

DRAFT of BOE Minutes 2-13-17
Monday, February 13, 2017 7:00 PM
Board Room, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. Draft BOE Minutes of 2/13/2017

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Members Present: D. Palmer, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger, J. Anderson, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt, K. McLellan, B. Capuano
Members Absent: B. Devlin
Administrators Present: Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, Dr. D. Messina, Dr. I. Zytka, R. Wilson
Staff Present: A. Phillips, S. Williams, L. Mailhot, L. Reilly, T. Stoltz, K. Regan
Citizens Present:
Students Present:
Others: M. Krementowski (J.I.), Dr. M. Broderick (CABE Search Services)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 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 SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

It was **MOVED** (S. Bollinger), **SECONDED** (J. Anderson) to approve the “Leadership Profile” as presented by Dr. Mary Broderick of CABE. Dr. Broderick distributed copies of the “Leadership Profile” report to Board members and offered copies to those who attended the meeting. She also recommended that the report be posted on the school website. The profile consists of information gathered from 15 focus groups and interviews, multiple conversations, and an online survey conducted in January 2017. The report includes perceived strengths as well as challenges of the Somers Public Schools. The report reviews the results of the desired expertise in the new superintendent with the top three qualities as being able to build trusting relationships, communicating and collaborating effectively, and fostering a shared vision to move to excellence. The top three results of desired qualities in the new superintendent include student growth as the primary focus; one who is accessible, approachable, and visible; and, one who is knowledgeable and hardworking. Dr. Broderick needs until 2/24/17 to collect applications, screen them, and finalize candidates to present to the Board. All Board members need to be present for the upcoming application and interview process. The candidate selection meeting will be held on 2/28/17 at 5 p.m. with a snow date of 3/2/17 for a 3-hour meeting. Future meetings will be determined at that time. **PASSED 8-0.**

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 23, 2017 – It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to approve the January 23, 2017 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

5.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

7.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to add agenda item 9.1 – First Warning of World Language Requirement Changes. **PASSED 8-0.**

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA**8.1. Approval of Bills**

It was **MOVED** (S. Bollinger), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve the 2/13/17 bills in the amount of \$531,272.89 as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

8.2. Resignation of Max Delano

It was **MOVED** (S. Bollinger), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to accept the resignation of Ms. Max Delano, Paraeducator at SHS, effective February 17, 2017. **PASSED 8-0.**

9.0 NEW BUSINESS**9.1. First Warning of World Language Requirement Changes**

It has been recommended by staff and administration of both Somers High School and Mabelle B. Avery Middle School that the requirement for enrollment in any level two World Language course be changed from a D to a C-. In addition, it is also recommended that students have a B+ to enroll in any honors level World Language course as well. The rationale is to ensure that students are taking the language requirement seriously and are committed in excelling and committing to the rigors of an honors level course. Second warning will be added to the 2/27/17 BOE agenda.

10.0 OLD BUSINESS**10.1. 2017-2018 Budget**

It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to approve the 2017-2018 budget as presented by Dr. Suffredini and Mr. B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services. Summary sheets were distributed to Board members. The BOE Public Budget Hearing will be held on 3/13/17 at 6:30 p.m. at Somers Elementary School in the auditorium. The scheduled BOE meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the SES Media Center. **PASSED 8-0.**

10.2. Second Warning of DBS Code 4112.5 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Security Check/Fingerprinting

It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to approve DBS Code 4112.5 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Security Check/Fingerprinting as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

10.3. Second Warning of DBS Code 4111/4211 – Personnel – Certified and Non-Certified: Recruitment and Selection

It was **MOVED** (R. Lees), **SECONDED** (S. Bollinger) to approve DBS Code 4111/4211 – Personnel – Certified and Non-Certified: Recruitment and Selection as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

10.4. Second Warning of DBS Code 4112.51 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Employment/Reference Checks

It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to approve DBS Code

4112.51 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Employment/Reference Checks as presented. PASSED 8-0.

10.5. Second Warning of DBS Code 4121 – Personnel – Certified: Substitute Teachers It was MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to approve DBS Code 4121 – Personnel – Certified: Substitute Teachers as presented. PASSED 8-0.

10.6. Second Warning of DBS Code 5113 – Students: Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal It was MOVED (R. Lees), SECONDED (B. Capuano) to approve DBS Code 5113 – Students: Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal as presented. PASSED 8-0.

11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Suffredini commended the Somers DPW and custodial/maintenance staff for their great job in treating the town roads and school campus during the winter storms.

12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

12.1. Budget – Dr. Suffredini reported that the budget is in good shape and will move forward as stated under agenda item 10.1.

12.2. Curriculum – See agenda item 9.1.

12.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the committee met prior to the 2/13/17 BOE meeting. The committee is working on revising the superintendent job description. The next meeting will be held in April.

12.4. Salary & Negotiations – D. Palmer reported that bargaining will be moving forward with nurses and custodians.

12.5. Planning – D. Palmer reported that the committee met before the Board meeting on 2/13/17. Packets were distributed to Board members. The plan will be placed on the BOE agenda. The next committee meeting will be held on 2/27/17 at 6 p.m. in the Central Office conference room.

12.6. Other Committees – None.

12.7. Long-Range Report – To be discussed at the next meeting.

13.0 OTHER

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:00 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.