

Somers Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2025 7:00 PM

Somers Board of Education Chambers, 1 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
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Marika Kraus, MBA/SHS Chorus Teacher, will update the Board on the potential overnight field trip to the CT Convention Center in Hartford, CT.
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Discussion and possible action on updated pension calculations. Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services, will be available for questions.
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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(The recorded livestream may be viewed on SPS' YouTube channel on the school website)

Present BOE Members: Anne Kirkpatrick, Mike Briggs, Dr. Ed DePeau, JT Galloway, Dr. Sharon Goulet, Shane Manning, Gina Olearczyk, Kim Radziewicz, Derek Zelek

Others: Dr. Sam Galloway, Jaime Rechenberg, Lisa Horan, Julie Hinkley, Jan Martin, Jim Barile, Dr. Philip Goduti, Bill Meier, Dave Marti, Carl Stebbins

1. CALL TO ORDER

The unofficial meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chair Kirkpatrick at 7:02 p.m. in the Board of Education Chambers. Three officially seated Board of Education members were present, along with six newly elected members who had not yet been sworn in.

Town Clerk Dave Marti was scheduled to swear in new BOE members prior to the meeting; however, the timing required an unexpected adjustment. The order of the meeting agenda was modified to ensure all newly elected board members could vote.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3.1. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Galloway attended the CABA CAPSS Convention on 11/21/25 with Board Members Gina Olearczyk, Sharon Goulet and Anne Kirkpatrick. Superintendent Galloway congratulated Coach Rick Kelley for leading the boys' soccer team to a victory in the Class S CIAC State Tournament. The team last earned this title in 2015.

A combined Veterans Day ceremony was held for SHS and MBA students in the SHS auditorium. SHS students did a great job running the ceremony. Board members Mike Briggs, Jan Martin, and Ed DePeau were in attendance. A ceremony was also held at SES.

A shortened school week is ahead. Superintendent Galloway wished students and families a restful break and encouraged everyone to pause, hug, laugh, and eat well.

3.2. SHS Student Representatives

SHS Student Representatives Aiden Ritch, Jessica Chen, and Aja Drammeh presented to the Board, providing updates on recent school events. They

highlighted activities such as the Veterans Day ceremony, the POPS Concert, and Broadway Night. They also noted that a Work-Based Learning Panel, featuring two SHS alumni, offered students insights into life after high school. The panel included representatives from marketing and real estate as well as commercial photography.

Additional recent events included the NCCC Band and Chorus Festival, No Shave November, and the Annual Food Drive hosted by the Interact Club. The Class of 2028 will host an upcoming can and bottle drive, and the Class of 2027 recently concluded a Jersey Mike's fundraiser. Two students received the Act of Kindness Award. All SHS music students were accepted into the Eastern Region Musical Festival at Granby Memorial High School. Two student representatives also attended the CABA Conference.

Will Accorsi was named MVP of the boys' soccer state championship game, and Jon Breton qualified for the cross-country state competition. The boys' soccer team won the CIAC Class S State Championship, with strong support from families who held a tailgate before the game and filled the stands.

A variety of fall field trips took place, including a French class trip to Sur La Table for a French cooking lesson, visits to Aerospace Alley, Rockville Superior Court, and a virtual conference with actuaries from Travelers.

The Board also received notice of several upcoming events:

- Winter sports begin on 12/1/25
- Makerspace ornament-making on 12/3/25
- NHS Induction Ceremony on 12/10/25
- CCMC Pajama Day on 12/12/25
- Winter Break from 12/24/25 through 1/2/26
- A Work-Based Learning Public Health Forum on 1/7/26

SHS was named a Connecticut School of Distinction for its strong academic performance and growth during the 2024-25 school year. The school rose from #63 in 2022-23 to #17 in 2024-25, placing Somers High School in the top 10% of schools statewide.

Board Member Mike Briggs asked the student representatives how the Board can better support students. In response, Aja Drammeh advocated for expanding course offerings beyond traditional academics to include more life-skills electives, particularly culinary arts. Jessica Chen encouraged SHS to deepen its inclusivity around cultural holidays by increasing awareness and recognition of the diverse celebrations observed by students in Somers.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. 2026 Washington D.C. Trip

Rationale: Phil Goduti, SHS History Teacher, will present the 2026 Washington, D.C. trip to the Board.

Discussion: Dr. Philip Goduti presented to the Board about the Washington D.C. Trip for UConn ECE United States History class. The itinerary is still being updated

as plans are solidified. Dr. Goduti shared photos from past trips, highlighting the many sites visited. Sites for this trip will likely include the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the American History Museum, African American History Museum, and Iwo Jima, in addition to many others. It is also possible the group will visit the Holocaust Museum.

This year 48 students are eligible to attend. A double decker bus will be utilized to accommodate all students. The Courtyard Marriott just outside D.C. in Alexandria will serve for lodging. Six chaperones will be stationed on each floor of the hotel. The cost of the trip this year is about \$540.

Board Member Gina Olearczyk commended Dr. Goduti for coordinating the trip, stating that the experience is invaluable for students.

*The meeting was paused for the swearing in of the new Board of Education members
by Town Clerk, Dave Marti, and Election of Officers at 7:26 p.m.:*

Superintendent Galloway introduced the Election of Officers and opened nominations for Board Chair.

Chair Kirkpatrick nominated Mike Briggs for the position of Board Chair, and the nomination was seconded by Kim Radziewicz. Mr. Briggs expressed that he was honored to be nominated and to serve as Chair. He noted his pride in the work accomplished over the past four years under Ms. Kirkpatrick's leadership, emphasizing that the hiring of Dr. Galloway, following a thorough superintendent search, significantly strengthened the district and changed its trajectory. Chair Briggs stated that he will continue the Board's mission of keeping students first in Somers.

Chair Briggs then opened nominations for Board Vice Chair. He nominated Anne Kirkpatrick, and Gina Olearczyk seconded the nomination. Ms. Kirkpatrick publicly thanked Kim Radziewicz for her dedicated service as Vice Chair, acknowledging that Ms. Radziewicz consistently went above and beyond the responsibilities outlined in the bylaws. Ms. Kirkpatrick noted that her leadership was instrumental in ensuring the Board operated efficiently. Ms. Radziewicz thanked Ms. Kirkpatrick for the opportunity and experience.

Board Member Anne Kirkpatrick nominated Sharon Goulet for the position of Board Secretary, and Derek Zelek seconded the nomination. Ms. Goulet shared that she is looking forward to serving in this role.

Board of Education meeting resumed

Motion to approve the 2026 Washington D.C. trip. This motion, made by Mike Briggs and seconded by Gina Olearczyk, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1. Approval of the November 10, 2025 BOE Meeting Minutes

Rationale: The Board to review and approve the minutes from the November 10, 2025 Board meeting.

Motion to approve minutes of November 10 Board of Education Meeting. This motion, made by Shane Manning and seconded by JT Galloway, Carried. **Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2 (Sharon Goulet, Gina Olearczyk)**

6. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Anne Kirkpatrick and seconded by Kim Radziewicz, Carried. **Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2 (Sharon Goulet, Gina Olearczyk)**

7.1. Warrant of November 24, 2025

Rationale: The Board to review and consent to the warrant of November 24, 2025.

7.2. 2nd Posting DBS Code 1312.3 - Library Material Review

7.3. 2nd Posting DBS Code 1312.4 - Library Collection/Development

7.4. 2nd Posting DBS Code 1312.5 - Library Display

7.5. 2nd Posting DBS Code 5114 - Suspension/Expulsion

7.6. 2nd Posting DBS Code 5131.911 - School Climate Regulation

7.7. 2nd Posting DBS Code 5144.5 - Restorative Practices Response

7.8. 2nd Posting DBS Code 6159 - Individualized Education Program

7.9. 2nd Posting DBS Code 6171 - Special Education

7.10. 2nd Posting DBS Code 6171.2 - Preschool Special Education

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Leave of Absence Extension Request

Rationale: Courtney Suttle, 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher, is requesting an extension of her leave of absence to the end of the school year. She was originally scheduled to return in January.

Motion to approve Leave of Absence for Courtney Suttle (8th Grade Language Arts Teacher). This motion, made by Gina Olearczyk and seconded by Shane Manning, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

Discussion: Board Member Gina Olearczyk inquired about whether the current substitute will continue coverage through the end of the year. This is still being determined.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1. Curriculum

This committee is on hold.

10.2. Policy

The next meeting will be held in January.

10.3. Planning/Finance (next meeting 12/1/25, 5 p.m.)

The committee will meet on 12/1/25 at 5 p.m.

10.4. Salary & Negotiations

This committee is on hold.

10.5. Building

The Building Committee met last Tuesday. A team is working on the grant application, which will be made available on 12/1/25 and must be submitted by 12/10/25. The committee will meet again on 12/2/25 to determine the cost estimate to include on the grant application. The target date to start the project is in June 2026.

11. CIP/CREC/SEF

There are no reports for CIP or CREC. The Board is looking for a new CREC representative. The group meets once per month. SEF had a meeting to review grants. All grants were approved. Mr. Shane Manning highlighted the SHS Robotics program grant.

12. ADVANCE CALENDAR

The BOE team photo scheduled for 12/8/25 will be rescheduled. The NHS Induction Ceremony will take place on 12/10/25. Board members are invited to attend. Capstone Presentations will take place on 1/13/26.

13. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

Mr. Jim Barile, a Somers citizen and SPS substitute teacher, congratulated the new BOE members. He also thanked all 9 members for serving, highlighting the extensive time commitment required.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. This motion, made by Sharon Goulet and seconded by Shane Manning, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

Sharon Goulet, BOE Secretary Date

Jenna McDermott, BOE Recording Secretary

2025-2026

Monthly Report

(Through 11/30/2025)

CATEGORY	ITEM	Approved Budget	Budget Adjustment	Revised Budget	Actual Expenditures	Encumbered	Total Projection	Variance	% +/-
Salaries	Teachers	12,631,596	0	12,631,596	3,488,889	8,853,911	12,342,800	288,796	2.29%
	Secretaries/Paraprofessionals	2,523,727	16,000	2,539,727	896,839	1,617,718	2,514,557	25,170	1.00%
	Administrators	1,879,736	0	1,879,736	759,723	1,118,452	1,878,174	1,562	0.08%
	Custodians/Maintainers	1,018,514	(16,000)	1,002,514	432,036	585,749	1,017,785	(15,271)	-1.50%
	Other Instructional	696,722	1,577	698,299	300,016	563,140	863,156	(164,857)	-23.66%
	Nurses	307,079	0	307,079	89,084	213,394	302,478	4,601	1.50%
	Medical Advisor	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	-	0.00%
	SUBTOTAL	19,058,874	1,577	19,060,451	5,968,087	12,952,364	18,920,451	140,000	0.73%
Insurance & Benefits	Health Insurance	4,011,556	0	4,011,556	1,803,597	2,230,919	4,034,517	(22,961)	-0.57%
	Social Security	630,000	0	630,000	222,249	407,751	630,000	-	0.00%
	Pension	194,500	0	194,500	49,702	141,845	191,547	2,953	1.52%
	Worker's Comp	99,782	0	99,782	45,367	99,736	90,736	9,046	9.07%
	Property / Liability	105,849	0	105,849	56,753	48,729	105,482	367	0.35%
	Long Term Disability	45,000	0	45,000	16,176	23,824	40,000	5,000	11.11%
	Life Insurance	25,000	0	25,000	8,072	11,928	20,000	5,000	20.00%
	School Board Legal	10,000	0	10,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	-	0.00%
	Unemployment	15,000	0	15,000	924	0	924	14,076	93.84%
	OPEB	32,000	0	32,000	0	0	0	32,000	100.00%
	Tuition Reimbursement	9,500	0	9,500	0	0	0	9,500	100.00%
		SUBTOTAL	5,178,187	0	5,178,187	2,207,840	2,915,365	5,123,205	54,982
Tuition	Special Education	1,139,936	0	1,139,936	378,936	917,231	1,296,167	(156,231)	-13.71%
	Non-Special Education	76,694	0	76,694	65,519	32,162	97,681	(20,987)	-27.36%
	SUBTOTAL	1,216,630	0	1,216,630	444,455	949,393	1,393,848	(177,218)	-14.57%
Transportation	Regular Transportation	1,075,000	0	1,075,000	227,978	847,022	1,075,000	-	0.00%
	Special Education Transportation	630,000	(1,549)	628,451	126,333	530,018	656,351	(27,900)	-4.43%
	Athletics/Field Trips	49,500	0	49,500	12,922	28,429	41,352	8,148	16.46%
	SUBTOTAL	1,754,500	(1,549)	1,752,951	367,233	1,405,470	1,772,703	(19,752)	-1.13%
Utilities	Electricity	594,800	0	594,800	132,309	462,491	594,800	-	0.00%
	Fuel	142,700	0	142,700	2,044	140,656	142,700	-	0.00%
	Telephones	37,800	0	37,800	10,501	20,397	30,898	6,902	18.26%
	SUBTOTAL	775,300	0	775,300	144,854	623,544	768,398	6,902	0.89%
Maintenance	General/Dept Maint	781,235	(2,341)	778,894	429,834	349,060	778,894	-	0.00%
	Custodial Supplies	61,000	0	61,000	27,519	33,481	61,000	-	0.00%
	SUBTOTAL	842,235	(2,341)	839,894	457,353	382,541	839,894	-	0.00%
Instructional Resources	Books, Textbooks, Workbooks	287,933	11,792	299,725	277,069	17,380	294,450	5,275	1.83%
	Technology AV Materials	123,460	0	123,460	113,095	3,742	116,837	6,623	5.36%
	General & Dept Supplies	200,874	(11,520)	189,354	88,904	15,860	104,764	84,590	42.11%
	SUBTOTAL	612,267	272	612,539	479,068	36,982	516,050	96,489	15.76%
Extracurricular	Coaches	236,420	0	236,420	77,472	158,948	236,420	-	0.00%
	Activity Advisors	82,194	0	82,194	0	82,194	82,194	-	0.00%
	Athletic/Academic Act	99,600	0	99,600	15,572	84,028	99,600	-	0.00%
	SUBTOTAL	418,214	0	418,214	93,044	325,170	418,214	-	0.00%
Equipment	New and Replacement	381,240	0	381,240	248,638	108,161	356,798	24,442	6.41%
Admin Overhead	Postage, Dues, Travel, BOE Exp., etc.	238,875	2,041	240,916	106,983	93,383	200,366	40,550	16.98%
	GRAND TOTAL	30,476,322.00	0.00	30,476,322.00	10,517,556.23	19,792,372.55	30,309,928.78	166,393.22	0.55%

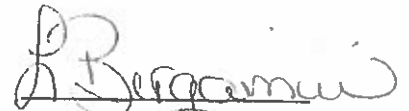
As of 12/1/2025

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1161

Voucher Date: 12/04/2025

Prepared By:



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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION is hereby authorized to draw warrants against SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION funds for the sum of \$667,627.94 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (period cannot overlap fiscal year end.)

I certify that this claim is just and correct, and the services and/or materials herein represented have been received during the period listed above. All items are properly coded and not in excess of the budget.



Stephanie Levin Director of Business Services

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Fund		Amount
10	GENERAL FUND	\$667,627.94
20	GRANTS	\$0.00
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		\$667,627.94

Somers Board of Education

Check Listing

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Criteria:

Bank Account: BOE AP CASH 1918032563

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26927	12/04/2025	Anne Kirkpatrick	\$102.20	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26928	12/04/2025	Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$316,409.25	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26929	12/04/2025	Assoc. Teacher of Mathematics in Mass	\$375.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26930	12/04/2025	Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Inc	\$138.28	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26931	12/04/2025	Carolina Biological Supply Co.	\$47.96	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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26938	12/04/2025	EdAdvance	\$1,195.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26939	12/04/2025	Edmentum	\$1,937.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26940	12/04/2025	Elan Financial Services	\$5,141.74	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26941	12/04/2025	Ellington Board of Education	\$16,650.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26942	12/04/2025	Eric Barakat	\$150.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26943	12/04/2025	Eversource Energy	\$5,420.74	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26944	12/04/2025	Farmingington Public Schools	\$35,815.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26945	12/04/2025	Flores & Associates	\$105.45	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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26957	12/04/2025	Lynn Erickson	\$589.40	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26958	12/04/2025	MagnaKleen Services	\$108.61	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26959	12/04/2025	Manchester Board of Education	\$9,100.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26960	12/04/2025	Marcia Brenner Associates	\$1,900.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26961	12/04/2025	MB Tractor & Equipment	\$4,336.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26962	12/04/2025	Michael Savage	\$112.50	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26963	12/04/2025	Monica Willemain	\$39.20	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26964	12/04/2025	Morgan Stanley	\$37,012.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26965	12/04/2025	Mystery Science Inc	\$12,400.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26966	12/04/2025	NCS Pearson, Inc.	\$1,452.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26967	12/04/2025	Nuso, LLC	\$117.28	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26968	12/04/2025	Overdrive Education	\$1,000.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26969	12/04/2025	Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Reserve Act	\$6,225.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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26973	12/04/2025	SHI International Corp	\$8,302.14	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26974	12/04/2025	Shipman & Goodwin, LLP	\$4,129.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26975	12/04/2025	Somers Lunch Program	\$80.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26976	12/04/2025	Sonitrol New England	\$523.90	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26977	12/04/2025	State of Connecticut	\$240.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26978	12/04/2025	State of Connecticut-Treasurer	\$2,205.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26979	12/04/2025	State of Connecticut-Treasurer	\$800.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26980	12/04/2025	Tenley Stoltz	\$96.60	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26981	12/04/2025	The College Board	\$3,641.21	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26982	12/04/2025	The Hartford	\$4,979.66	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26983	12/04/2025	The Home Depot Pro	\$17.87	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26984	12/04/2025	Town of Somers	\$6,059.58	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26985	12/04/2025	Tristate Equipment Repair	\$385.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26986	12/04/2025	Van Pool Transportation LLC	\$64,400.27	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26987	12/04/2025	Verizon Wireless	\$530.93	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26988	12/04/2025	W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	\$627.15	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26989	12/04/2025	WelDesign Alarm Systems, Inc	\$1,530.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26990	12/04/2025	Williams Scotsman, Inc	\$100.00	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26991	12/04/2025	Xerox Corporation	\$4,325.61	1161	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Total Amount: \$667,627.94

Somers Board of Education

Check Listing

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Criteria:

Bank Account: BOE AP CASH 1918032563

From Date:	12/4/2025	To Date:	12/4/2025
From Check:	26923	To Check:	26991
From Voucher:	1161	To Voucher:	1161

End of Report

4/1/19

FIELD TRIP REQUEST

(All Overnight trips are subject to Superintendent and Board of Education Approval)

School: SHS Date: 11/26/25

Requested by: Wolf/Kraus Department: Music

Destination: CT Convention Center, Hartford Date of trip: 3/26-28/2026

Departure time: Thurs 9am Approx. time of return: Sat after concert

Number of students involved: 9 Number of chaperones: 1

Teachers attending:

Jessica Wolf

Sub Needed: None Full Day Half Day

Marika Kraus

Sub Needed: None Full Day Half Day

Sub Needed: None Full Day Half Day

Sub Needed: None Full Day Half Day

Sub Needed: None Full Day Half Day

Please enter into Frontline Absence Management AFTER your request has been approved.

Type of transportation: Parents will drive

Expense to students: \$150 Expense to school system: Music Patrons will pay registration fee (\$225)

Specific Content/Unit(s) the field trip supports: Instrumental/Vocal Music Unit, Read and Notate Music unit

Describe how student learning will be assessed: Students will demonstrate their deeper understandings through performance.

Standards addressed (list by number and code – ex. CCSS:MP1):

MU:Pr5.3.E.IIIa Develop, apply, and refine appropriate rehearsal strategies...

MU:Pr6.1.E.IIa Demonstrate mastery of the technical demands and...

Written Objectives/Relationship to curriculum:

Promotes higher level learning and community outreach. Covers national standards for music education common anchor standards #5 and #6. Students will perform in the honor band/honors choir concert.

If approved, both the field trip activity and assessment need to be put into Atlas.

Approved by: [Signature]
Principal's Signature

Approved by: [Signature]
Director of Curriculum

CENTRAL OFFICE USE ONLY

[Signature]

Approved Disapproved

Superintendent or Designee's Signature

Date 11/26/25



ADMIN. REG.: 6153
Field Trip Permission Form

All State Festival

Date of Trip: 3/26-28/2026 Destination: CT Convention Center, Hartford Today's Date: 11/26/25
Time of Departure: 8am Thursday Place of Departure: SHS
Time of Return: Saturday after concert Place of return: SHS
The group will be traveling by: school bus/ coach bus / X car / foot
My child will: X bring their own lunch / buy lunch from Whitsons (to be pre-ordered prior to departure date) lunch not required

Activities: Bring instrument, water bottle and music. Dress in layers as rehearsal rooms can be hot or cold. Bring concert attire on Saturday. Concert tickets will be available at door.

Parent/guardian comments or concerns: Parents will need to drive their children to and from the festival.

Supervising Teacher(s): Jessica Wolf



Date of Trip: 3/26-28/2026 Destination: CT Convention Center, Hartford

Parent/guardian contact information:

Home: Work: Cell:

Alternate contact and phone number:

List any known allergic reactions:

Will student be taking any medication on this trip that has been prescribed by a physician? If yes, what is the medication?

What was the date of the student's last tetanus shot?

Insurance Company: Policy Number:

Family Doctor: Phone Number:

Name any other medical concerns:

I give my permission for the Somers Public Schools staff members to seek medical assistance for my child in the case of any injury or illness incurred while participating in this school-sponsored activity. If I cannot be reached to give my consent to medical personnel, this form will serve to give my permission to carry out necessary treatment. I understand that this trip begins and ends at school. I also understand that I must make provisions for the transportation of my child, from the school to our home, at the end of any educational trip that terminates after the regular school day.

Student's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Wolf/Kraus

SHS

Teacher

School/Grade



Stephanie Levin <stephanie.levin@somers.k12.ct.us>

2025 Preliminary Results - BOE Pension Plan

1 message

Rob Lessard <rob.lessard@usi.com>

Thu, Nov 20, 2025 at 9:39 AM

To: Stephanie Levin <stephanie.levin@somers.k12.ct.us>

Cc: Steve Lemanski <steve.lemanski@usi.com>, Ben Miller <ben.miller@usi.com>

Hi Steph,

We are providing you with preliminary results of the July 1, 2025 actuarial valuation for the BOE Pension Plan, which develops the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) for FY 2026-27.

We have reviewed the current actuarial assumptions in conjunction with this valuation. For this valuation, we are proposing as an option that the BOE adopt the Pub-2016 mortality tables, which are based upon the latest mortality study of public sector employees published by the Society of Actuaries. The Pub-2016 tables were released in May 2025, superseding the Pub-2010 tables, which was the assumption used for the BOE's 2024 valuation. This assumption change would decrease the plan's Actuarial Accrued Liability by about 1.3% and decrease the ADEC for FY 2026-27 by about 7.1%. Based on our review of the plan's current target allocation and our current capital market assumptions, we believe that the current long-term investment return assumption of 6.00% is reasonable.

The attached exhibit displays the details of the preliminary results, which are also summarized below.

The preliminary FY 2026-27 budget estimate (ADEC) under the current assumptions, and using the Pub-2016 tables, is as follows:

Current assumptions:	\$ 0.127 M
Update to Pub-2016 tables:	\$ 0.118 M

The above preliminary FY 2026-27 budget estimate compares with the FY 2025-26 ADEC of \$0.148 M (as developed in the 2024 actuarial valuation). There was an investment gain due to an asset return of approximately +6.8% on a smoothed (actuarial) basis (+7.2% on a market basis), versus the assumed return of 6.00%. The FY 2026-27 budget estimate of \$0.140 M provided in October reflected this investment gain along with estimated liabilities. There was an overall liability gain due to favorable experience of both active and retired members, partially offset by salary increases that were higher than expected. Therefore, the budget estimates listed above are now lower than the October value.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss further. Once the assumptions for the July 1, 2025 actuarial valuation have been finalized, we will prepare the valuation report. Thanks!

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Town of Somers
The Pension Plan for Somers Educational Secretarial Association
July 1, 2025 Actuarial Valuation - Preliminary Results

	July 1, 2024 Valuation	July 1, 2025 Valuation
Discount Rate:	6.00%	6.00%
Mortality:	Pub-2010(B)/MP-2021	Pub-2010(B)/MP-2021
	6.00%	6.00%
Funded Status		
Actuarial Accrued Liability	7,069,801	7,134,304
Actuarial Value of Assets	<u>6,619,345</u>	<u>6,899,707</u>
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	450,456	234,597
Funded Ratio	93.6%	96.7%
	(FY 2025-26)	(FY 2026-27)
Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC)		
Employer Normal Cost	92,720	89,187
Amortization of UAAL	46,947	31,063
Adjustment for interest and inflation	<u>8,380</u>	<u>7,215</u>
Total ADEC	148,047	127,465
	(FY 2026-27)	(FY 2026-27)
	98.0%	98.0%
	7,043,189	7,043,189
	<u>6,899,707</u>	<u>6,899,707</u>
	143,482	143,482
	<u>6,704</u>	<u>6,704</u>
	118,437	118,437