

DRAFT BOE Meeting Minutes 8-25-14
Monday, August 25, 2014 7:00 PM
MBA BOE Meeting Room, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – August 25, 2014

Members Present: B. Devlin, S. Moynihan Bollinger (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt, K. McLellan, M. Rockett (arrived at 7:21 p.m.)
Members Absent: David Palmer, R. Lees, Jr.
Administrators Present: Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, Dr. D. Messina
Staff Present: Clay Krevolin, Rob Wilson
Citizens Present:
Students Present:
Others:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice Chairman Devlin in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 7, 2014 – It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (J. Formeister) to approve the July 7, 2014 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 5-0.**

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Suffredini distributed a CUBE brochure to the members of the Board.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1. Approval of Bills

- It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (J. Formeister) to approve the 7/21/14 bills in the amount of \$157,318.89 as presented. **PASSED 5-0.**
- It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (J. Formeister) to approve the 7/23/14 bills in the amount of \$140,884.51 as presented. **PASSED 5-0.**
- It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (J. Formeister) to approve the 7/25/14 bills in the amount of \$507,350.34 as presented. **PASSED 5-0.**

7.2. Donation from Somers Community Health and Wellness Association

It was MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (J. Formeister) to accept a donation of \$37.66 to the Somers Public Schools for student health support

from the Board of Directors of the Somers Community Health and Wellness Association. PASSED 5-0.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1. 2013-2014 Budget Transfers

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (J. Formeister) to approve the 2013-14 Operating Budget Transfers as presented by B. Boutwell. The document provided lists by category in the budget. B. Boutwell reported that there was nothing unusual in the transfers. PASSED 6-0.

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (J. Formeister) to consolidate the following resignations to one vote. PASSED 6-0.

8.2. Letter of Resignation – Denice Soucy

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (J. Formeister) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Denice Soucy, MBA Paraprofessional. PASSED 6-0.

8.3. Letter of Resignation – Eunice Johnson

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (J. Formeister) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Eunice Johnson, Reading Intervention Teacher at Somers Elementary School. PASSED 6-0.

8.4. Letter of Resignation – Renee Sherriffs

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (J. Formeister) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Renee Sherriffs, Special Education Paraprofessional at MBA. PASSED 6-0.

8.5. Letter of Resignation – Shannon Brown

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (J. Formeister) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Shannon Brown, Language Arts Tutor at MBA. PASSED 6-0.

8.6. Letter of Resignation – Alyssia Grakowsky

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (J. Formeister) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Alyssia Grakowsky, Spanish Teacher at Mabelle B. Avery Middle School. PASSED 6-0.

8.7. Letter of Resignation – Marc Formeister

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (J. Formeister) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Marc Formeister, Reading Tutor at MBA. PASSED 6-0.

8.8. Letter of Resignation – Jennifer Ohlund

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (J. Formeister) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jennifer Ohlund, English Teacher at Somers High School. PASSED 6-0.

- 8.9. Letter of Resignation – Alicia Santavenere**
It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt). **SECONDED** (J. Formeister) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Alicia Santavenere, Choral/General Music Teacher at Somers Elementary School. **PASSED 6-0.**
- 8.10. First Warning of DBS Code 5141.7 – Student Sports – Concussion**
The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CAFE for this policy and is presenting as is for the first warning to the Board.
- 8.11. Introduction of New Middle School Principal**
Dr. Suffredini introduced the Board to the new Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Principal, Mr. Clay Krevolin.
- 8.12. BOE Agenda Reporting Schedule**
Dr. Suffredini reported on the proposed reporting schedule as recommended by the council. The Board of Education will vote on the reporting schedule at the next meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014.

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 10.1. Opening of School**
Dr. Suffredini reported the following:
- Schools will open on Thursday, August 28, 2014.
 - Staff Convocation was held on Monday, August 25, 2014. Mrs. Susan Thorne was recognized as Paraprofessional of the Year and Mrs. Lisa Reilly was recognized as Teacher of the Year.
 - The road construction continues to be the main issue with the upcoming school opening. Ninth District Road will open one lane during the school day beginning on Thursday, 8/28, and then close at 4 p.m. while construction continues through the nights and weekends. The bus routes and the update on construction are listed on the school website.
- 10.2. Update on New Tech Infrastructure**
Dr. Suffredini reported on the school system's new infrastructure and acknowledged Rob Wilson's hard work and dedication in implementing the upgraded infrastructure. Rob Wilson also reported on the new upgrades and stated that the school is in much better shape for the upcoming school year.
- 10.3. Update on Phase III iPad Program**
Dr. Suffredini reported that the third phase of the iPads has worked out seamlessly and that all students and staff will have access to iPads.
- 10.4. Summer P.D. w/ Apple**
Rob Wilson reported that a professional development day occurred this summer for the staff with Apple representatives on sight. MBA has an evening scheduled for parents in October regarding iPad instruction.

10.5. Activity Account Report

Bill Boutwell, Director of Business Services, distributed a packet providing the Board with an activity accounts report. He reported that there are 110-120 activity funds spread across the buildings. It is all centralized in that everything runs through the business office.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

11.1. Budget – No report.

11.2. Curriculum – No report.

11.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the 8/25/14 meeting was postponed. The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 6 p.m.

11.4. Salary & Negotiations – B. Devlin reported that there is no report but that the Administrators' negotiation is coming up.

11.5. Planning – No report.

11.6. Other Committees

12.0 OTHER

Dr. Suffredini reported that there was a memorial service for Lou Bachetti in front of the school with a reception that followed.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (J. Formeister) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 7:58 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.

