civility) as recommended by CABE as presented. PASSED 8-0

**8.2 Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code: 4118.12/4218.12 – Nondiscrimination of the Basis of Disabilities**

The Policy Committee has reviewed the policy and has first and second warned it, as recommended by CABE.

It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to adopt DBS Code: 4118.12/4218.12 – Nondiscrimination of the Basis of Disabilities as recommended by CABE as presented. PASSED 8-0

**8.3 Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code: 5118.4 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children**

The Policy Committee has reviewed the policy and has first and second warned it, as recommended by CABE.

It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to adopt DBS Code: 5118.4 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children as recommended by CABE as presented. PASSED 8-0

**8.4 Technology Report/Approval of Educational Technology Plan 7/2012-6/2015**

Jim Morrow, Director of Technology and Information Services, presented his annual technology report, and requested board approval of the 3-year CSDE required Technology Plan presented. Mr. Morrow explained that Somers Public Schools meets the guidelines set by CSDE. All classroom teachers and administration have laptops for on/off campus usage, and all noncertified staff has a computer they can use during the school day. Technology PD activities offered in the last year include: Navigating MIST, Webpage creation, using iPods in the classroom, using AIMSweb, and using PowerSchool gradebooks.

Wireless Internet is available campus-wide in each building. In all school buildings, each room is connected with voice, data, and video as well as connected to the LAN (with all buildings on WAN). The WAN is connected to the Internet via CEN and all drops are 100mps. E-Rate returns about \$7,000, which is used to purchase additional technology equipment such as wireless access points, iPods, and printers.

J.Morrow also noted that a current technology goal and expectation is working towards a 1:1 ratio with students. Each school building has two laptop carts with 25 laptops per cart. Emerges issues noted include: ubiquitous mobile technology, continuous access 24/7, changes in tools and delivery, equity, the need for more IPs, and the need for more access points. The Educational Technology Plan was discussed, as the plan is designed to fully incorporate technology into Somers learning and instruction models for students, teachers, and classrooms by the 2015-2016 school year.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to approve the Educational Technology Plan dating 7/2012 – 6/2015 as presented. PASSED 8-0

**9.0 OLD BUSINESS**

## **10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Dr. Suffredini updated the Board regarding the Somers High School Research and Development program as they recently went to the electric car competition in Lime Rock, Connecticut. They received 1<sup>st</sup> place honors for best vehicle, and 5<sup>th</sup> place for the best classic car award.

Somers High School Technology Education and Engineering program will be presented and honored at the annual CTEA (Connecticut Technology Education Association) conference held at Central Connecticut State University on May 24<sup>th</sup>. They were previously selected as the 2012 Connecticut Technology Education High School Program of the Year. An award and banner will be received; the banner will be hung at Somers High School. Dr. Suffredini commended the Somers High Technology Education and Engineering program for their hard work and dedication, being quite an honor to be recognized and pronounced a “model program” by CTEA.

## **11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.**

**11.1** Budget – A referendum meeting will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Town Hall.

**11.2** Curriculum – The curriculum committee will meet on May 21<sup>st</sup> before the regular Board of Education meeting.

**11.3** Policy – The Policy Committee met prior to tonight’s 5/7/12 BOE meeting. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**11.4** Salary & Negotiations – The Salary and Negotiations committee will meet on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**11.5** Planning Committee – No Update

**11.6** Other Committees  
Technology Ad Hoc Committee – No Update

## **12.0 OTHER**

## **13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

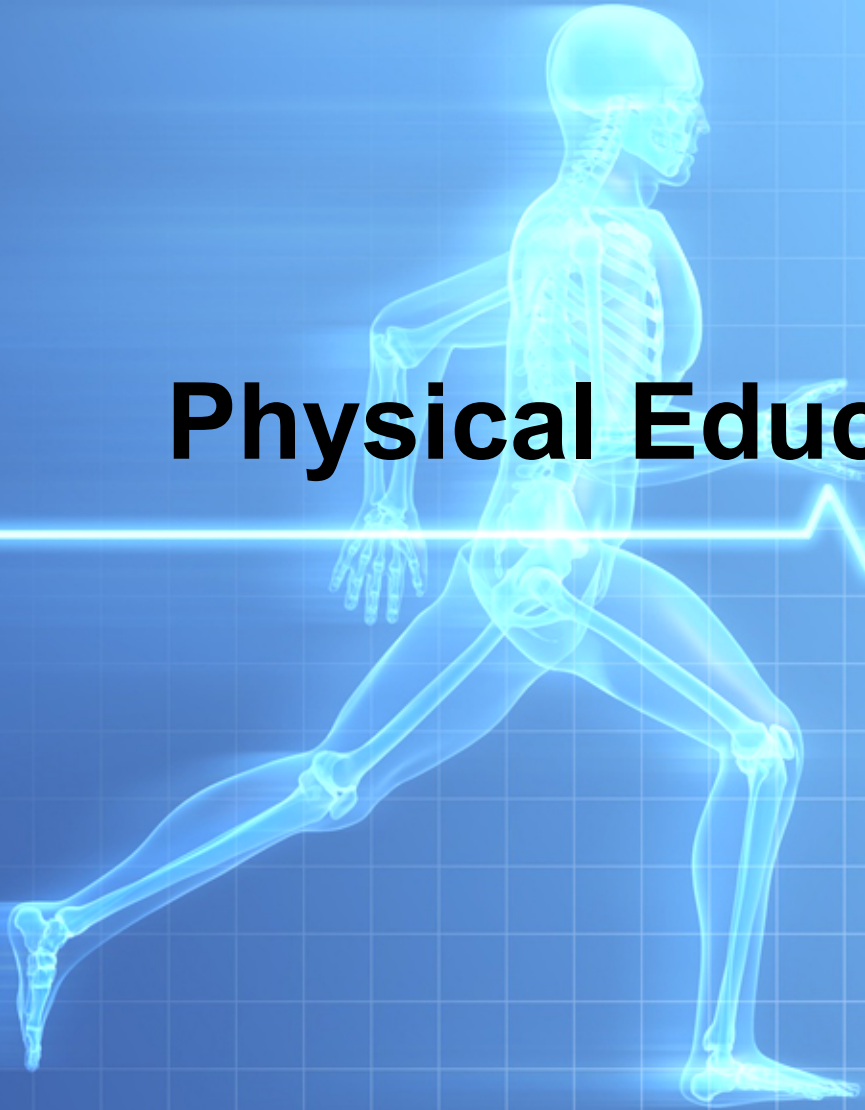
It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:49 p.m. PASSED 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary  
Leah Cook, Recording Secretary

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

# Physical Education and Health



# Health and PE at SES

- Students take PE twice every six days for 30 minutes.
- Students have 30 minutes of playground time each day.
- State mandated health topics are taught in grades two and five.
  - Nutrition: Grade 2
  - AIDS Education: Grades 4
  - Human Growth and Development: Grade 5

# Physical Education at SES

- Safety Poster Contest
  - This year, students competed to make posters about wearing helmets when bike riding or using a scooter. The posters will be judge in the next week and the winning students will get new bike helmets.
- Dance
  - Students have been creating their own dances by taking an athletic move, like throwing a baseball, and setting it to music.

# Health at SES

- Heart Maze
  - During February, the PE teachers take students through a giant heart maze.
  - Students have the opportunity to see the different parts of the heart first hand.
  - Lessons focus on the relationship between heart health and exercise.

# Health and PE at MBA

- Students at MBA take Physical Education twice in every six day cycle.
- The Health curriculum is integrated into a class called “Life Skills” which also addresses areas like computer skills and information literacy.
- Students take Life Skills for one trimester each year.

# Physical Education at MBA

- The students at MBA are just starting this year's Presidential Physical Fitness Testing.
- The Physical Education teachers at MBA have been working on interdisciplinary units with Language Arts this year. They have developed reading and writing activities and assessments align with Language Arts to help students connect their PE content with the work they do in their other classes.

# Health at MBA

- Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade apply their understanding of nutrition to the process of menu planning for people with special medical conditions. Each student produces a menu to meet the needs of a person with special dietary requirements.
- Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade create a social networking public service announcement that explains the dangers of social networking sites to teenagers.

# Health and PE at SHS

- Students in grades nine and ten are required to take a  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit PE class each year.
- Health is included in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade PE classes.
- Students can elect to take a  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit PE class in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Health is offered as a  $\frac{1}{4}$  credit elective at the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade levels.

# Physical Education at SHS

- The PE classes at SHS have now been broken out into individual and team sports classes so that students can select a physical education class that better meets their needs and interests.
- Starting next year, students will have access to heart monitors in PE, so that they can better monitor the effectiveness and safety of their workouts.

# Health at SHS

- 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teen
  - Students are introduced to Sean Covey's teenage version of his father's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.
  - Students use the information in the book to assess their own choices and determine where they can make improvements.
- Let's Not Meet By Accident
  - Students in 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade health visited St. Francis Hospital, toured the emergency room and the helipad and then discussed safe driving.

A globe of the Earth is shown, tilted on its axis. The continents of North and South America are clearly visible. The globe is mounted on a silver-colored metal stand. The text "Social Studies" is overlaid in a large, bold, black font across the center of the globe. The globe's surface is light-colored with various geographical labels in different colors and fonts. The background is a plain, light brown color.

# Social Studies

# Social Studies at SES

- Kindergarten – The Student and Their Environment
- Grade 1 – Families
- Grade 2 – Communities
- Grade 3 – Communities around the World
- Grade 4 – Connecticut
- Grade 5 – Early American History

# Social Studies at SES

- Students in grade 2 learn about the Somers community. They visit the Post Office and the Fire Station to learn about how communities work together and support one another.
- Students in third grade write biographies and create a “wax museum” by pretending to be the person they researched. Each class gets to visit the wax museum created by student in the other classes.

# Social Studies at SES

The background of the slide is a historical painting. It depicts a man in a red and blue coat standing by a window, looking out. In the foreground, a woman and a child are seated at a table, looking towards the man. The scene is set in a room with a window and a framed picture on the wall.

- Four grade students research a famous person or invention from Connecticut. Then, they write a report and present a powerpoint about that person or invention.
- Fifth graders participate in a simulation to learn why countries in the 1400s and 1500s sent out explorers. They are each given a role and a set of resources and they have to figure out how to get all the stuff they need for their country to be prosperous by interacting with other students.

# Social Studies at MBA

The background of the slide is a photograph of the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. The temple is a large, ancient Greek temple dedicated to the goddess Athena. It features a prominent portico with eight Doric columns. The building is situated on a rocky hillside. In the foreground, there are some green plants and a stone wall. To the right, a flagpole with the Greek flag is visible. The sky is clear and blue.

- Grade 6 – Ancient Civilizations
- Grade 7 – Contemporary Cultures and World Religion
- Grade 8 – American History from the Constitution to the Industrial Revolution

# Social Studies at MBA

- Sixth graders do a mock cave exploration at Lascaux, study pictures of ancient artifacts to determine their purpose and participate in the Pharaoh for a Day activity to learn about ancient cultures.
- Seventh graders learn about the Silk Road by participating in a differentiated project wherein they research an aspect of the Silk Road and its influence of European culture related to an area of personal interest.

# Social Studies at MBA

An illustration of several men in 19th-century attire, including suits and bow ties, standing behind a large, draped American flag. The background features stylized trees and a light green sky. The men are looking towards the right, and the flag is prominently displayed in the foreground.

- Eighth graders create Lewis and Clark journals as they learn about westward expansion. They study the plants, animals, geography and Native American cultures of the Missouri River area.
- At the end of the unit, they go to the Boston Museum, see the Lewis and Clark expedition in 3-D and compare the movie to their journals.

# Social Studies at SHS

- Grade 9 – World History/International Studies
- Grade 10 – American History from the Industrial Revolution to WWII and Civics
- Grade 11 – American History from WWII to the present
- Grade 11 or 12 – Ancient History, Current Affairs, Government and Politics, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Investigation and Trial Techniques, Medieval History, Law, War between the Worlds or AP US History.

# Social Studies at SHS



- Ninth grade students create a travelogue to learn about world geography and do a major project on imperialism.
- Tenth grade students have started their new Civics curriculum this year, which has expanded to a full semester program.

# Social Studies at SHS

- Eleventh graders do a 1930s podcast and interview veterans to gain a better understanding of WWII.
- Students in AP US History travel to Washington D.C. each year to visit the historic landmarks in our nation's capital. This year will be the third time they've had the opportunity to take this trip

# Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 17684

Check Batch: 6353  
 Check Header: (N / A)  
 Check Numbers: (First) - (Last)  
 Check Dates: (Earliest) - (Latest)  
 Cash Account Numbers: (First) - (Last)  
 Bank Account Code: (N/A)  
 Check Authorization Code: AP GB  
 Minimum Check Amount: \$0.00  
 Sorted By:  
 Include Payable Information: No  
 Include Payable Dist Information: No  
 Include Authorization Information: Yes

Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
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Approved by:  Date: 5/16/12  
 William B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services

6353	4459	05/21/2012	V58674	Administrator, Unemployment Compensation	0.00	2,385.00
	4460	05/21/2012	V52670	Amazon	0.00	601.40
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	4462	05/21/2012	V60313	Apperson Education Products	0.00	410.46
	4463	05/21/2012	V00555	AT&T	0.00	39.28
	4464	05/21/2012	V51683	Barnes & Noble, Inc	0.00	243.20
	4465	05/21/2012	E00025	Boutwell, Bill	0.00	27.75
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	4473	05/21/2012	V00182	CT Valley Biological Supply Co.	0.00	60.33
	4474	05/21/2012	V60390	Cummins Power Systems, LLC	0.00	1,560.00
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	4476	05/21/2012	V60089	Dime Oil Company	0.00	21,432.16
	4477	05/21/2012	V02359	Downes & Reader Hardwood	0.00	606.00
	4478	05/21/2012	E00096	Duffy, Margaret	0.00	3.43

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	4481	05/21/2012	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	5,595.87
	4482	05/21/2012	V00314	Follett Library Resources	0.00	1,443.57
	4483	05/21/2012	V02461	Fulco Ph.D., Michael N.	0.00	450.00
	4484	05/21/2012	V01830	Gerry's Music Shop, Inc.	0.00	299.50
	4485	05/21/2012	V60065	Green Grass Inc.	0.00	110.00
	4486	05/21/2012	V53511	Hall, Robert	0.00	658.83
	4487	05/21/2012	V00758	Hammond & Stephens	0.00	84.20
	4488	05/21/2012	V60682	Harebrain Incorporated	0.00	48.96
	4489	05/21/2012	V01790	Heinemann	0.00	390.50
	4490	05/21/2012	V60290	Highsmith	0.00	68.53
	4491	05/21/2012	V21177	Home Depot CRC	0.00	381.47
	4492	05/21/2012	V00999	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	0.00	45.48
	4493	05/21/2012	V02625	K & S Distributors	0.00	156.00
	4494	05/21/2012	V01777	Lakeshore Learning	0.00	246.83
	4495	05/21/2012	V60680	Lamps & Screens Online, LLC	0.00	463.00
	4496	05/21/2012	V52107	Major Electric Supply	0.00	478.48
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	4498	05/21/2012	V60361	Marlin Leasing Corp	0.00	272.89
	4499	05/21/2012	V51993	Midwest Shop Supplies	0.00	81.00
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	4501	05/21/2012	E00234	Morrow, Jim	0.00	61.98
	4502	05/21/2012	V01013	NASCO Fort Atkinson	0.00	470.45
	4503	05/21/2012	V60104	Nixon Company Inc., The	0.00	501.00
	4504	05/21/2012	V60486	Northern Nurseries, Inc.	0.00	327.00
	4505	05/21/2012	V60186	PC Mall Gov	0.00	24.00
	4506	05/21/2012	V60568	Pediatric Services of America Inc	0.00	1,552.50
	4507	05/21/2012	V53914	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	0.00	105.00
	4508	05/21/2012	V52686	Plimpton & Hills	0.00	63.24
	4509	05/21/2012	V52113	Pocket Full of Therapy	0.00	50.40
	4510	05/21/2012	V60687	Precision Installation Company	0.00	500.00
	4511	05/21/2012	V60427	Protech Projection Systems, Inc.	0.00	5,950.00
	4512	05/21/2012	V52074	Really Good Stuff, Inc.	0.00	121.00
	4513	05/21/2012	V51134	Richco Products, Inc.	0.00	220.66
	4514	05/21/2012	V60143	Sartorius Sports Limited	0.00	825.00
	4515	05/21/2012	E00300	Selley, Su	0.00	469.00

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	4518	05/21/2012	V00886	Somers Lunch Program	0.00	10.50
	4519	05/21/2012	V60621	Sundance	0.00	513.04
	4520	05/21/2012	V54314	Teacher Created Resources	0.00	82.94
	4521	05/21/2012	V01307	Teacher's Discovery	0.00	264.85
	4522	05/21/2012	V51174	Therapro, Inc.	0.00	51.39
	4523	05/21/2012	V53615	Thurston Foods, Inc.	0.00	847.58
	4524	05/21/2012	V00306	University of Connecticut, The	0.00	375.00
	4525	05/21/2012	E00342	Walker, Alan	0.00	115.23
	4526	05/21/2012	V51162	Wilson Language Training Corp.	0.00	226.40
<b>Totals:</b>					0.00	\$58,612.20

68 Checks Listed.

# Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 17679  
Batch: 6337  
Transaction: N/A  
Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch # 6337	Control Total \$58,612.20	Status Posted	Created By lbergamini	Created On 05/15/2012	Last Updated By lbergamini	Last Updated On 05/16/2012
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General Ledger Distribution Summary						
Period, Fiscal Year	Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits
<b>May, 2012</b>						
<b>Generated Distributions</b>						
	10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			54,388.30	0.00
	10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-00000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	54,388.30
		Total Generated Distributions			<b>\$54,388.30</b>	<b>\$54,388.30</b>
<b>User-Entered Distributions</b>						
	10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	58,612.20
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	10-100-2-3-12-242-611-01-5-00182	MA - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			201.74	0.00
	10-100-2-3-16-242-611-01-5-00184	MA - LANGUAGE ARTS SUPPLIES			243.20	0.00
	10-100-2-3-18-242-611-01-5-00189	MA - MATH SUPPLIES		Yes	129.33	0.00
	10-100-2-3-20-242-611-01-5-00172	MA - MUSIC SUPPLIES			299.50	0.00
	10-100-2-3-28-242-611-01-5-00204	MA - SCIENCE SUPPLIES			60.33	0.00
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	10-100-2-4-04-242-611-01-5-00176	HS - BUSINESS ED SUPPLIES			512.50	0.00
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	10-100-2-4-14-241-611-01-5-00159	HS - GENERAL SUPPLIES		Yes	272.26	0.00
	10-100-2-4-18-242-611-01-5-00191	HS - MATH SUPPLIES			651.74	0.00
	10-100-2-4-26-242-611-01-5-00186	HS - READING SUPPLIES			404.85	0.00
	10-100-2-4-26-242-611-01-5-01070	HS - ENGLISH SUPPLIES			659.49	0.00
	10-100-2-4-28-242-611-01-5-00206	HS - SCIENCE SUPPLIES			475.20	0.00
	10-100-2-4-30-242-611-01-5-01644	HS - SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES			637.60	0.00
	10-100-2-4-30-243-611-01-5-00887	HS - SOCIAL STUDIES WORKBOOKS			130.22	0.00
	10-100-2-4-38-242-611-01-5-00181	HS - QUANTITY FOODS SUPPLIES		Yes	847.58	0.00

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10-100-2-4-40-220-641-01-5-01068		HS - REPLACEMENT TEXTS			1,523.83	0.00
10-100-2-4-46-242-611-01-5-00229		HS - SCHOOL TO CAREER SUPPLIES			3.43	0.00
10-100-2-4-99-242-611-01-5-00180		HS - SAT PREP			549.50	0.00
10-100-2-5-44-242-611-03-5-00222		SW - A.V. SUPPLIES			301.46	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-242-611-01-5-00212		SP ED - K-5 SUPPLIES			30.93	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-242-611-01-5-00214		MA - RESOURCE ROOM SUPPLIES			48.96	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-242-611-01-5-01332		OCC. THERAPY SUPPLIES		Yes	51.39	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-242-611-01-5-01333		PHYSICAL THERAPY SUPPLIES			50.40	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-242-611-01-5-01334		SP ED INTER. SUPPLIES			56.88	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01117		SP ED-INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS		Yes	450.00	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01674		SP ED - CONTRACTED SERVICES			1,552.50	0.00
10-212-2-5-46-243-611-02-5-00252		SW - TESTING			109.00	0.00
10-215-9-9-94-242-611-01-5-00747		PRESCHOOL-SPEECH/HEARING SUPPL		Yes	38.19	0.00
10-219-1-5-50-134-690-05-5-00875		SW - PROF DEVELOPMENT SUPPLIES			601.40	0.00
10-221-1-2-52-231-690-05-5-00280		K-5 - PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY			39.95	0.00
10-221-1-3-52-231-690-05-5-00282		MA - PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY			25.00	0.00
10-221-1-4-50-251-580-05-5-00267		HS - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE		Yes	293.94	0.00
10-221-2-5-50-214-111-05-5-00659		SW - PROF DEVELOPMENT/CEU		Yes	85.00	0.00
10-222-2-2-52-231-642-03-5-00136		K-5 - LIBRARY BOOKS			441.00	0.00
10-222-2-2-52-231-642-03-5-00140		K-5 - NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES			45.94	0.00
10-222-2-2-52-233-611-03-5-00144		K-5 - A.V. MATERIALS		Yes	125.97	0.00
10-222-2-3-52-231-590-03-5-00134		MA - REBINDING			13.26	0.00
10-222-2-3-52-231-642-03-5-00138		MA - LIBRARY BOOKS			250.89	0.00
10-222-2-3-52-231-690-03-5-00153		MA - OTHER LIBRARY SUPPLIES			14.69	0.00
10-222-2-4-52-231-642-03-5-00139		HS - LIBRARY BOOKS		Yes	486.87	0.00
10-222-2-4-52-231-690-03-5-00154		HS - OTHER LIBRARY SUPPLIES			68.53	0.00
10-222-2-4-52-233-611-03-5-00147		HS - A.V. MATERIALS		Yes	41.15	0.00
10-222-2-5-14-233-611-03-5-00150		SW - COMPUTER SOFTWARE			61.98	0.00
10-231-1-5-74-134-330-10-5-00045		B.O.E. - OTHER PROF. SERVICES		Yes	28.00	0.00
10-231-1-5-74-134-590-10-5-00648		B.O.E. - COMMUNITY RELATIONS			37.00	0.00
10-231-1-5-74-134-690-10-5-00047		B.O.E. - SUPPLIES			10.50	0.00
10-232-1-5-72-134-690-04-5-00031		CO - PETTY CASH			200.00	0.00
10-232-1-5-72-251-580-05-5-00271		CO - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			402.75	0.00
10-232-6-5-66-830-440-04-5-00526		CO - POSTAGE METER			105.00	0.00
10-232-8-5-66-910-730-04-5-00614		CO - CAPITAL OUTLAY EQUIPMENT			269.00	0.00
10-240-6-2-66-830-440-04-5-00524		K-5 - COPIER SUPPLIES			103.37	0.00
10-259-1-3-40-123-590-04-5-00017		MA - FORMS & PRINTING			278.32	0.00
10-259-1-4-40-123-590-04-5-00018		HS - FORMS & PRINTING			534.46	0.00

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		10-260-2-5-66-730-730-01-5-00472	SW - A.V. EQUIP REPLACEMENT		463.00	0.00
		10-260-5-2-62-722-430-08-5-01141	K-5 BUILDING REPAIRS	Yes	312.00	0.00
		10-260-5-2-64-642-530-04-5-00363	K-5 - TELEPHONE	Yes	39.28	0.00
		10-260-5-4-12-722-430-01-5-00395	HS - TECHNOLOGY ED MAINTENANCE	Yes	416.53	0.00
		10-260-5-4-38-722-430-01-5-00393	HS - QUANTITY FOODS MAINT.		236.09	0.00
		10-260-5-6-44-722-430-03-5-00404	SW - A.V. MAINTENANCE		658.83	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-650-613-05-5-00377	SW - CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES		147.20	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00430	MA - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	Yes	57.39	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00439	HS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	Yes	932.00	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00440	SW - EQUIPMENT REPAIR		156.00	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00442	SW - GROUNDS KEEP	Yes	437.00	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00445	SW - TOOL SUPPLY	Yes	73.46	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00467	SW - GENERAL PAINT	Yes	1,692.00	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00885	SW - ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES	Yes	478.48	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00886	SW - PLUMBING SUPPLIES		63.24	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-630-620-05-5-00354	K-5 - FUEL #2	Yes	16,294.85	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-630-620-05-5-00356	HS - FUEL #2		5,137.31	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00360	MA - ELECTRICITY		272.89	0.00
		10-260-6-5-62-722-430-04-5-00452	SW - MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS		1,560.00	0.00
		10-270-4-5-84-521-510-12-5-00328	ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION	Yes	637.42	0.00
		10-270-9-9-84-522-112-12-5-00333	SP ED - TRANSPORTATION AIDE		1,546.20	0.00
		10-279-4-4-42-530-580-06-5-00337	HS - ATHLETIC TRIPS		3,012.25	0.00
		10-279-4-4-84-530-580-07-5-00845	HS - FIELD TRIPS		400.00	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00517	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE		2,385.00	0.00
		10-320-2-3-54-880-690-07-5-00849	MA - ACADEMIC AWARDS	Yes	84.20	0.00
		10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00595	HS - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES		1,325.00	0.00
		10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00601	HS - ATHLETIC AWARDS		501.00	0.00
		10-611-9-9-88-955-560-14-5-00813	SP ED - CREC HEARING PROGRAM	Yes	1,194.00	0.00
Total User-Entered Distributions					<b>\$58,612.20</b>	<b>\$58,612.20</b>
Total for May, 2012					<b>\$113,000.50</b>	<b>\$113,000.50</b>
<b>Grand Total for Batch # 6337</b>					<b>\$113,000.50</b>	<b>\$113,000.50</b>

190 Transactions Listed.

## **Students**

### **Pediculosis**

The Board of Education (Board) is committed to maximizing students' academic performance and physical well-being in a healthy and safe environment. The Board recognizes that head lice infestations do not pose a health hazard, are not a sign of uncleanliness, and are not responsible for the spread of any disease. However, archaic policies cause many unnecessary absences from school with potential negative effects on academic performance. Misinformation about head lice causes anxiety for parents/guardians and school staff. The goals of providing a healthy and safe environment for students with head lice are to (1) maximize academic performance; and (2) minimize absences due to unnecessary exclusion from school of students with head lice.

### **Screening**

Based on recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Board recognizes that school-wide screening for nits alone is not an accurate way of predicting which children will become infested with head lice, and screening for live lice has not been proven to have a significant decrease on the incidence of head lice in a school community.

The school nurse will periodically provide information to families of all children on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of head lice. Parents are encouraged to check their children's heads for lice if the child is symptomatic. The school nurse may check a student's head if the student is demonstrating symptoms.

### **Management on the Day of Diagnosis**

The Board recognizes that head lice infestation poses little risk to others and does not result in additional health problems. The management of pediculosis should proceed so as to not disrupt the education process. Nonetheless, any staff member who suspects a student has head lice will report this to the school nurse or Principal. Students known to have head lice will remain in the class provided the student is comfortable. If a student is not comfortable, he/she may report to the school nurse or the Principal's office. Such students will be discouraged from close direct head contact with others and from sharing personal items with other students. District employees will act to ensure that student confidentiality is maintained in order to avoid embarrassment.

The Principal or school nurse will notify the parent/guardian by telephone or other available means if their child is found to have head lice. Verbal and written instructions for treatment will be given to the family of each identified student. Based upon the school nurse's recommendation, other children who were most likely to have had direct head-to-head contact with the assessed child may be screened for head lice.

**Students**

**Pediculosis**

**Criteria for Return to School**

Students will be allowed to return to school after proper treatment as recommended by the school nurse. The Board recognizes that The American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses discourage “no nit” policies. Therefore, no student will be excluded from attendance solely based on grounds that nits may be present. The school nurse may recheck a child’s head. In addition, the school nurse is encouraged to offer extra help or information to families of children who are repeatedly or chronically infested.

Legal Reference: American Academy of Pediatrics, Clinical Report on Head Lice Infestation, September 2002, Revised February 2007.

Adopted:

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING – May 21, 2012**

**Members Present:** D.Palmer, J.Formeister, R.Lees, B.Pellissier, A.Kirkpatrick, M.Maniscalco, B.Devlin, M.Cicciarella (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)

**Members Absent:** S.Bollinger

**Administrators Present:** M.Suffredini, K.Pezza, B.Boutwell

**Staff Present:**

**Citizens Present:** M.Frigo, B.Case, D.Messina

**Students Present:**

**Others:**

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Palmer in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

#### **2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

May 7, 2012 – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to approve the May 7, 2012 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 7-0

#### **4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**

##### **4.1 Director of Pupil Services Introduction – Dr. Denise Messina**

Dr. Suffredini introduced the Board to the new Director of Pupil Services, Dr. Denise Messina. Dr. Messina has twelve years of administrative experience, nine of those years being central office as Director of Pupil Services/Student Services. She has NY, RI, MA, and CT certifications. She has also dually served as Acting Superintendent and Director of Student Services for a six-month period for the Monson Public Schools system. Dr. Messina commented that Somers is an impressive community, and she is delighted to be appointed to the position and very eager to start.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Dr. Denise Messina as the new Director of Pupil Services effective 7/2/2012 as presented. PASSED 8-0

##### **4.2 Social Studies and Physical Education/Health Curriculum Presentations**

Ms. Kathleen Pezza, Director of Curriculum, presented to the Board regarding the Social Studies and Physical Education/Health curricula at Somers Public Schools.

At Somers Elementary, each grade learns a different aspect of the social studies curriculum. Kindergarten and Grade 1 learns about the student, their environment, and families. Grade 2 focuses on the Somers Community, Grade 3 focuses on communities around the world, Grade 4 focuses on Connecticut History, and Grade 5 focuses on Early American History. At Mabelle B. Avery Middle School, Grade 6 focuses on Ancient Civilizations, Grade 7 focuses on Contemporary Cultures and World Religion, and Grade 8 studies American History from the Constitution to the Industrial Revolution. At Somers High School, Grade 9

studies World History/International Studies. Grade 10 studies American History from Industrial Revolution to World War II and Civics (one semester). Grade 11 focuses on American History from World War II to the present. Grade 11 and/or 12 offers many electives such as: Ancient History, Current Affairs, Government and Politics, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Investigation and Trial Techniques, Medieval History, Law, War between the Worlds, and AP U.S. History.

It is noted that AP U.S. History is the largest Advanced Placement class with an average of 30-35 students per year. Students in AP U.S. History travel to Washington D.C. each year to visit historic landmark's in our nation's capital. It was also noted that the state has not approved social studies framework yet.

Ms. Pezza then presented the Physical Education and Health curricula to the Board. At SES, students take PE twice every six days for 30 minutes each. Students also have 30 minutes of playground time daily. State-mandated health topics are introduced in grades 2 and 5 covering: nutrition, AIDS education, and human growth and development. This year, students competed to make safety posters about wearing helmets when bike riding or using a scooter. During February, PE teachers take students through a giant heart maze so that students have the opportunity to learn about the heart firsthand and focus on the relationship between exercise and heart health.

At MBA, students take PE twice every six-day cycle. The Health curriculum is integrated into a class called Life Skills, which also addresses computer skills and information literacy. PE teachers at MBA have been working on interdisciplinary units with Language Arts this year developing reading and writing activities and assessments aligned with Language Art studies. At SHS, students in ninth and tenth grades are required to take a half credit PE class each year. Health is included in 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade PE classes as well. In grades 11 and 12, students can elect to take a half credit PE class. Health is offered as a quarter credit elective at the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade levels. One interesting addition to the PE/Health curriculum is the incorporation of individual and team sports classes, giving students the option to select a PE class that better suits their interests and needs.

## **5.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

## **6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **7.1 Approval of Bills 05/21/12 (\$58, 612.20)**

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to approve the 05/21/12 Bills in the amount of \$58,612.20 as presented. PASSED 8-0

## **8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Appointment to Pension Advisory Committee**

Two members of the Somers community, Mr. Michael Frigo and Mr. Brian Case, have volunteered their services to serve on the Somers Public Schools Pension Advisory Committee. These appointments were recommended from the Salary and Negotiations subcommittee and met with Chairman Palmer on 5/15/12. Mr. Frigo has been a CPA since 2001 and works in accounting and finance, with additional experience in small business pensions. Mr. Case lives in Somers and works as a certified financial planner, with experience in investments and outsourcing.

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to appoint Mr. Michael Frigo and Mr. Brian Case to the Board of Education Pension Advisory Committee for the term of one fiscal year effective July 1, 2012 as presented. PASSED 8-0

- 8.2** Appointment to Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Steering Committee  
The Planning Commission is currently reviewing the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development and the Board of Selectmen would like to appoint a steering committee to assist the Planning Commission. The selectmen are requesting that a member from the Board of Education be appointed to this steering committee. Chairman Palmer volunteered to serve as a member of the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Steering Committee to assist the Planning Commission. Chairman Palmer will send Selectman Pellegrini a formal letter nominating himself for this position.

It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (M.Cicciarella) to appoint Board of Education Chairman Dave Palmer to the Plan of Conversation and Development (POCD) Steering Committee as presented. PASSED 8-0

- 8.3** First Warning of DBS Code: 5141.221 – Pediculosis (Head Lice)  
The Policy Committee has reviewed this policy, which has been recommended by C.A.B.E. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 6/11/2012 Board of Education agenda.

## **9.0 OLD BUSINESS**

### **10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Dr. Suffredini updated the Board on his meeting with Bill Boutwell, Director of Business Services, Jeff Bord, Town Engineer, Jim MacFeat, Director of Facilities, and Todd Roland, Deputy Director of DPW, regarding the athletic fields in Somers and the future restructuring of fields behind Somers Elementary School and Somers High School. They are looking to clear the wooded area behind SHS for additional fields. This is in the discussion phases.

The dedication for the Solar Panel Project will occur at Somers Elementary School on Friday June 1, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

### **11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.**

- 11.1** Budget – Referendum will take place at Town Hall on Tuesday, May 22, 2012.
- 11.2** Curriculum – The curriculum committee met prior to tonight's BOE meeting.
- 11.3** Policy – The next Policy Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- 11.4** Salary & Negotiations – See Section 8.1
- 11.5** Planning Committee – No Update
- 11.6** Other Committees  
Technology Ad Hoc Committee – No Update

**12.0 OTHER**

The retirement party for Somers Elementary staff: Dr. Maureen Winseck (School Psychologist), Claire Loughlin (Kindergarten Teacher), and Deb Shaw (Special Education Preschool Teacher) will take place Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Storowton Village in West Springfield, MA starting at 6:00 p.m.

**13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Superintendent of Schools Evaluation**

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to go into Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 9:21 p.m. PASSED 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary  
Leah Cook, Recording Secretary

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.