

**DRAFT BOARD MINUTES**

**Monday, April 11, 2016 7:00 PM**

Draft Board Minutes - 4/11/16, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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**SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING – APRIL 11, 2016**

**Members Present:** B. Devlin, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger, J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt (arrived 7:05 p.m.), K. McLellan, B. Capuano

**Members Absent:** D. Palmer

**Administrators Present:** Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, Dr. I. Zytka, C. Krevolin, R. Kapner

**Staff Present:** K. Angelica, C. Gustafson

**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 Chairman Devlin in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 28, 2016 – It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve the March 28, 2016 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 7-0.**

**4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**

**4.1. Curriculum Update**

Dr. Irene Zytka, Director of Curriculum, updated the Board on the Gifted/Talented, Virtual High School, Social Studies, and Physical Ed/Health programs in the Somers School District:

- **Gifted/Talented:** Dr. Zytka reported that the teacher at SES has 21 students (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), 22 students (4<sup>th</sup> grade), and 23 students (5<sup>th</sup> grade) in the Gifted/Talented program. There is an identification matrix based on state criteria that is utilized to identify those eligible for the program. The Invention Convention program at SES is available for all students in grades 2-5. There are 106 SES students involved in the Invention Convention this year. Differentiated instruction is utilized at MBA for students who excel.
- **Virtual High School:** There is a new coordinator overseeing the Virtual High School program that provides course credits. Currently, there is one student taking advantage of this program. Students are responsible for checking weekly assignments. Dr. Zytka would like to promote this program further.

- **Social Studies:** All three schools will have new textbooks by next year which are in line with the Social Studies standards and approved by the State. Dr. Zytka reported that the trend will be online books and resources. Professional development will be offered to staff regarding the use of online resources.
- **Physical Ed/Health Programs:** Dr. Zytka reported that SES provides the foundation for fitness, team building, and peer assessments. Nontraditional games and traditional sports are part of the SES physical education curriculum. MBA offers the traditional and nontraditional sports as well as building comradery and sports cooperation. MBA offers interscholastic and intramural sports after school. At SHS, the physical education staff incorporates various fitness into the curriculum as well as the use of technology (i.e., Kahoot as a technological assessment tool). The primary focus is the health of students and teaching them how to manage their health. CPR is introduced at SES. The MBA Life Skills class provides more information on CPR, and a student may be certified for CPR at SHS.

## 5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

### 6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

- It was **MOVED (J. Formeister), SECONDED (B. Capuano)** to add agenda item 8.2 – First Warning/Adoption of three Social Studies textbooks. **PASSED 8-0.**
- It was **MOVED (J. Formeister), SECONDED (B. Capuano)** to add agenda item 8.3 – MBA Academic Summer School Program Proposal. **PASSED 8-0.**

## 7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

### 7.1. Approval of Bills

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to approve the 4/11/16 bills in the amount of \$352,129.21 as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

### 7.2. Resignation Letter – M. Mucci

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the resignation of Melissa Mucci, Special Education Teacher at Somers Elementary School, effective April 29, 2016. Melissa has been with the Somers Public School District for eight years. **PASSED 8-0.**

### 7.3. Resignation Letter – K. Doran

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the resignation of Kimberly Doran, Grade 1 Teacher at Somers Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Kim has been with the Somers School District since 2010. **PASSED 8-0.**

### 7.4. Resignation Letter – D. Riley

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the resignation of Deborah Riley, Somers High School Nurse, effective April 28, 2016. Deborah has been with the Somers School District since 2014. **PASSED**

8-0.

**7.5. Maternity/Child-Rearing Leave – B. Stronk**

It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to accept maternity/child-rearing leave for Brianna Stronk, English Teacher at Somers High School, for the 2016-2017 school year. **PASSED 8-0.**

**8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1. First Warning of DBS Code 3523.11 – Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones)**

The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABA and is presenting Policy 3523.11 for a first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 4/25/16 agenda.

**8.2. First Warning/Adoption of Three Social Studies Textbooks – “World History and Geography Modern Times,” “Sociology and You,” and “Understanding Psychology”**

The textbooks, “World History and Geography Modern Times,” “Sociology and You,” and “Understanding Psychology” were discussed by the Curriculum Committee and are being presented for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 4/25/16 agenda.

**8.3. MBA Academic Summer School Program Proposal**

It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to approve an academic summer school program at MBA for students who are at risk of failing two or more academic classes. Mr. C. Krevolin, MBA Principal, and Mr. R. Kapner, MBA Assistant Principal, explained that the 11-day, half-day summer school program will provide those students who are failing two or more classes and at risk of being held back an opportunity improve their grades. There will be no tuition for the program. **PASSED 8-0.**

**9.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Dr. Suffredini, Superintendent of Schools, reported that he and Mr. B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services, attended the BOF meeting. The BOF is recommending a slight increase of 0.85 mills to the current mill rate with a \$60,000 school budget cut. Dr. Suffredini reported that the cut will come from salaries and the insurance account. The BOF Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the SES auditorium.

**11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

**11.1. Budget – As discussed under agenda item 10.0 – Administrative Reports.**

**11.2. Curriculum – J. Formeister reported on two policies regarding CPR and Reading/Language Arts.**

**11.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the next meeting will be held on 4/25/16 at 6 p.m. There are new books to be distributed to committee members.**

**11.4. Salary & Negotiations – No report.**

**11.5. Planning – No report.**

**11.6. Other Committees – None.**

**12.0 OTHER**

- **S. Bollinger commended Mr. Maciolek, the students, and volunteers for their performance this past weekend of “A Pirate’s Life.”**
- **S. Bollinger entertained the thought of an afterschool program in Somers after speaking with a gentleman in Stafford who manages their program.**
- **Chairman Devlin proposed changing the Board meetings from twice a month to once a month.**

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (K. McLellan) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 7:49 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.**