

Draft BOE Minutes 10/11/2016
Tuesday, October 11, 2016 7:00 PM
DRAFT BOE Minutes of 10/11/16, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. BOE Minutes of 10/11/2016 Meeting - DRAFT

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 Vision Boulevard

Somers, CT 06071

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – OCTOBER 11, 2016

Members Present: D. Palmer, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger, J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt, B. Capuano
Members Absent: B. Devlin, K. McLellan
Administrators Present: Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, Dr. D. Messina, Dr. I. Zytka, G. Cotzin, D. Carroll, J. Oliver, D. Senecal, C. Krevolin, R. Kapner
Staff Present: I. Dunn
Citizens Present: J. Hornyak
Students Present:
Others:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman Palmer in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 26, 2016 – It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (R. Lees) to approve the September 26, 2016 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 7-0.**

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1. Approval of Bills

It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve the 10/11/16 bills in the amount of \$356,054.37 as presented. **PASSED 7-0.**

7.2. Retirement Letter – Patricia Clark, SES

It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to accept the retirement of Patricia Clark, SES Information Literacy and Technology Integration Teacher, effective January 1, 2017. **PASSED 7-0.**

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2017 BOE Meeting Schedule

It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to approve the 2017 BOE Meeting Schedule as per DBS Code: 9321.1 (with the exception of April 2017 in which one Board of Education meeting will be held). **PASSED 7-0.**

8.2. Approval of SHS Field Trip to Peru

It was **MOVED** (S. Bollinger), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to approve the trip to Peru from February 17-26, 2017 for 15 juniors and seniors in the World Language program as presented by Mrs. I. Dunn, SHS teacher in the World Language program. The trip to Peru will allow students the opportunity to put what they have learned in the classroom in context by actually living, seeing, and experiencing the language, historical events, and different culture via a private tour company. The tour company provides health insurance. Mr. C. Mezger, SHS teacher in the World Language program, will also attend. Students will miss a total of three days of school. **PASSED 7-0.**

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1. Science, CMT, SBAC and CAPT, SAT Results

Dr. Suffredini introduced the school administrators to the Board to discuss the test results:

- **Somers Elementary School:** Mrs. J. Oliver, Principal, and Mrs. D. Senecal, Assistant Principal, reported on the 2015 Science CMT and SBAC results for Grade 5. The fifth grade scored well above State level. Grades 3-5 at level 3 or above were above State level regarding SBAC testing for ELA. As students correctly answered questions in SBAC testing, the questions became more difficult. SBAC Math at level 3 or above demonstrated that students were above State level; however, the fourth grade was just slightly above State level. The administrators reported that teachers were unable to visualize where students were struggling regarding the SBAC scores; however, other tests will be done during the school year which will assist the staff to hone in on problem areas and certain skills to address students individually.
- **Mabelle B. Avery Middle School:** Mr. C. Krevolin, Principal, and Mr. R. Kapner, Assistant Principal, updated the Board on test results. Mr. Krevolin emphasized that only 84.4% of the 8th grade students participated which skewed results. This was not specific to Somers but occurred throughout the State. SBAC ELA results at level 3 or above demonstrated that grades 6-8 scored better than the State; however, the 8th grade result was not an accurate depiction due to the lack of participation. SBAC Math results at level 3 or above demonstrated that grades 6-8 performed better than the State. Problem solving tends to be the most difficult part of the testing. Grade 8 Science CMT results demonstrated 91% proficiency or above. The administrators were unable to compare the Science results with the State due to lack of State results. The State is starting to turn its focus on the next generation assessment which will be more performance-based.
- **Somers High School:** Mr. G. Cotzin, Principal, and Mr. D. Carroll, Assistant Principal, updated the Board on results emphasizing that the high school focuses more on PSAT and SAT scores. The Grade 10 Science CAPT scores were decent, but there is room for improvement. Somers scored higher than the State. The NWEA Science testing will begin next year which will be testing that occurs more frequently during the school year with results in 24 hours. Somers scored very well in the 2016 SAT as compared to the State and nationwide. Dr. I. Zytka, Director of Curriculum, stated that the staff will start focusing more on strengthening vocabulary.

Vice Chairman Palmer moved agenda item 10.3 – High School Exit Survey Results to the next agenda topic since Mr. G. Cotzin, SHS Principal, and Mr. D. Carroll, SHS Assistant Principal, were addressing the Board regarding Grade 10 Science and CAPT and SAT results.

10.3. High School Exit Survey Results

Mr. G. Cotzin, SHS Principal, and Mr. D. Carroll, SHS Assistant Principal, updated the Board regarding the Class of 2016 Senior Exit Survey. For the first time, all grade levels participated in the survey (65% of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors). The senior class results included improvement in students feeling safer, decreased drug and alcohol perception as an issue, decreased bullying as an issue, and decreased academic dishonesty as an issue. The senior class felt a little less satisfied with the education they were receiving and the changeover in the nurse's office but not in the care they received from the nurse's office. Class of 2017, 2018, and 2019 responded similarly; however, they agreed that overall educational satisfaction, health services, library media services, and counseling services improved.

10.2. NWEA Review/Update

Dr. I. Zytka, Director of Curriculum, updated the Board regarding NWEA. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments will be occurring three times a year in grades 1-8 and 10 in reading and math. Kindergarten will take the reading and math assessments in the spring. These assessments measure growth, project proficiency on high-stake tests, and inform how educators differentiate instruction, evaluate programs, and structure curriculum. MAP assessments are state and nationally recognized as one of the top assessment tests. Assessments are grade independent and adapt to each student's instructional level. Assessment questions progressively get harder when questions are answered correctly. Currently, MAP assesses reading, language arts, and math. Next year, science will be incorporated in grades 3-8 and 10. MAP results will enable staff to identify relative strengths and weaknesses in goal areas for math, reading, language usage, or science and enable staff and students to set individual student goals.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

11.1. Budget – Dr. Suffredini reported that next year's budget is in the process of being put together.

11.2. Curriculum – No report.

11.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that there is a temporary delay but that another packet will be arriving in the middle of November.

11.4. Salary & Negotiations – D. Palmer reported that the first session with SEA occurred. Six meetings through December are scheduled.

11.5. Planning – No report.

11.6. Other Committees – None.

12.0 OTHER

- D. Palmer expressed the Board's condolences to Mr. C. Krevolin, Principal at MBA.

- **J. Formeister stated there is a policy regarding the ratio of chaperones-to-students regarding field trips.**
- **S. Bollinger thanked Dr. Suffredini and administrators for responding to the current clown phenomenon quickly.**

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:29 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.