

DRAFT BOARD MINUTES

Monday, September 23, 2013 6:00 PM

Central Office BOE Meeting Room, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes 9/23/13

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 Vision Boulevard

Somers, CT 06071

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – September 23, 2013

Members Present:	D. Palmer, B. Devlin, R. Schmidt, S. Bollinger, A. Kirkpatrick, B. Capuano and R. Lees
Members Absent:	M. Ciccarella, J. Formeister
Administrators Present:	M. Suffredini, K. Pezza, B. Boutwell, D. Messina
Staff Present:	B. Hull, M. Szafir, M. Porter
Citizens Present:	D. Stone, D. Stone
Students Present:	B. Sievering, Z. Bley, J. Reed
Others:	M. McKeon (BOE Attorney)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Palmer in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

1.1 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:01 p.m. (by B. Devlin) I hereby move that the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a pending federal civil rights lawsuit, and I further move that the Board invite into Executive Session the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maynard Suffredini, Jr., and the Board's legal counsel, Attorney Michael McKeon, SECONDED (R. Lees). PASSED 7-0

Attendees Include: D. Palmer, B. Devlin, R. Lees, S. Bollinger, A. Kirkpatrick, R. Schmidt, B. Capuano, M. Suffredini and M. McKeon.

The Board came out of Executive session at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED (B. Devlin) SECONDED (R. Schmidt) to approve the September 9, 2013 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 7-0

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Bills

It was MOVED (B. Devlin) SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to approve the bills as presented. PASSED 7-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Final Budget Approval

It was MOVED (B. Capuano) SECONDED (B. Devlin) to approve the 2013-2014 budget as presented. PASSED 7-0

8.2 MBA Field Trip Request to Washington, D.C. (WISH Program)

After a brief presentation by teachers Ms. Porter, Mr. Szafir and Mr. Hull, it was MOVED (B. Devlin) and SECONDED (R. Schmidt) to approve the trip to Washington, D.C. as presented.

8.3 First Warning of DBS Code 6146.2 Statewide Proficiency/Mastery Examinations

1st warning, no action taken.

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 SES Solar PV System Savings

Dr. Suffredini gave an update on the savings in electrical cost due to the installation of the solar panels at SES. The savings equal approximately \$8,000.

10.2 Capital Projects Update

Mr. Boutwell, Director of Business Services, gave an update on Capital Projects that have been approved by the BOF and are now waiting for the vote by the town.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

11.1 Budget – The Board will be getting the budget process timeline next month. It should be the same as last year.

11.2 Curriculum – No update

11.3 Policy – No update

11.4 Salary & Negotiations – There will be a non-meeting this evening

11.5 Planning Committee – No update

11.6 Other Committees

Long Range Planning Committee – Mr. Boutwell will meet with the subcommittee to review the LRP documents. The list will then be brought back to the BOE for review and then brought to the BOF.

12.0 OTHER

12.1 B. Capuano expressed thanks for the three student handbooks that were included in her Board packet. She raised a question as to why the dress code was slightly different at all three schools. There was discussion about the challenges to having them be the same across all age groups. S. Bollinger commented that the policy should be looked at. The Superintendent will look into this and bring back his findings. The law will also need to be looked at in reference to the dress policy.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (B. Devlin) SECONDED (R. Lees) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:38 p.m. PASSED 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary

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