

**DRAFT Board Minutes 2-22-2016**  
**Monday, February 22, 2016 6:45 PM**  
DRAFT BOE Minutes 2-22-16, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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**SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING – FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

**Members Present:** B. Devlin, D. Palmer, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger, J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt (left at 7:50 p.m.), K. McLellan, B. Capuano

**Members Absent:**

**Administrators Present:** Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, Dr. I. Zytka, R. Wilson

**Staff Present:**

**Citizens Present:**

**Students Present:**

**Others:** W. Healey (J.I.), B. Case (Pension Committee), M. Matty (Investment Manager), R. Caso (Investment Manager)

- 1.0 BOE Yearbook Pictures** were taken at 6:45 p.m. before the start of the BOE meeting.
- 2.0 CALL TO ORDER**  
The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Devlin in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.
- 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
January 11, 2016 – It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to approve the January 11, 2016 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**
- 5.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**
- Motion to move agenda item 9.1 to before agenda item 6.
- It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to suspend the agenda and move agenda item 9.1 – District Pension Plan to before agenda item 6. **PASSED 9-0.**
- 9.1. District Pension Plan**  
Mr. R. Caso, Mr. M. Matty, and Mr. B. Case updated the Board on the District’s Pension Plan and the performance of the funds. A packet was distributed to Board members.
- 6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**
- 7.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS**
- . It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to add agenda item 9.4 – First Warning of New Textbook, “Discovering World Geography” for grades 6 and 7. **PASSED 9-0.**

- . It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to add agenda item 9.5 – First Warning of New World Language Textbook, “Biendit!” for MBA and SHS. **PASSED 9-0.**
- . It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to add agenda item 9.6 – First Warning of New World Language Textbook for Spanish, “Avancemos!” for MBA and SHS. **PASSED 9-0.**

## **8.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **8.1. Approval of Bills**

- . It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to approve the 1/25/16 bills in the amount of \$90,291.84 as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**
- . It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to approve the 2/8/16 bills in the amount of \$335,048.17 as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**
- . It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to approve the 2/22/16 bills in the amount of \$162,677.39 as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**

### **8.2. Somers High School Partial Roof Replacement, OSF State Project No. 129-0037 (Fifth Payment)**

It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (R. Lees) to approve the fifth payment application for the Somers High School Partial Roof Replacement Project in the amount of \$13,392.15 as submitted by Silktown Roofing, Inc. The application has been reviewed and certified for payment by our project architect, Silver/Petrucelli & Associates, Inc. **PASSED 9-0.**

### **8.3. Somers High School Partial Roof Replacement, OSF State Project No. 129-0037 (Sixth Payment)**

It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (R. Lees) to approve the sixth payment application for the Somers High School Partial Roof Replacement Project in the amount of \$50,472.10. The application has been reviewed and certified for payment by our project architect, Silver/Petrucelli & Associates, Inc. **PASSED 9-0.**

### **8.4. Resignation Letter – Dr. Richard Wilson**

It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to accept with regret and appreciation the resignation of Dr. Richard Wilson, Science Teacher at Somers High School, effective February 3, 2016. **PASSED 9-0.**

## **9.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.2. Approval of Job Sharing Agreements**

- It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve the SES job-sharing agreement between N. Dzicek and M. Shannon for the 2016-2017 school year. **PASSED 9-0.**
- It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve the SES job-sharing agreement between R. Leiphart and P. Clark for the 2016-2017 school year. **PASSED 9-0.**

### **9.3. 2016-2017 School Calendar**

It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented by Dr. Suffredini. **PASSED 9-0.**

- 9.4. **First Warning of New Textbook, “Discovering World Geography,” for grades 6 and 7. The textbook, “Discovering World Geography,” was discussed by the Curriculum Committee and is being presented for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 3/14/16 agenda.**
- 9.5. **First Warning of New World Language Textbook, “Biendit!” for MBA and SHS. The textbook, “Biendit!” was discussed by the Curriculum Committee and is being presented for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 3/14/16 agenda.**
- 9.6. **First Warning of New World Language Textbook, “Avancemos!” for MBA and SHS. The textbook, “Avancemos!” was discussed by the Curriculum Committee and is being presented for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 3/14/16 agenda.**

#### **10.0 OLD BUSINESS**

- 10.1. **Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 5141.4: Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault**  
It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to approve DBS Code 5141.4: Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**
- 10.2. **Long-Range Plan**  
It was **MOVED (D. Palmer), SECONDED (R. Lees)** to approve the Long-Range Plan as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**

#### **11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 11.1. **Proposed 2016-2017 Budget**  
It was **MOVED (D. Palmer), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to approve the 2016-2017 budget as presented for \$22,074,859.00. **PASSED 8-0.**
- 11.2. **District Grants Update**  
Mr. B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services, provided the Board with an updated report regarding district grants. The grants are divided into three categories: Two-Year Grants, One-Year Grants, and Town of Somers Education Grants. Mr. Boutwell reported that there has not been a significant change. Mr. R. Wilson was approved for a \$32,000 technology grant.

#### **12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

- 12.1. **Budget – As stated above under agenda item 11.1.**
- 12.2. **Curriculum – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the committee met on 2/22/16.**
- 12.3. **Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the next meeting will be held on Monday, 3/7/16, at a time to be determined among committee members.**
- 12.4. **Salary & Negotiations – None.**

**12.5. Planning – None.**

**12.6. Other Committees – None.**

**13.0 OTHER**

- **It was MOVED (J. Formeister), SECONDED (D. Palmer) to clarify the Board’s position on the Transportation Policy as stated in the Board of Education’s letter to Board of Selectmen dated November 16, 2015. PASSED 6-0-2, ABSTAINED 2 (A. Kirkpatrick, S. Bollinger).**
- **It was MOVED (J. Formeister), SECONDED (D. Palmer) to formally vote on the position of the Board’s Transportation Policy at a future BOE meeting. PASSED 6-0-2, ABSTAINED 2 (A. Kirkpatrick, S. Bollinger).**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED (D. Palmer), SECONDED (K. McLellan) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:18 p.m. PASSED 8-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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