

**Draft Minutes of 12/11/2017**

**Monday, December 11, 2017 7:00 PM**

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**SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2017**

**Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM**

**Present Board Members:** Jan Martin, Sarah Bollinger, David Palmer, Bruce Devlin, Rick Lees, Jeremy Anderson, Kate McLellan, and Anne Kirkpatrick  
**Absent Board Members:** Barbara Capuano  
**Others in Attendance:** B. Boutwell, J. MacFeat, A. Walker, G. Cotzin, M. Raymond, S. Raymond, K. Raymond, E. Felix, M. Robbins

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Discussion:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Devlin in the District Office Board of Education Meeting Room.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

**Discussion:**

E. Felix, SHS Junior, and M. Robbins, SHS Senior, updated the BOE regarding SHS events. Boys and girls basketball practices have begun. The Girls Basketball team has their first game in Coventry on 12/12/17. Wrestling has also begun. The Fall Sports Awards will be presented on 12/18/17. There will be a blood drive on 12/14/17. Two Marine Science classes went to Mystic Aquarium last week. Practices have been running smoothly for the Drama Club who will be presenting Shrek, The Musical. The Unity team has been collecting donations for Loaves and Fishes. FBLA is sponsoring a child for Christmas. Establishing Leaders for the Future Club is holding a teacher forum. The SHS Music Department is sponsoring a trip to NYC to see the "Lion King" on Broadway in the spring. Juniors and seniors have submitted applications for National Honor Society with the induction on 12/21/17.

**4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Discussion:**

Chairman Devlin presented Kylie Raymond, SHS Sophomore, with an award recognizing her Cross Country accomplishments. She had an undefeated season and became the first athlete to win Class SS State Champion and earned All New England Honors.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5.1. Board Draft Minutes of November 27, 2017**

**Rationale:**

Attached are the draft minutes of the November 27, 2017 Board of Education Meeting for approval.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve minutes from the November 27, 2017 meeting of the

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Board of Education passed with a motion by Jan Martin and a second by Jeremy Anderson.  
**8 Yeas - 0 Nays. (1) Absent Barbara Capuano**

### **6. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**

### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **7.1. Recognition of Somers High School Beta Club**

**Rationale:**

Letter from the National Beta Club

#### **7.2. Letter to the Somers High School Beta Club**

**Rationale:**

Recognition from the National Beta Club.

### **8. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **9.1. Warrant of December 11, 2017**

**Rationale:**

Approval of Bills of December 11, 2017.

**Motion Passed:** The BOE reviewed the 12/11/17 warrant in the amount of \$299,704.02 and passed with a motion by David Palmer and a second by Anne Kirkpatrick.

**8 Yeas - 0 Nays. (1) Absent Barbara Capuano**

### **10. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **10.1. Long Range Facility Plan**

**Rationale:**

The Board of Education's Planning Committee and the Superintendent will discuss with the entire board the Long-Range Facilities Plan.

**Discussion:**

D. Palmer commended Superintendent Czapla, Mr. B. Boutwell, J. MacFeat and the rest of the team who compiled a comprehensive report that will serve as a baseline document moving forward. The report breaks down maintenance priorities over a five-year span. Chairman Devlin recommended directing questions to the committee. D. Palmer stated that a Special Meeting may be held for any questions.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve long range plan as presented passed with a motion by David Palmer and a second by Anne Kirkpatrick.

**8 Yeas - 0 Nays. (1) Absent Barbara Capuano**

### **11. OLD BUSINESS**

### **12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **12.1. District Grant Updates**

**Rationale:**

Mr. Boutwell, Director of Business Services will be there to discuss any questions on the attachments.

**Discussion:**

Mr. B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services, updated the Board regarding the two-year IDEA and Title grants as well as the one-year grants and Town of Somers Education grants. The application for the Sheff Settlement grant arrived last week. There has been no word on

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the Primary Mental Health grants. There was a \$286,000 decrease in the Education Cost Sharing grant from last year. The reduction does not include the additional \$491,000 in holdbacks due to the State budget.

### **12.2. Superintendent's Update**

#### **Rationale:**

The Superintendent will update the Board on issues concerning Somers Public Schools.

#### **Discussion:**

Superintendent Czapla commended the Superintendent Advisory Board for updating the BOE with current SHS events. He also explained that the Recognition Award is a glass star that is engraved with the Somers logo as well as the name of the recipient.

## **13. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **13.1. BUDGET**

#### **Discussion:**

No further report.

### **13.2. CURRICULUM**

#### **Discussion:**

K. McLellan reported that a meeting has not been set yet.

### **13.3. POLICY**

#### **Discussion:**

A. Kirkpatrick reported that the next meeting will be held in January.

### **13.4. SALARY & NEGOTIATION**

#### **Discussion:**

D. Palmer stated that this will be discussed under Executive Session.

### **13.5. PLANNING**

#### **Discussion:**

As discussed under agenda item 10.1.

### **13.6. OTHER COMMITTEES**

#### **Discussion:**

None.

## **14. OTHER**

## **15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Rationale:**

The Board will go into Executive Session to do the Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation and to discuss possible action on collective bargaining agreement with SAA. Superintendent Czapla and Mr. Bill Boutwell, Director of Business Services, will be invited into the meeting.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation and to discuss possible action on collective bargaining agreement with SAA and to invite Superintendent Czapla and Mr. B. Boutwell into the meeting, passed with a motion by David Palmer and a second by Bruce Devlin.

**8 Yeas - 0 Nays. (1) Absent Barbara Capuano**

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**Motion Passed:** The BOE came out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Motion to approve proposed SAA agreement that was presented to the Board of Education this evening's meeting passed with a motion by David Palmer and a second by Jeremy Anderson.

**8 Yeas - 0 Nays. (1) Absent Barbara Capuano**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to Adjourn at 8:06 p.m. passed with a motion by Jan Martin and second by Kate McLellan.

**8 Yeas - 0 Nays. (1) Absent Barbara Capuano**

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Rick Lees, Board Secretary

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Date

Shannin Burns, Recording Secretary