

DRAFT BOE Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2014 7:00 PM

Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board Room, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. DRAFT BOE Meeting Minutes 2-14-14

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 Vision Boulevard

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – February 24, 2014

Members Present: D. Palmer, B. Devlin, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger, J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt, K. McLellan, M. Rockett

Members Absent:

Administrators Present: Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, K. Pezza, D. Messina, G. Cotzin, D. Carroll

Staff Present: C. Gustafson

Citizens Present: R. Schmidt, J. Beaulieu, B. Case

Students Present: M. Bonneau, H. Collins, Z. Bley, K. Guerette, A. Sloan, E. Eastwood, S. Squillace, A. Levesque, C. Marsters, A. Stevenson

Others: R. Caso (Mass Mutual), T. Suffish (St. Germain Investment Management)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 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

February 10, 2014 – It was **MOVED** (S. Bollinger), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to approve the February 10, 2014 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received and shared among the Board of Education members.

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 2/24/14 bills in the amount of \$153,872.59 as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1. First Warning of DBS Code 3432 – Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement

The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CAFE for this policy and is presenting as is for the first warning to the Board.

8.2. First Warning of DBS Code 1331 – Smoke-Free Environment

The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CAFE for this policy. A. Kirkpatrick noted that there are two policies mistakenly noted on page two which will be amended and the revised policy redistributed. Any further questions should be directed to the Policy Committee.

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

9.1. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 5118 – Nonresident Attendance

It was MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to approve DBS Code 5118 as presented. PASSED 9-0.

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1. Discussion on Pension Plan

It was MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to approve J. Beaulieu and B. Case to a twelve-month term on the Pension Committee. PASSED 9-0. R. Caso and T. Suffish distributed a packet explaining transactions that occurred in 2013. It was noted that the pension plan had US stocks and US bonds but no other diversification. The committee stated that 2013 was a “moving year” for the pension plan. Performance may now be broken down into three accounts: the bond account, the equity account, and the new mutual account.

10.2. District Grants Update

B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services, reported on the district grants update and distributed a packet including two reports on Current Grants and Grant History. Most of the grants are ongoing grants.

10.3. Annual Scheduling – Class Size Update

Mr. Cotzin explained the scheduling process and the information on the course tally for the 2014-2015 school year. The course tally reveals which classes students are signing up for; however, the tally is short approximately 140 students due to the inclement weather and school cancellations. The schedule for next year will continue to run an 8-period schedule versus a 7-period schedule.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

11.1. Budget – Chairman Palmer reported that he, J. Formeister, and B. Boutwell went to the CIP meeting last Thursday. There is nothing significant to report. It is evident that none of the projects are going to be ready to start until a year from this summer. The Long-Range Planning Committee met on 2/24/14 and will have a second meeting in March.

11.2. Curriculum –

11.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick stated the Policy Committee met on 2/24/14. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7 p.m.

11.4. Salary & Negotiations –

11.5. Planning – Chairman Palmer stated the Planning Committee met on 2/24/14. The next meeting will be in March.

11.6. Other Committees

12.0 OTHER

- **A. Kirkpatrick reported that she attended the Legislative Breakfast and only one-third of the legislators were present. They relayed information on the Common Core and Evaluation System.**
- **There will be a SEF Benefit on 2/28/14 at Joanna's Café. Natalie Devlin and Bruce Devlin will perform at the benefit.**

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (R. Lees), SECONDED (B. Devlin) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:13 p.m. PASSED 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary
Shannin Burns, Recording Secretary**

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