

**DRAFT BOARD MINUTES**

**Monday, May 9, 2016 7:00 PM**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING – MAY 9, 2016**

**Members Present:** B. Devlin, S. Moynihan Bollinger (arrived 7:11 p.m.),  
J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt, K. McLellan,  
B. Capuano

**Members Absent:** D. Palmer, R. Lees, Jr.

**Administrators Present:** Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, Dr. D. Messina, Dr. I. Zytka

**Staff Present:** C. Smith, L. Gengenbach

**Citizens Present:**

**Students Present:**

**Others:**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 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**

April 25, 2016 – It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to approve the April 25, 2016 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 6-0.**

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

**4.1. Lunch Program Report**

Mrs. C. Smith (Co-Manager Food Service), Mrs. L. Gengenbach (Co-Manager Food Service), and Mr. B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services, updated the Board regarding the district's lunch program. They reported that inspections were done, and all of the schools received high ratings. No new federal/state guidelines were introduced in 2015-2016. They are continuing to follow prior guidelines. SES has six lunch waves, MBA has 3 lunch waves, and SHS has 4 lunch waves. A consolidation of SES lunch waves are being evaluated for the 2016-2017 school year. Hot lunch prices continue to be the same: \$2.75 at SES, \$2.50 at MBA and SHS. There are two students participating in the SHS Transition Program. Their tasks include serving and washing trays. A new Point of Service System will be implemented by January 2017 in all schools. An account and student code will be given to each student. Once money is placed on the card, parents/students/staff will be able to see the balance, keep a log, and be able to view lunch purchases. Cash will still be accepted as payment for lunches. Some kitchen equipment, particularly at SES and SHS, may need to be replaced in the near future.

**5.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

- Chairman Devlin received a letter.
- J. Formeister forwarded an email to Chairman Devlin from a student.

**6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was **MOVED (J. Formeister)**, **SECONDED (A. Kirkpatrick)** to add agenda item **8.3 – First Warning of SES Social Studies Textbooks for Grades 1-5.**  
**PASSED 7-0.**

**7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**7.1. Approval of Bills**

It was **MOVED (M. Marquardt)**, **SECONDED (A. Kirkpatrick)** to approve the **5/9/16 bills in the amount of \$275,609.87 as presented.** **PASSED 7-0.**

**8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1. Somers Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement Project (OSF State Project No. 129-0036)**

It was **MOVED (B. Capuano)**, **SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to approve as complete and accept the Somers Elementary School Roof Replacement Project. The project is complete. **PASSED 7-0.**

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

It was **MOVED (M. Marquardt)**, **SECONDED (J. Formeister)** to approve as complete and accept the Somers High School Roof Replacement Project. The project is complete. **PASSED 7-0.**

**8.3. First Warning of SES Social Studies Textbooks for Grades 1-5**

SES Social Studies textbooks for Grades 1-5 were discussed by the Curriculum Committee and are being presented for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 5/23/16 agenda.

**9.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

**11.1. Budget – No report.**

**11.2. Curriculum – J. Formeister reported that books are current for the curricula.**

A student approached a topic which needs to be discussed with the administrators who will then determine how to address the topic. J. Formeister distributed handouts to Board members.

**11.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the committee will be evaluating DBS Code 7230.2 – Indoor Air Quality.**

**11.4. Salary & Negotiations – Dr. Suffredini reported that a letter was received from the State regarding the commencement with SEA in October. The same information was received by Atty. Cannon. A timeline will be determined.**

**11.5. Planning – No report.**

**11.6. Other Committees – None.**

**12.0 OTHER**

- **S. Bollinger requested that discussion of the afterschool program be added to the next agenda.**
- **J. Formeister, B. Capuano, and Chairman Devlin reported that they attended a WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) Program presentation consisting of SHS students who mentored and helped MBA students present projects including a PowerPoint presentation. The program helps encourage females to pursue STEM interests. They are presenting at UCONN.**
- **S. Bollinger reported that the Art Show held at the Somers Public Library is impressive.**

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (B. Capuano) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 7:33 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.**