

DRAFT BOE Meeting Minutes 5-27-14

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 7:00 PM

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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – May 27, 2014

Members Present: D. Palmer, B. Devlin, R. Lees, Jr., J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt, M. Rockett
Members Absent: K. McLellan, S. Moynihan Bollinger
Administrators Present: Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, Dr. D. Messina
Staff Present:
Citizens Present:
Students Present:
Others: D. Fraro (Rockville Vo-Ag Representative),
C. Albaugh (Somers 2014 Vo-Ag graduate)

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

May 12, 2014 – It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (R. Lees) to approve the May 12, 2014 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 7-0.**

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

4.1. Somers Vo-Ag Graduate Connor Albaugh and Somers Advisory Board Representative/Rockville Vo-Ag Daniel Fraro
Connor Albaugh, Somers 2014 Vo-Ag graduate, extended his appreciation and updated the BOE regarding his educational experience in the Rockville Vo-Ag program including his studies in landscaping, poultry, livestock, welding, etc. He plans on attending farrier school in West Virginia in the fall. Daniel Fraro, Somers Advisory Board representative for Rockville Vo-Ag, presented Connor with an agricultural education certificate of recognition.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Palmer received CAFE brochures and shared them with the Board.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (B. Devlin) to add agenda item 9.1: Second Warning/Adoption of New Textbook – Mathematics Textbook. **PASSED 7-0.**

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1. Approval of Bills

It was **MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to approve the 5/27/14 bills in the amount of \$89,941.99 as presented. **PASSED 7-0.**

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Nurses' Contract

It was **MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (J. Formeister)** to ratify the nurses' settlement as presented. B. Devlin reported that the nurses voted to ratify a new three-year contract that will incorporate the HSA model and a wage increase of 2.5% over a three-year period. **PASSED 7-0.**

8.2. First Warning of DBS Code: 4152.6 – Personal Leaves

The Policy Committee reviewed recommendations by CABE for policy revisions and presented the revised policy for first warning to the Board.

8.3. First Warning of DBS Code 5134 – Married/Pregnant Students

The Policy Committee reviewed recommendations by CABE for policy revisions and presented the revised policy for first warning to the Board.

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

9.1. Second Warning/Adoption of New Textbook – Mathematics Textbook

It was **MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (A. Kirkpatrick)** to approve the new mathematics textbook. **PASSED 6-1, OPPOSED 1 (J. Formeister).**

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Dr. Suffredini reported that it has been a productive year negotiating with three unions that will result in a systemized health insurance plan.
- Dr. Suffredini reported that road work on Vision Boulevard/Ninth District and Route 190 has not gone according to last year's plan resulting in heavy traffic. Originally, road work was to begin following the completion of the school year last year; however, the wrong concrete units for ground drainage were ordered and had to be reordered, pushing back the start date. Dr. Suffredini stated that the gate behind SHS will not be open.
- Dr. Suffredini reported that Somers Academy is closing. He has made several attempts to contact the school but has been unsuccessful in reaching anyone. Eleven potential students could come back to the district. It is not known at this time if the grounds behind the Somers Academy may be used for recreational purposes by the town once the school is closed.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

11.1. Budget – B. Boutwell reported a low turnout for the referendum vote. The referendum passed 5:1.

11.2. Curriculum – No report.

11.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that there will not be a meeting until the committee receives the 6/15 packet.

11.4. Salary & Negotiations – No report.

11.5. Planning Committee – No report.

11.6. Other Committees – No report.

12.0 OTHER

- **Chairman Palmer reported that he has not heard anything from Mr. Murdoch.**
- **M. Marquardt questioned if graduation attendee forms had been sent out, and Dr. Suffredini stated that they would be distributed soon.**

13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Superintendent’s Evaluation

It was MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (M. Marquardt) to move into Executive Session for the Superintendent’s evaluation and invite Dr. Suffredini, Superintendent of Schools, into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. PASSED 7-0.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:44 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (R. Lees) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:45 p.m. PASSED 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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