

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2009 7:00 PM
MBA Board Room, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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Ms. Pezza will give an overview of the 2008-09 CMT and CAPT results. An executive summary is provided. If you should have any questions Ms. Pezza will answer them during her presentation.
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1. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code: 2120-Organization Chart 25
A new organization chart has been drafted for the 2009-10 school year. This chart reflects all current staffing. Please note the elimination of the CST positions from the 2008-09 school year as a significant change in our organizational structure. This policy is included for second warning/adoption.
2. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code: 9120: Officers 27
The current bylaw of the BOE DBS Code: 9120 is somewhat misleading and possibly unclear. In order to ensure for clarity the Policy Committee is recommending that the wording "no sooner than" be added to this bylaw. This policy is now included for adoption.
3. BOE 2010 Meeting Schedule 28
The 2010 BOE meeting schedule has been formed in accordance with DBS Code:9321 and past practice. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the MBA BOE meeting room unless specified otherwise on the meeting agenda.
9. OLD BUSINESS
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1. Superintendent's Report
1. Open Choice Academic and Social Supports Grant 29
The superintendent will address the Open Choice Academic and Social Supports Grant. A description has been provided for your interest. Ms. Pezza submitted the application and Somers was awarded \$26,850. The superintendent and Ms. Pezza will answer any questions you may have.
2. BOE Room Audio System 33
An outline of a proposed audio system for the BOE meeting room has been provided by Peter Stone, Media Specialist. The system that he is proposing can be installed either permanently or used as a portable system. Some of the components from the SHS board meeting room arrangement may be used but as you will notice the system for the new MBA board room will require new equipment. We should discuss the options for installing an audio system for the board room.
2. Enrollment 10/1/09 34
The enrollment figures reflect a drop in enrollment by 4 students, 2 at SES and 2 at SHS. The changes are due to families moving out of town.
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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ninth District Road
Somers, CT 06071
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – September 28, 2009

- Members Present:** T.Henderson, M.Marquardt (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), D.Atkinson, A.Kirkpatrick, J.Formeister (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), T.Potrikus (attended BOF meeting and arrived at 7:18 p.m.), E.Boucher, R.Lees, D.Palmer
- Members Absent:**
- Administrators Present:** M.Suffredini, B.Boutwell (attended BOF meeting and arrived at 7:18 p.m.), K.Pezza, R.Riola, N.Barry, P.Collin (arrived at 7:32 p.m.)
- Staff Present:**
- Citizens Present:** A.Koehler, Mary Kay Sloan, C.Collins, C.Gay, C.Manning
- Students Present:** A.Koehler
- Student Representatives:** None in attendance
- Others:**

Note: The above list does not reflect all those who were in attendance.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Henderson in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School-BOE Board Room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 September 14, 2009 Regular Meeting – It was MOVED (D.Atkinson) SECONDED (R.Lees) to approve the September 14, 2009 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 6-0

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Henderson reported receipt of the following:

- A bus stop request.
- A notice from the Somers Music Patrons outlining their fundraisers for this year and their accomplishments from last year.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of 9/24/09 Bills (\$12.11)

It was MOVED (D.Atkinson) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to approve the 9/24/09 bills in the amount of \$12.11. PASSED 7-0

Approval of 9/28/09 Bills (\$326,675.92)

It was MOVED (D.Atkinson) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to approve the 9/28/09 bills in the amount of \$326,675.92. PASSED 7-0

7.2 Resignation (C.Lewis)

It was MOVED (D.Atkinson) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to approve the resignation submitted by C.Lewis effective October 9, 2009. PASSED 7-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2009-2010 Budget Approval

The Board reviewed the final budget and raised questions on specific line items.

One of the questions presented was whether or not there were any trends or shifts noted in the selection of insurance plans or packages. Dr. Suffredini responded that there has not been any major interest in the new plan that was offered last year and no trends have been identified.

Chairman Henderson raised questions regarding the reason for the high mower maintenance and septic service fees. Mr. Boutwell clarified the need for a new mower. Regarding the increase in septic service fees, Mr. Boutwell explained that it had been recommended that septic cleaning should be done once a year rather than every two years based on usage.

It was MOVED (D.Palmer) SECONDED (D.Atkinson) to approve the 2009-2010 final budget as presented. PASSED 8-0

8.2 Long-Range Plan Requests

Dr. Suffredini explained that the 2009 Long-Range Plan Summary presented includes all the requests that were submitted by administration. The requests were reviewed and items identified as critical were included for fiscal year 2010-11. Most of the requests were pushed-out and are included in years 2 through 5.

Roofs: A discussion was held regarding repairing or replacing the roofs on the SES gym and media center and the need to identify what roofs are nearing the 20-year mark. Funds were budgeted for a few years ago and are still available; however, based on current estimates, additional funds are needed.

The Board requested that every building roof be added to the Long-Range Plan along with the date when it was installed, when it will need to be replaced, and a cost estimate range.

SES Gym Bleachers: A discussion was held regarding the condition of the SES gym bleachers. These bleachers are also used for town activities that are held in the gym. It is highly unlikely that the bleachers will be replaced in the near future and there are some safety concerns. It was suggested that the need to either replace or remove these bleachers be brought to the attention of town officials, as well as school and town sports associations.

Transition Program Ages 18-21: Dr. Collin explained the inclusion of this program in the Long-Range Plan under Programs FY2010-11. Dr. Collin stated that the district is mandated to provide services for special needs students until the age of 21. Currently, we have contracted with other districts to provide these services. Somers pays tuition and transportation costs.

Dr. Collin explained that they are looking at developing a new program to implement next year to provide services in-district for special needs students aged 18-21. There are three students projected that will require services in 2010-2011. There could be a significant cost savings by running the program in-district.

Technology: Dr. Suffredini emphasized the need to stay current with technology in all areas and to continue to fund the needs of the Tech Ed program that was started last year at the high school.

The Long-Range Planning Committee will meet with Dr. Suffredini and compile a list of recommendations to be included in the Long-Range Plan. This list will be presented at the October 26th BOE meeting for Board approval.

The Board discussed the need to pursue other funding sources for many of the items that were presented.

8.3 First Warning of DBS Code: 2120-Organization Chart

Dr. Suffredini explained that a new Organization Chart has been drafted for the 2009-2010 school year that reflects all current staffing. The CST positions have been eliminated from the organizational structure. This policy will be included on the October 14th agenda for second warning/adoption.

8.4 First Warning of DBS Code: 9120: Officers

Dr. Suffredini explained that the current bylaw of the BOE DBS Code: 9120 is somewhat misleading and in order to ensure clarity, the Policy Committee added the words “no sooner than” before “15 days after the town biennial election.” This bylaw will be included on the October 14th agenda for second warning/adoption.

Newly elected Board of Education members will be invited to be sworn in by Town Clerk, Ann Marie Logan, at the regular BOE meeting on November 9; however, the new Board will not be effective until November 23rd. Following the election, Administrative Assistant, Su Selley will coordinate the swearing in schedule with the Town Clerk.

8.5 CAFE On-Line Policy Manual

Dr. Suffredini commended the Policy Committee for their review and revision of the Board’s Policy Manual. Dr. Suffredini explained that contracting with CAFE to put the policy manual on-line will allow the Board and Superintendent to work closely with CAFE on reviewing policies, making changes and updates, and it will provide easier access and search-ability through the district website which will be linked to CAFE’s service.

It was MOVED (D.Palmer) SECONDED (M.Marquardt) to approve a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 to contract with CAFE for their on-line policy manual service. PASSED 9-0

The sum of \$3,000.00 covers the initial setup cost with CAFE. The fee in subsequent years will be substantially less.

8.6 BOE Reporting Schedule

Dr. Suffredini explained that the Board’s Reporting Schedule has been modified slightly. Curriculum presentations will be in accordance with the Curriculum Review Cycle.

It was the consensus of the Board to accept the changes to the BOE Reporting Schedule as presented.

A discussion was held regarding linking personal and building goals by the administrators with the Strategic Plan and ensuring the Strategic Plan remain visible and understood by all staff.

The Board requested that curriculum presentations to the BOE continue to highlight the link to the applicable Strategic Plan Goals.

Chairman Henderson suggested that the Strategic Plan Goals should be displayed in the BOE meeting room.

8.7 MBA SPED Paraprofessional

Dr. Collin explained that a parent registered his child with significant special needs in our district after the start of this school year. This student's Individualized Education Program requires additional staffing to provide direct supervision, behavioral interventions and support in general at Mabelle B. Avery Middle School.

It was MOVED (J.Formeister) SECONDED (T.Potrikus) to approve the request to hire a full-time special education paraprofessional to supervise a student with special needs at Mabelle B. Avery Middle School as presented. PASSED 9-0

9.0 OLD BUSINESS – None

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Suffredini reported that Director of Curriculum, Kathleen Pezza, has been meeting with staff and curriculum teams. Dr. Suffredini reported that the transition to a building based model is going well.

Dr. Suffredini reported that 16 out of 24 areas tested last year were at 90% proficiency. Dr. Suffredini stated that although this indicates improvement, there is still a need to improve, particularly in the area of writing in grade three. Mrs. Pezza will work with the BOE Curriculum Committee to put together a plan for common curriculum assessments at the lower grade levels that will measure student performance at a certain point. Dr. Suffredini stated that the foundation needs to be set in the early grades.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Budget

Mr. Boutwell reported that there are two issues that need to be addressed at Somers Elementary School. There is a problem with the line conditioner at the media center and the media center air conditioner is in need of repair. The line conditioner issue needs to be addressed immediately. The replacement or repair of the air conditioner unit is being reviewed. T.Potrikus reported that he notified the BOF of these two issues at tonight's BOF meeting.

Mr. Potrikus also reported that he presented the BOF with a copy of the BOE's list of transfers.

11.2 Curriculum

A meeting will be scheduled toward the end of the year.

- 11.3 Policy**
The Policy Committee will meet on October 15th.
- 11.4 Salary & Negotiations**
Three meetings have been scheduled with the SESA. Meetings are in the process of being scheduled with the SAA.
- 11.5 Planning**
The committee will meet with Dr. Suffredini to finalize the Long-Range Plan.
- 11.6 Other Committees – No Report**

12.0 OTHER

- 12.1** J.Formeister asked what happened to the sound system that was supposed to be installed in the Board’s meeting room. Dr. Suffredini will look into this and update the Board at the next meeting.
- 12.2** Chairman Henderson asked if there was some way to note on the meeting agenda whether an item is an action item or for information only item.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (J.Formeister) and SECONDED (D.Atkinson) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Somers Board of Education at 9:01 p.m. PASSED 9-0

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Atkinson, Secretary
Joan Jaquith, Recording Secretary

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

CMT and CAPT 2009

Executive Summary

CMT – Somers Elementary School

In grade 3, the percentage of students meeting proficiency was 88% in Math, 73% in Reading and 82% in Writing. An area for commendation was Math. Areas for growth were Reading and Writing.

In grade 4, the percentage of students meeting proficiency was 89% in Math, 76% in Reading and 86% in Writing. An area for commendation was Math. Areas for growth were Reading and Writing.

In grade 5, the percentage of students meeting proficiency was 96% in Math, 83% in Reading, 80% in Writing and 93% in Science. Areas for commendation were Math and Science. Areas for growth were Reading and Writing.

CMT – Mabelle Avery Middle School

In grade 6, the percentage of students meeting proficiency was 95% in Math, 90% in Reading and 91% in Writing. An area for commendation was Math. Areas for growth were Reading and Writing.

In grade 7, the percentage of students meeting proficiency was 91% in Math, 91% in Reading and 87% in Writing. An area for commendation was Reading. Areas for growth were Math and Writing.

In grade 8, the percentage of students meeting proficiency was 97% in Math, 95% in Reading, 91% in Writing and 90% in Science. Areas for commendation were Math and Reading. Areas for growth were Writing and Science.

CAPT – Somers High School

In grade 10, the percentage of students meeting proficiency was 95% in Math, 92% in Reading, 94% in Writing and 95% in Science. Areas for commendation were Math and Science. An area for growth was Writing.

SAT/ACT – Somers High School

On the SATs, Somers High School performed above state and national levels on all three tests. The average scores were 524 for Critical Reading, 549 for Mathematics and 536 for Writing.

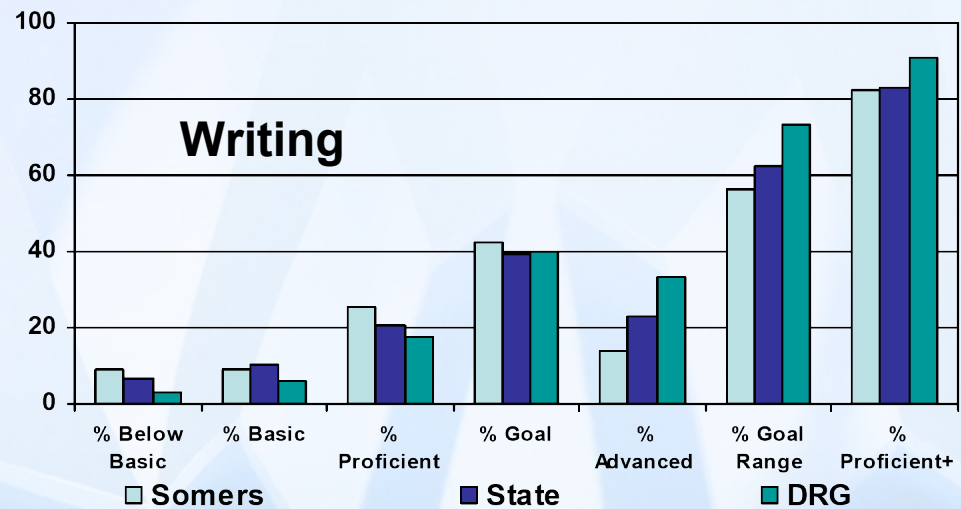
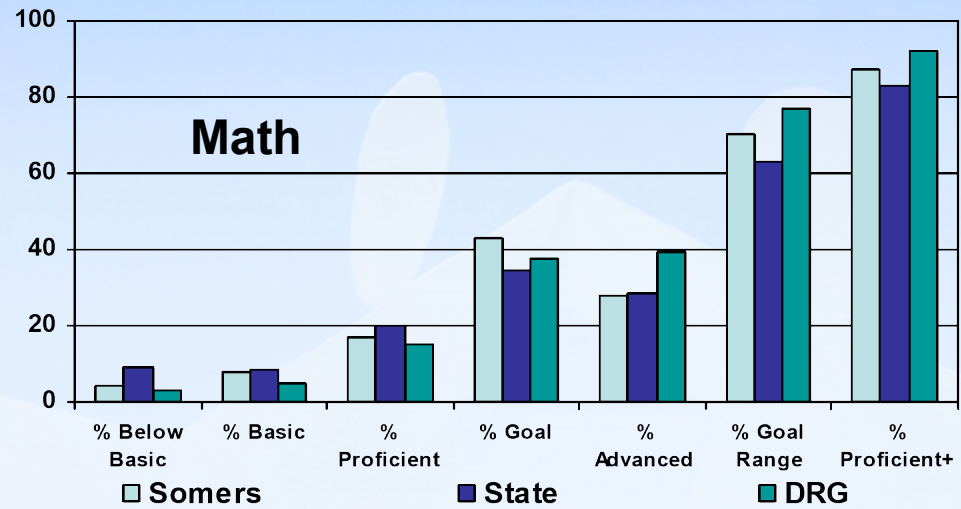
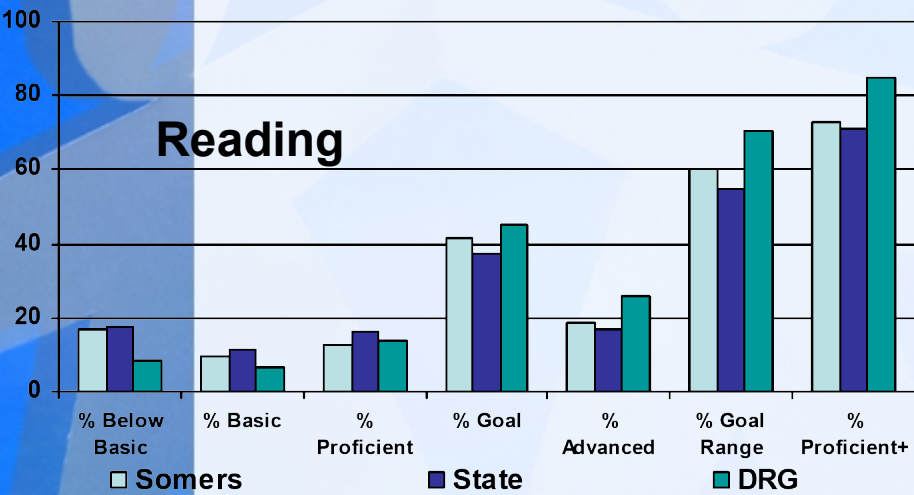
On the ACTs, Somers High School performed above the state averages on all five tests. The average scores were 25.8 for English, 25.5 for Mathematics, 26.6 for Reading, 23.8 for Science and 25.5 for the Composite.



2009 CMT & CAPT

Score Report

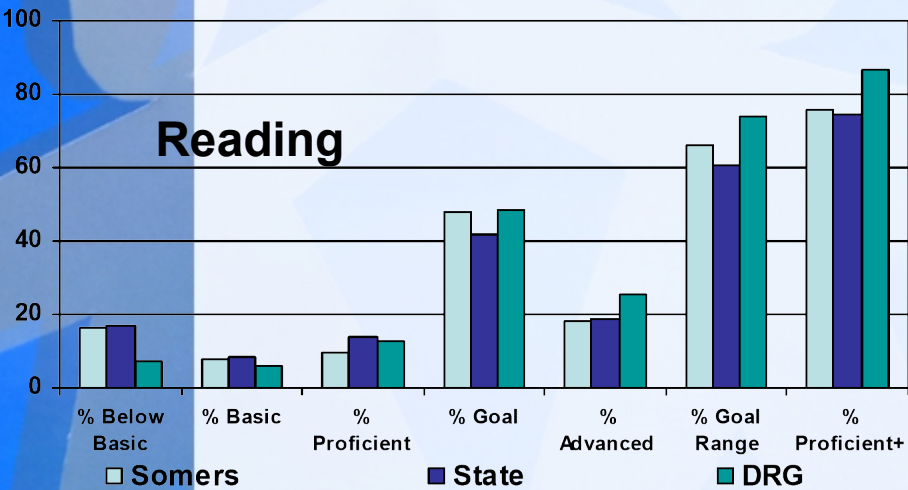
Grade 3 CMT Results



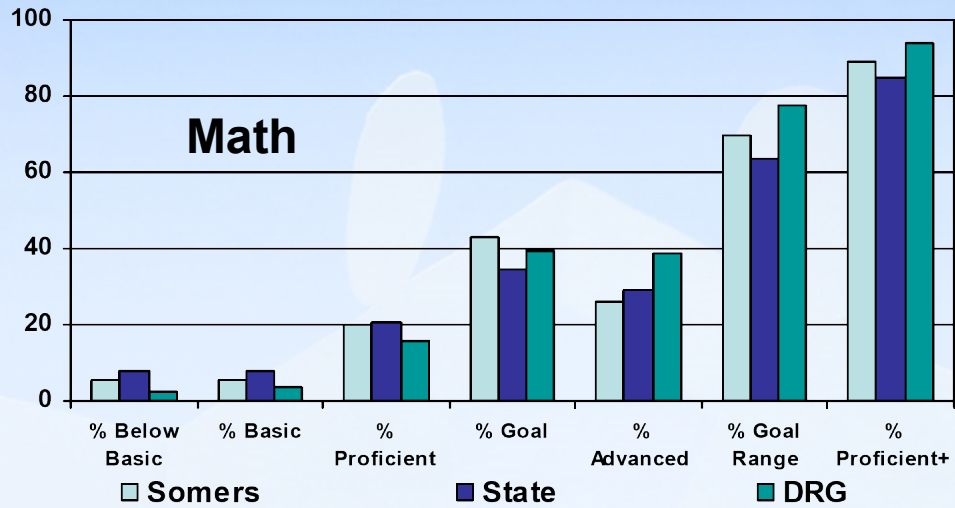
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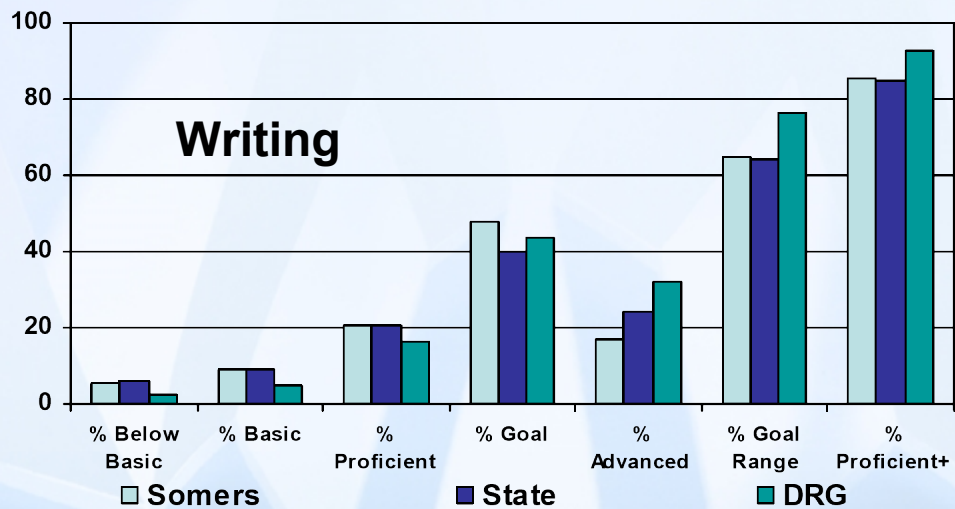
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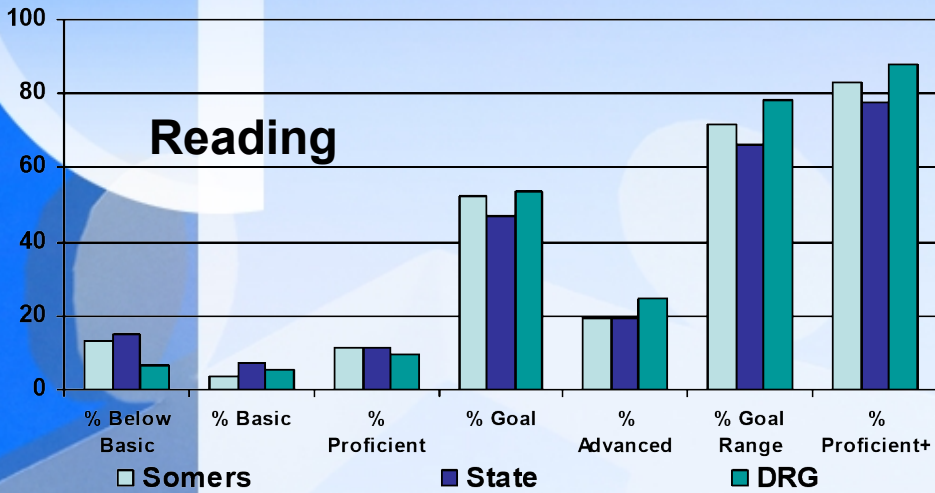
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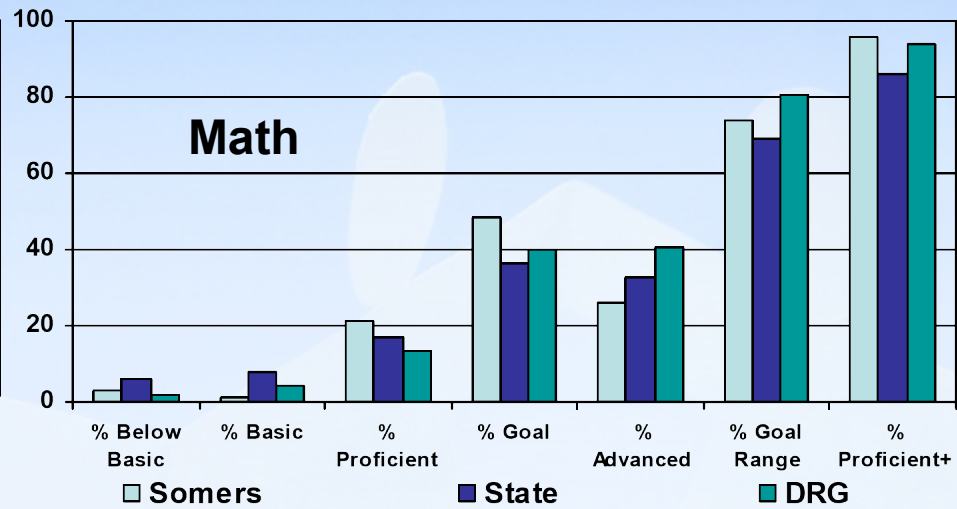
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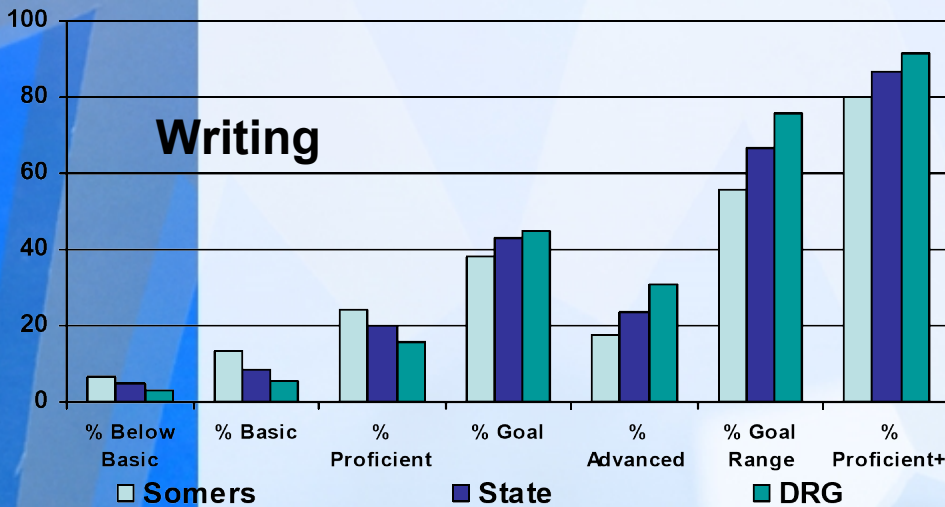
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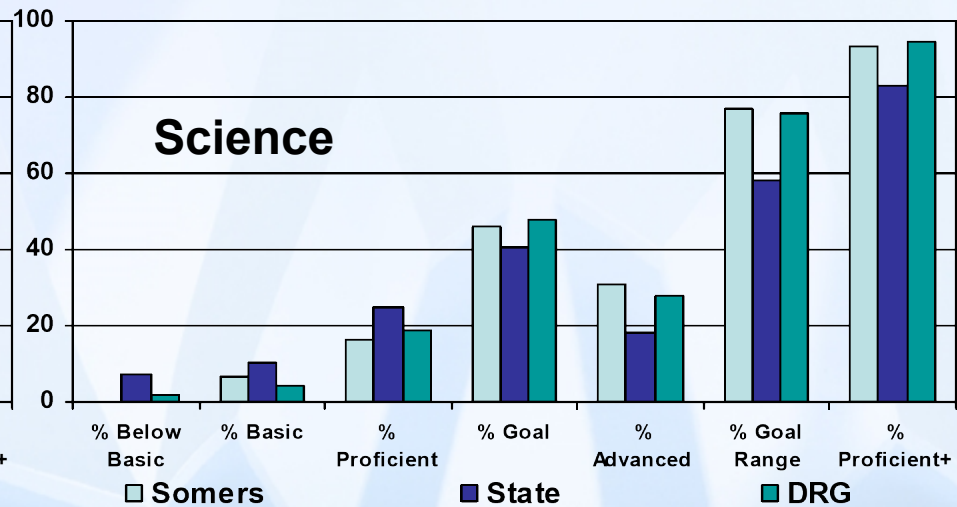
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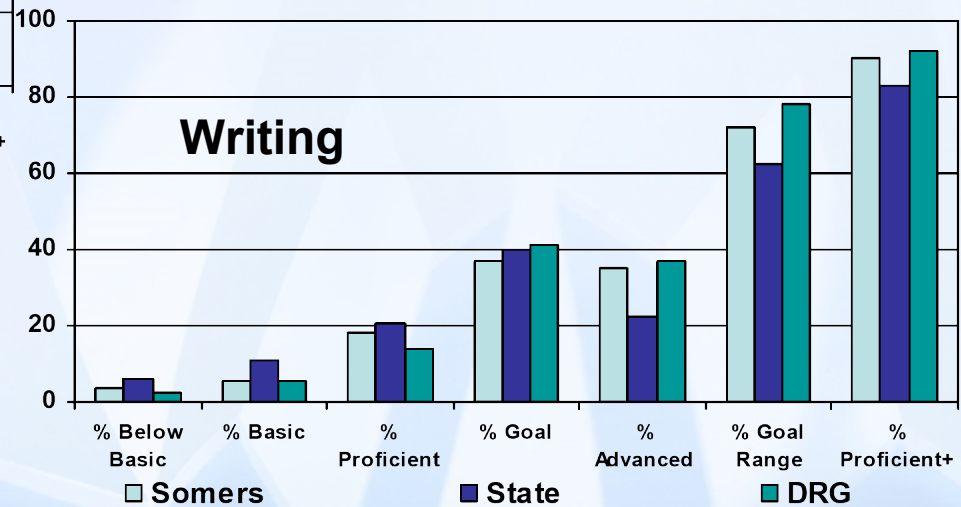
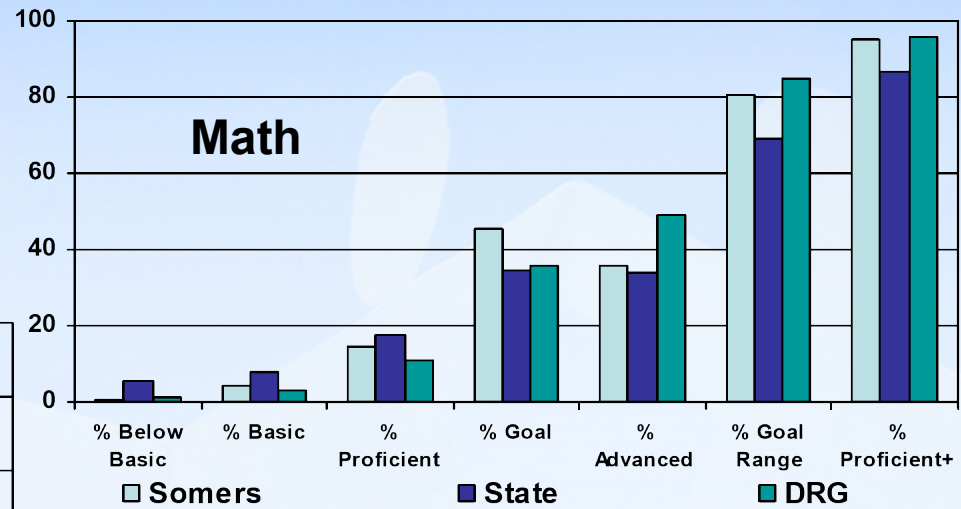
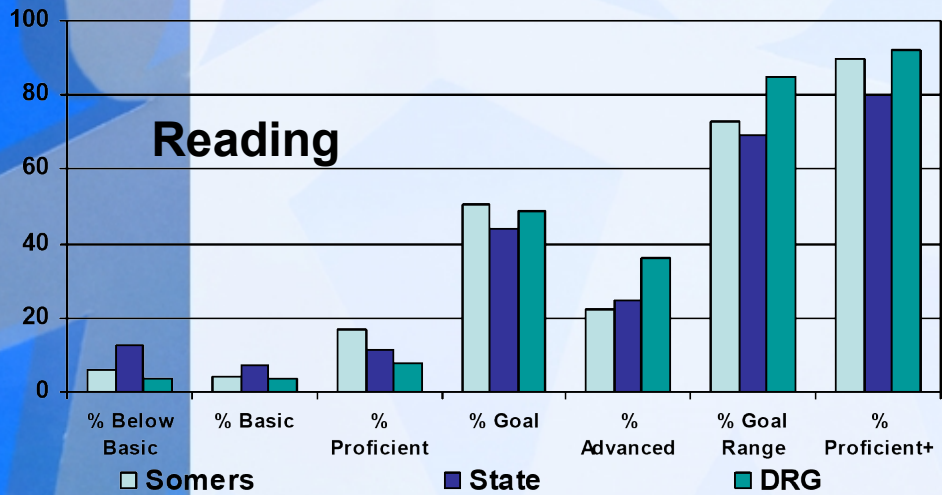
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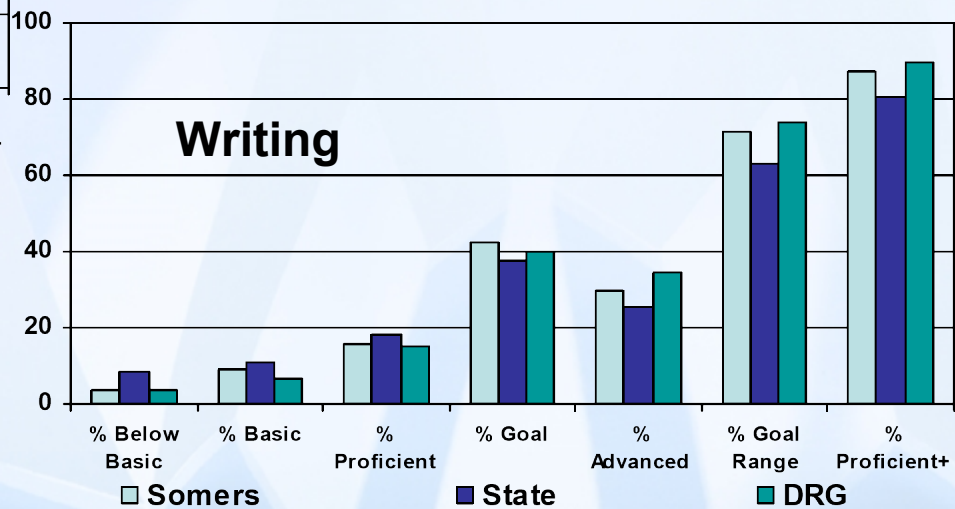
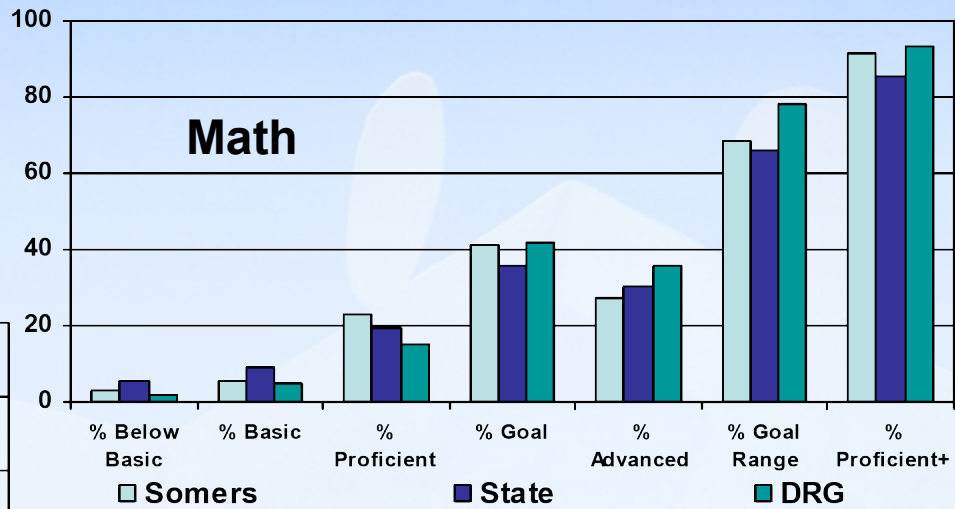
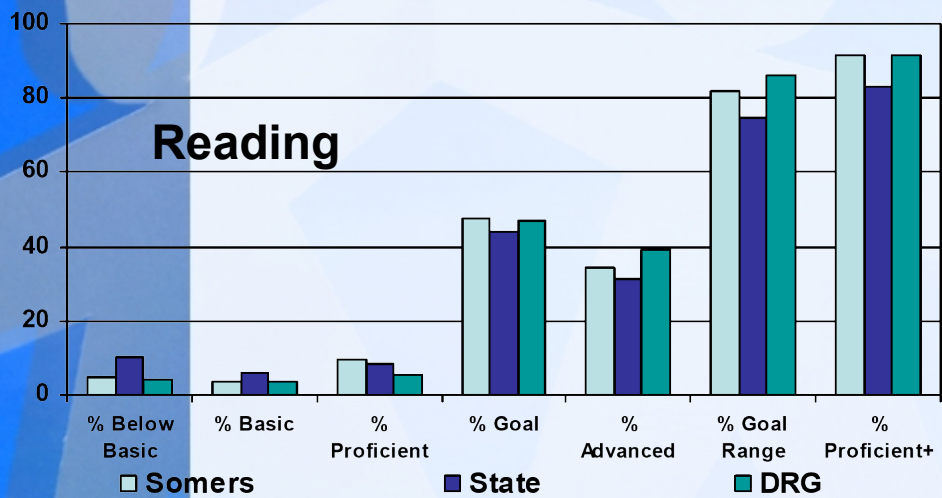
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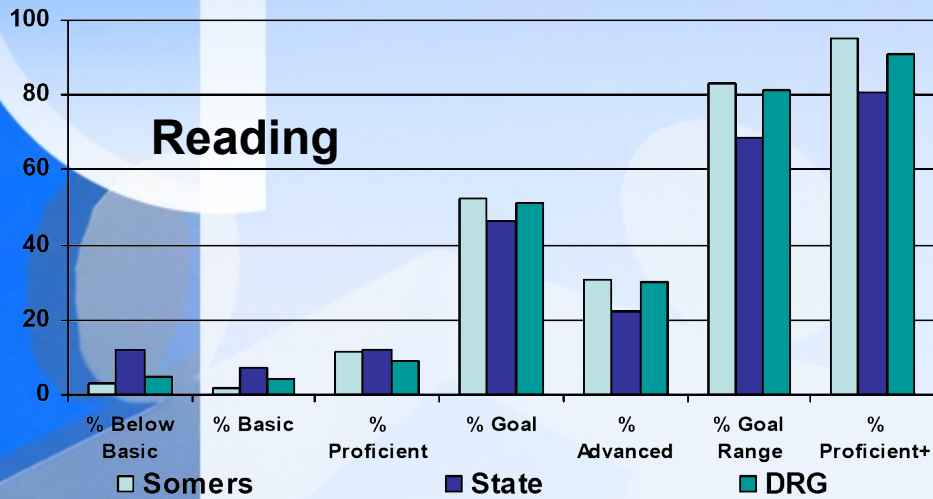
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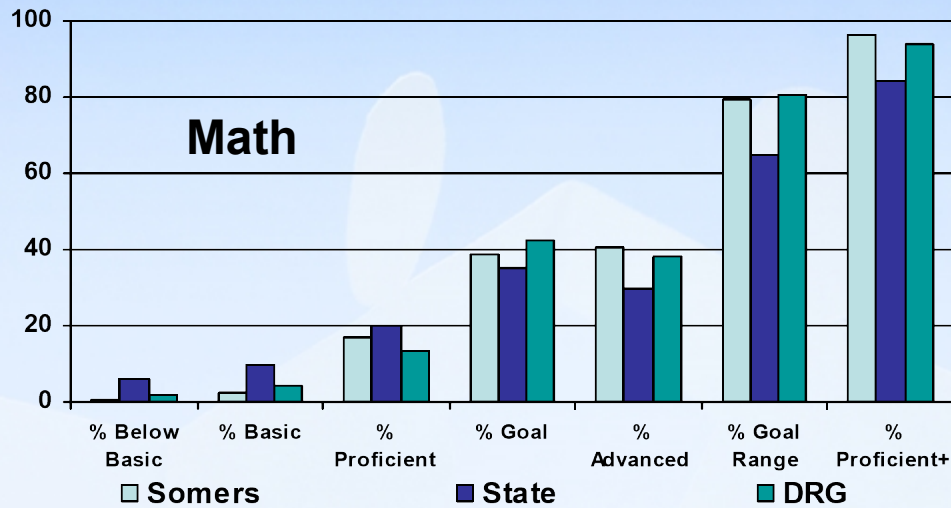
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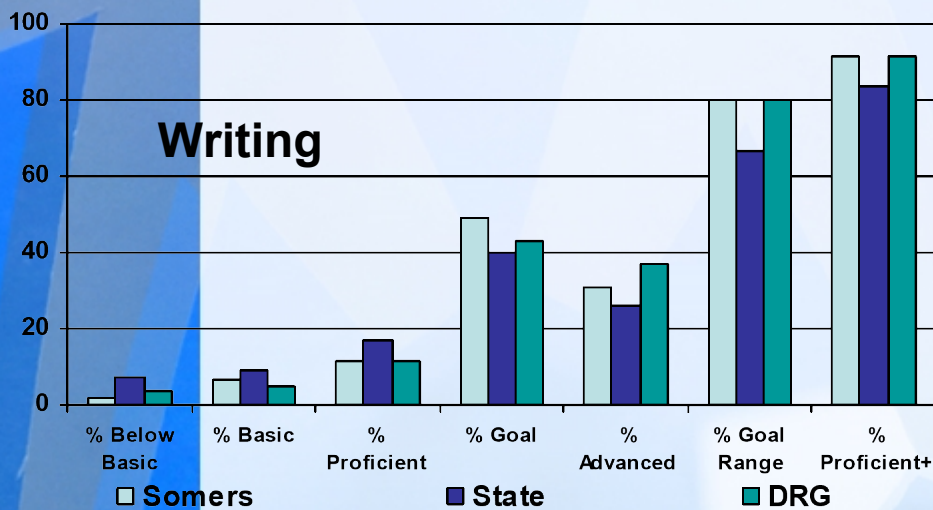
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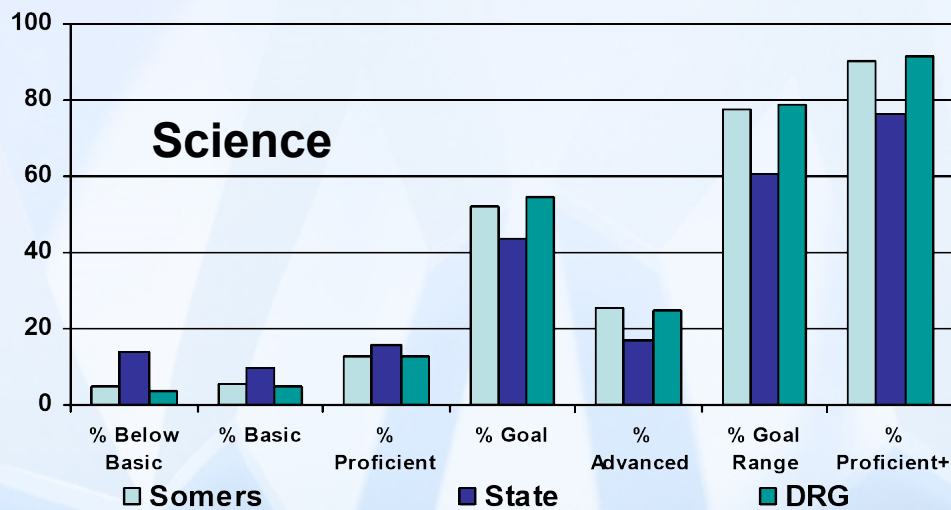
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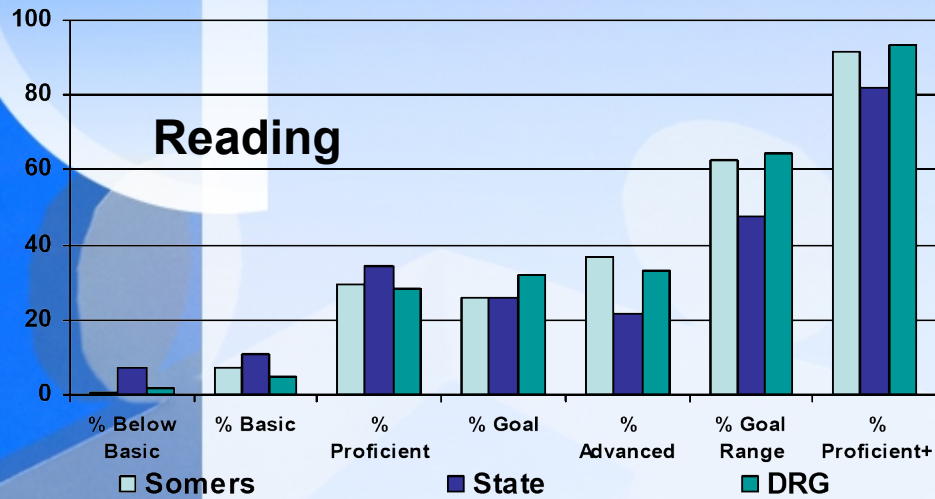
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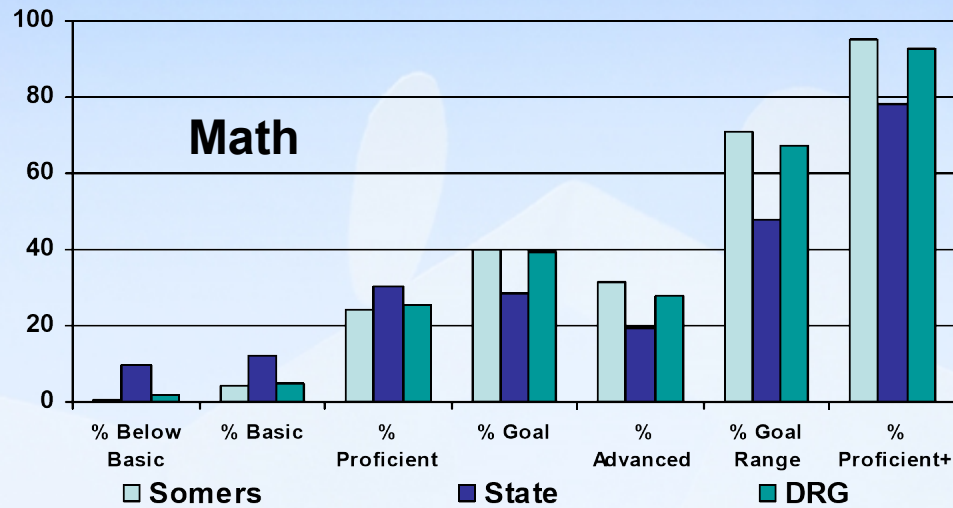
Grade 10 CAPT Results



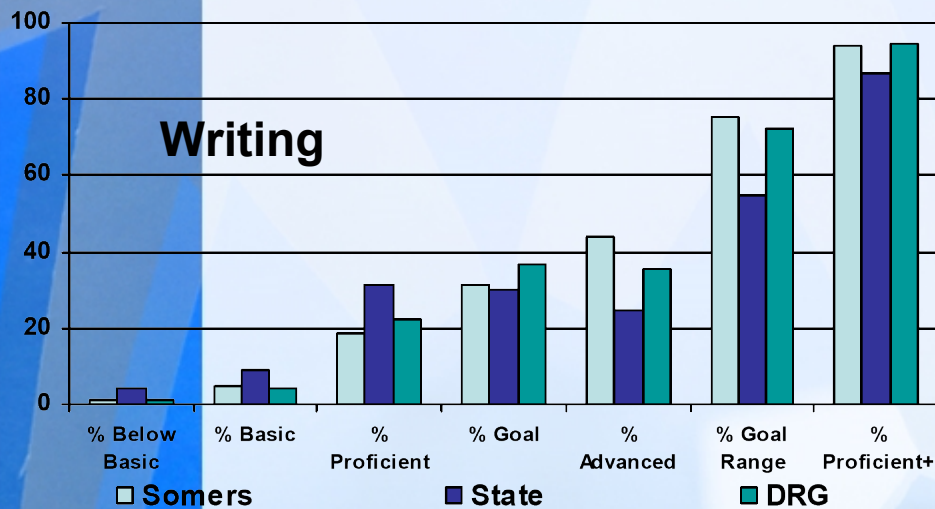
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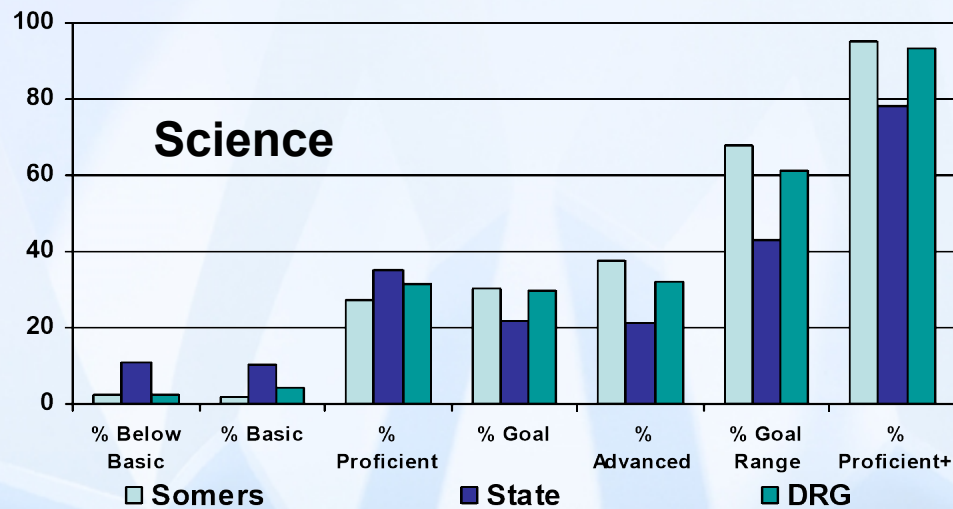
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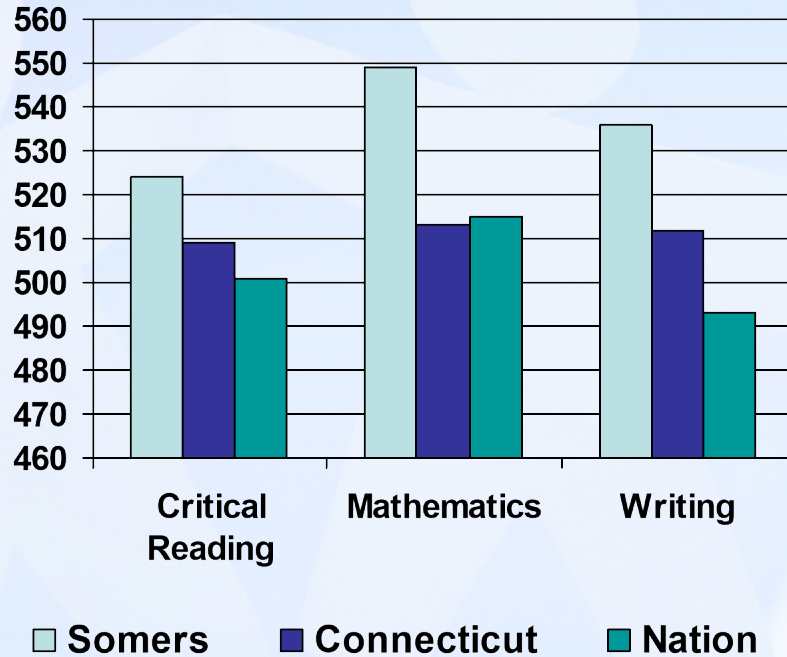
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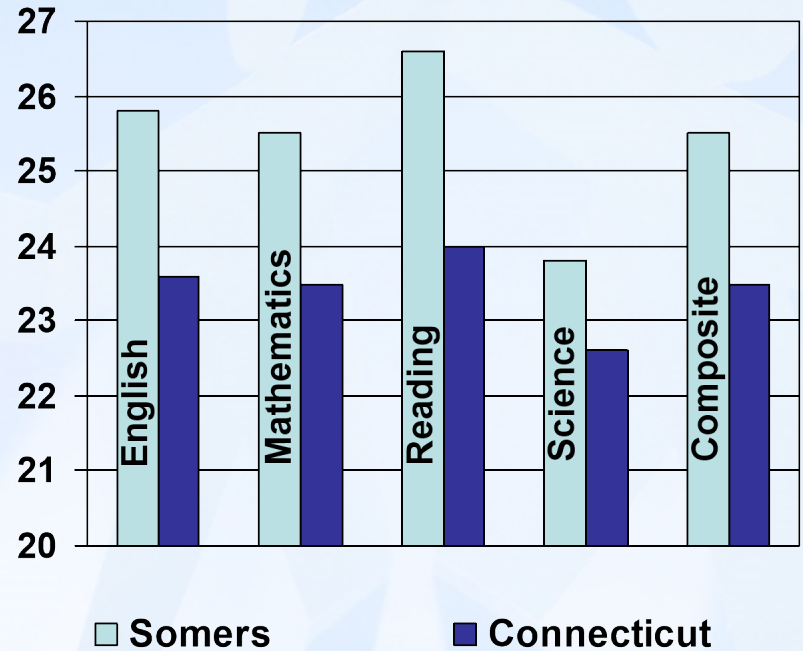
SAT and ACT Scores



Average SAT Score



Average ACT Score



Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 2176

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 Check Dates: (Earliest) - (Latest)
 Cash Account Number:
 Check Authorization Code: AP GB
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 Sorted By:
 Include Payable Information: No
 Include Payable Dist Information: No
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Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
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	233	09/28/2009	V60046	Advanced Fitness Designs, Inc.	0.00	3,277.50
	234	09/28/2009	V02185	Allston Supply Co. Inc.	0.00	5,389.81
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	249	09/28/2009	V53390	CIRMA	0.00	14,496.00
	250	09/28/2009	V00159	Connecticut Light & Power	0.00	7,569.75

Approved by:  Date: 9/24/09
 William B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 2180

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
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		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01186	SW - PREFERRED PROVIDER ORG.		107,410.11	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01228	SW - HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT		3,594.53	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-520-13-5-00520	UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE		2,317.00	0.00
		10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00595	HS - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES		784.10	0.00
		10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-01220	HS - ATHLETIC UNIFORMS		727.48	0.00
		10-613-9-9-88-955-561-14-5-00670	SP ED - GENGRAS		9,400.00	0.00
		10-613-9-9-88-955-561-14-5-00673	SP ED - TUITION		13,207.50	0.00
			Total User-Entered Distributions		<u>\$326,675.92</u>	<u>\$326,675.92</u>
			Total for September, 2010		<u>\$387,922.76</u>	<u>\$387,922.76</u>
			Grand Total for Batch # 891		<u>\$387,922.76</u>	<u>\$387,922.76</u>

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
	251	09/28/2009	V51728	CleanMachine Powerwash Inc.	0.00	95.00
	252	09/28/2009	V53280	Collins Sports Medicine	0.00	328.10
	253	09/28/2009	V60057	Community Child Guidance Clinic, Inc.	0.00	7,657.50
	254	09/28/2009	V60045	Computer Network Accessories	0.00	139.66
	255	09/28/2009	V02198	The Connecticut Water Company	0.00	2,808.96
	256	09/28/2009	V52165	Coordinated Transportation Solutions	0.00	553.00
	257	09/28/2009	V00204	CREC	0.00	573.00
	258	09/28/2009	E00079	Cunningham, Ed	0.00	16.50
	259	09/28/2009	V00231	D & D PRINTERS	0.00	304.51
	260	09/28/2009	V52297	E-filliate Incorporated	0.00	77.83
	261	09/28/2009	V51849	EAST RIVER ENERGY	0.00	7,939.73
	262	09/28/2009	V54168	FIRST STUDENT, INC.	0.00	18,940.82
	263	09/28/2009	V02186	Flinn Scientific, Inc.	0.00	459.77
	264	09/28/2009	V01563	FOLLETT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	0.00	2,049.47
	265	09/28/2009	V60047	Garston Sigh Supplies, Inc.	0.00	244.04
	266	09/28/2009	E00127	Griffin, James	0.00	250.00
	267	09/28/2009	V60019	Grizzly Industrial, Inc.	0.00	784.00
	268	09/28/2009	V53439	Group Dynamic	0.00	105.45
	269	09/28/2009	V00639	H B COMMUNICATIONS	0.00	840.00
	270	09/28/2009	V00514	Harland Technology Services	0.00	315.00
	271	09/28/2009	V51232	Hartford Hospital	0.00	2,403.00
	272	09/28/2009	V00891	Hm Receivables Co LLC	0.00	853.05
	273	09/28/2009	V52848	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	0.00	3,147.00
	274	09/28/2009	V02093	JCN Services	0.00	3,323.00
	275	09/28/2009	V02206	John's Lock Shop	0.00	574.00
	276	09/28/2009	V02625	K & S Distributors	0.00	120.00
	277	09/28/2009	V00665	Kelly-Fradet Lumber	0.00	41.10
	278	09/28/2009	V51340	Life Safety Service & Supply LLC	0.00	850.00
	279	09/28/2009	V52107	MAJOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY	0.00	253.80
	280	09/28/2009	V01370	McGraw Hill Companies	0.00	85.48
	281	09/28/2009	V54106	MOUNTAIN MATH	0.00	303.80
	282	09/28/2009	V60013	NCTM	0.00	104.00
	283	09/28/2009	V52686	Plimpton & Hills	0.00	298.44
	284	09/28/2009	E00267	Porter, Marjorie	0.00	51.34
	285	09/28/2009	V60053	Premier Laboratory, Inc	0.00	64.00
	286	09/28/2009	V52381	Premier School Agendas, Inc.	0.00	2,671.63
	287	09/28/2009	V53356	PROCOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP.	0.00	393.00

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 2176

Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
	288	09/28/2009	V00287	Psychology Today	0.00	18.00
	289	09/28/2009	V01605	Qualitone Industries	0.00	136.03
	290	09/28/2009	V00585	REMARKABLE PRODUCTS, INC	0.00	34.90
	291	09/28/2009	V51134	Richco Products, Inc.	0.00	477.00
	292	09/28/2009	V01779	S & S WORLDWIDE	0.00	780.54
	293	09/28/2009	V02528	SADDLEBACK EDUCATIONAL	0.00	149.60
	294	09/28/2009	V02002	SAX ARTS & CRAFTS	0.00	177.54
	295	09/28/2009	V60002	Scholastic Library Publishing	0.00	670.00
	296	09/28/2009	V01354	Scholastic, Inc.	0.00	319.00
	297	09/28/2009	V01292	School Specialty, Inc.	0.00	700.27
	298	09/28/2009	V00729	SchoolMart, Inc.	0.00	1,869.85
	299	09/28/2009	V60056	Sexauer	0.00	505.24
	300	09/28/2009	V02325	Sheffield Pottery, Inc.	0.00	690.00
	301	09/28/2009	V51324	Sherwin-Williams Co., The	0.00	63.38
	302	09/28/2009	V53586	Social Studies School Service	0.00	464.57
	303	09/28/2009	V02404	Somers Ace Hardware	0.00	633.24
	304	09/28/2009	V00886	Somers Lunch Program	0.00	49.50
	305	09/28/2009	V01591	Town of Somers	0.00	3,000.00
	306	09/28/2009	V02129	SONITROL	0.00	521.16
	307	09/28/2009	V60034	Spelling Etc.	0.00	2,100.00
	308	09/28/2009	V60021	3tailer.com	0.00	104.25
	309	09/28/2009	V02758	St. Joseph College	0.00	9,400.00
	310	09/28/2009	V02225	Staples Credit Plan	0.00	180.34
	311	09/28/2009	V52976	THE REPUBLICAN	0.00	156.34
	312	09/28/2009	V01638	Tree House, The	0.00	3,425.90
	313	09/28/2009	V53539	Triumph Learning, LLC	0.00	4,098.90
	314	09/28/2009	V60044	Troxell Communications	0.00	553.62
	315	09/28/2009	E00336	Vamvilis, Kathleen	0.00	27.50
	316	09/28/2009	V53413	W. B. Mason	0.00	1,979.20
	317	09/28/2009	V52399	W.R. Robinson Lumber	0.00	647.90
	318	09/28/2009	V51145	Whip's Sporting Goods, Inc.	0.00	456.00
	319	09/28/2009	V52483	World War II	0.00	24.95
Totals:					0.00	\$326,675.92

89 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 2180

Batch: 891

Transaction: N/A

Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
891	\$326,675.92	Posted	lbergamini	09/22/2009	lbergamini	09/24/2009

General Ledger Distribution Summary						
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September, 2010						
Generated Distributions						
	10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			61,246.84	0.00
	10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-00000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	61,246.84
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	10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	326,675.92
	10-100-2-2-02-242-611-01-5-00161	K-5 - ART SUPPLIES			440.72	0.00
	10-100-2-2-14-241-611-01-5-00155	K-5 - GENERAL SUPPLIES			2,170.40	0.00
	10-100-2-2-14-242-611-01-5-00799	K-5 - SECOND GRADE SUPPLIES			45.98	0.00
	10-100-2-2-18-220-641-01-5-00973	K-5 - MATH TEXTBOOKS			98.45	0.00
	10-100-2-2-18-242-611-01-5-00187	K-5 - MATH SUPPLIES			303.80	0.00
	10-100-2-2-18-243-611-01-5-00238	K-5 - MATH WORKBOOKS			4,098.90	0.00
	10-100-2-3-08-243-611-01-5-00255	MA - FOREIGN LANGUAGE WORKBOOK			51.75	0.00
	10-100-2-3-12-242-611-01-5-00182	MA - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			647.90	0.00
	10-100-2-3-14-220-641-01-5-01140	MA - REPLACEMENT TEXTS			801.30	0.00
	10-100-2-3-28-242-611-01-5-00204	MA - SCIENCE SUPPLIES			155.59	0.00
	10-100-2-4-02-242-611-01-5-00165	HS - ART SUPPLIES			6,434.51	0.00
	10-100-2-4-14-241-611-01-5-00159	HS - GENERAL SUPPLIES			151.63	0.00
	10-100-2-4-18-242-611-01-5-00191	HS - MATH SUPPLIES			1,973.85	0.00
	10-100-2-4-22-242-611-01-5-00195	HS - PHYSICAL ED SUPPLIES			780.54	0.00
	10-100-2-4-26-242-611-01-5-01070	HS - ENGLISH SUPPLIES			1,405.61	0.00
	10-100-2-4-28-242-611-01-5-00206	HS - SCIENCE SUPPLIES			459.77	0.00
	10-100-2-4-30-242-611-01-5-01644	HS - SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES			207.12	0.00
	10-100-2-4-30-243-611-01-5-00887	HS - SOCIAL STUDIES WORKBOOKS			375.40	0.00
	10-100-2-4-40-220-641-01-5-01068	HS - REPLACEMENT TEXTS			1,064.51	0.00
	10-100-2-4-46-242-611-01-5-00229	HS - SCHOOL TO CAREER SUPPLIES			64.87	0.00
	10-100-2-4-66-730-730-01-5-00616	HS - TECH ED REPLACEMENT		Yes	784.00	0.00
	10-100-2-5-14-241-611-01-5-00873	SW - GENERAL COMPUTER SUPPLIES			3,425.90	0.00
	10-100-2-5-48-220-641-01-5-00966	SW - HEALTH TEXT		Yes	3,277.50	0.00
	10-120-9-4-98-242-611-01-5-01643	SP ED - SHS REBUILDING PROGRAM			149.60	0.00
	10-120-9-9-98-242-611-01-5-00216	SP ED - HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLIES			85.48	0.00

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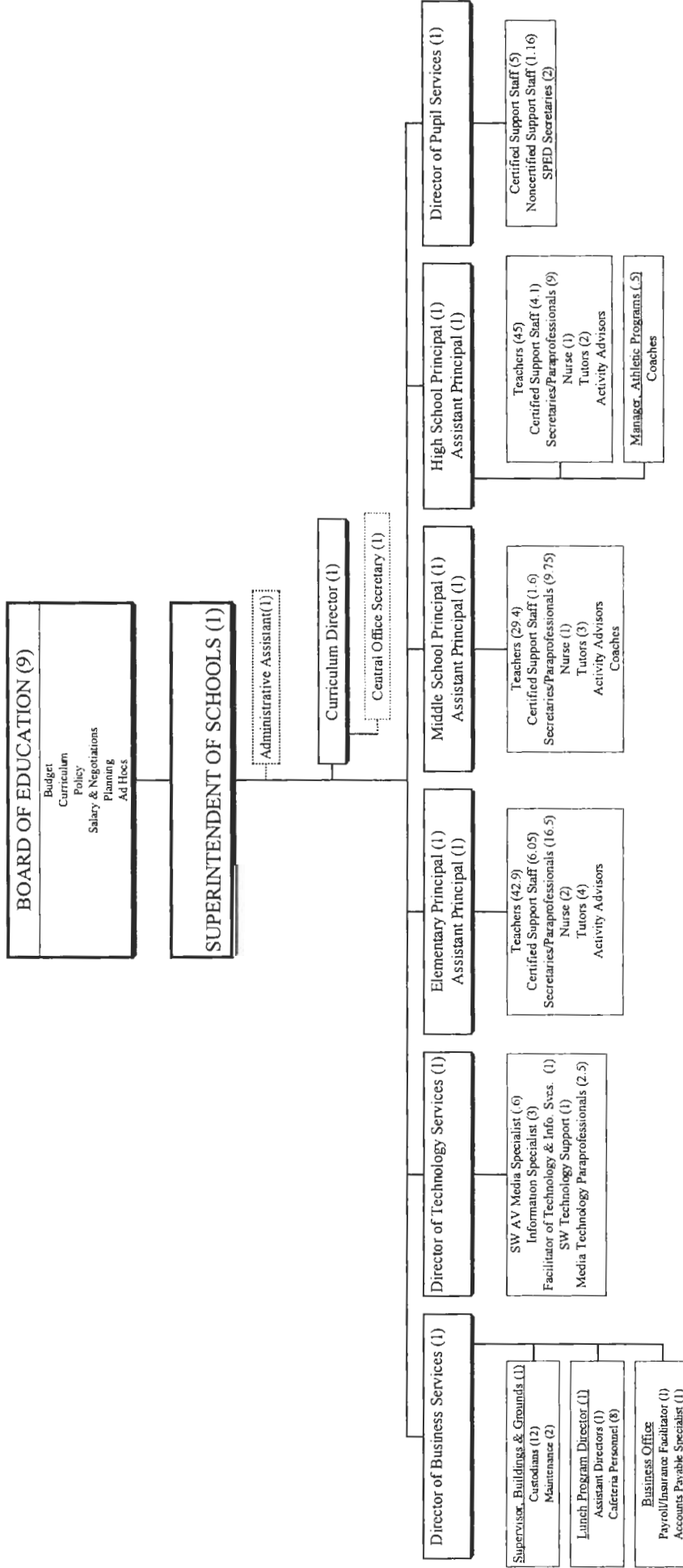
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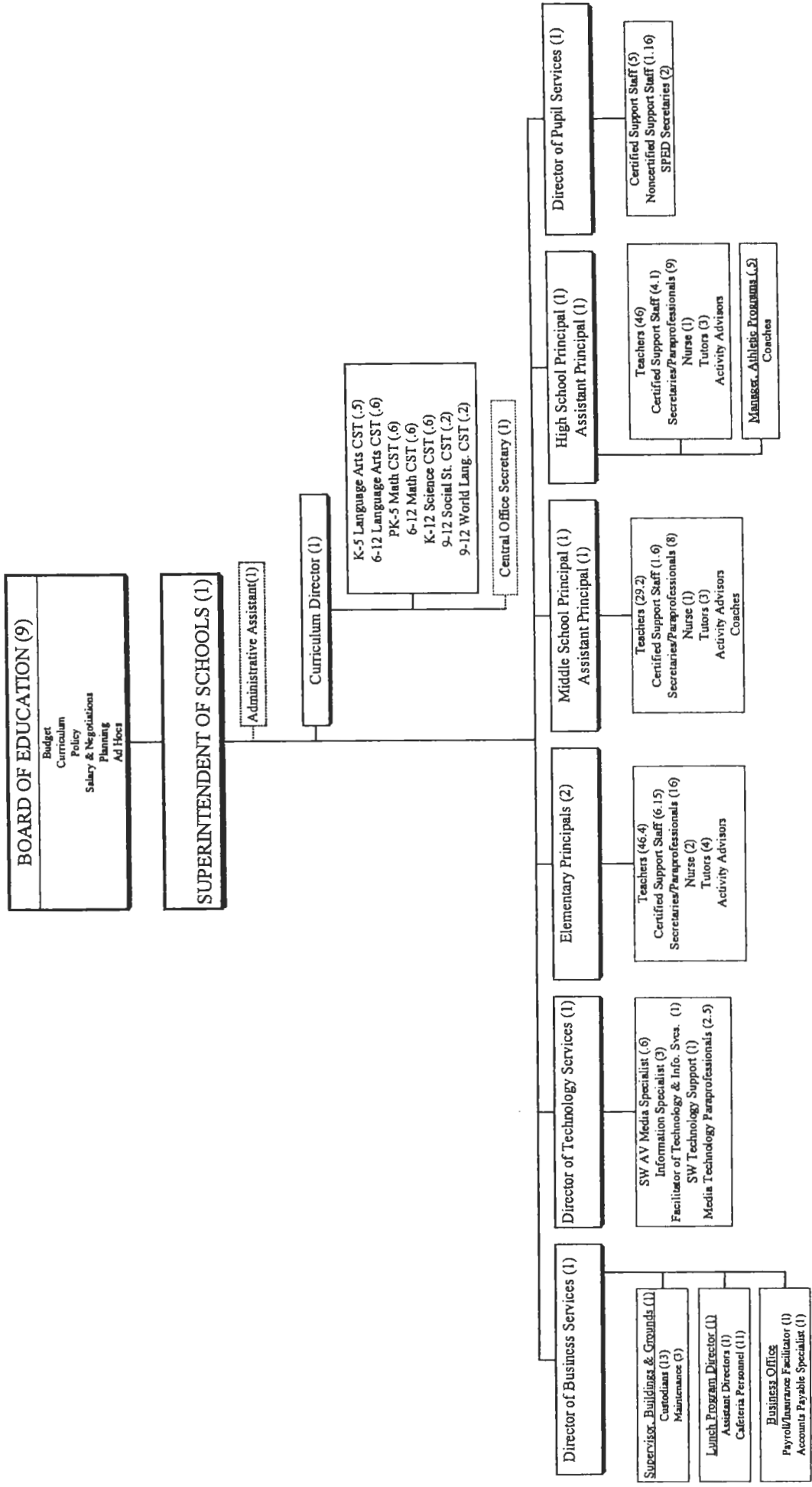
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SOMERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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BYLAWS OF THE BOARD:

Officers:

The Board shall organize at the meeting held the second Monday in September in non-election years, or, in election years, at the first meeting **no sooner than** 15 days after the town biennial election.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-218 Officers. Meetings

Adopted: August 25, 1980
Revised: February 24, 1992
Reviewed: October 19, 1998

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2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 11, 2010
Monday, January 25, 2010

Monday, February 8, 2010
Monday, February 22, 2010

Monday, March 8, 2010
Monday, March 22, 2010

Monday, April 12, 2010
Monday, April 26, 2010

Monday, May 10, 2010
Monday, May 24, 2010

Monday, June 14, 2010
Monday, June 28, 2010

Monday, July 12, 2010

Monday, August 30, 2010

Monday, September 13, 2010
Monday, September 27, 2010

Tuesday, October 12, 2010
Monday, October 25, 2010

Monday, November 8, 2010
Monday, November 22, 2010

Monday, December 6, 2010

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Mabelle Avery Middle School District Offices Board Room unless specified otherwise on the meeting agenda.

Adopted:

Open Choice Academic and Social Supports Grant

Purpose:

The Open Choice Academic and Social Support grant is a Connecticut state grant that provides funding to districts participating in the Hartford region Open Choice program. The grant provides participating districts with money for academic and social programs that will promote the success of Open Choice students in their host school. The grant is awarded on a per pupil basis of \$2500 per participating student.

Somers Public Schools' Proposal:

The grant proposal for Somers Public Schools consisted of four major parts:

After School Mentor Program

12 Open Choice Students and 6 resident students will be given the opportunity to participate in an after school mentor-tutoring program.

At SES, 3 teacher-mentors would work with the 15 students involved in the mentor-tutoring program for an hour after school, two days a week. The time would be split between academic support activities and social skill development activities.

At MBA, 2 teacher-mentors would work with the 8 students in the program for two hours after school, two days a week. The time would be split between academic support activities and social skill development activities.

Each participating child would work with the same mentor throughout the year to foster the development of a strong mentor-mentee relationship.

Students participating in the program would take CREC's late bus home at the end of the mentor-tutoring sessions (4:30 pm).

Professional Development

Teachers at SES and MBA will work with consultants from CREC to integrate more culturally responsive lessons into their curricula and classroom practice. In addition, age appropriate strategies for fostering respectful discourse about issues of diversity will be provided and discussed.

Cultural Awareness Assemblies

In conjunction with the development of a more culturally responsive climate, the grant will pay for assembly programs at SES and MBA that showcase music, theater, art or historical presentations from diverse cultures. One focus would be on the integration of Black History Month

into the school's diversity education program, with a culminating activity that involved an African-American cultural assembly, however, the funding can also be used to pay for additional diversity programming at both schools.

Supplies and Bussing

The grant money will be used to help fund both a breakfast program at the elementary and middle school as well as an afterschool snack program for the students participating in the mentor-tutoring program.

In addition to food, basic school supplies (poster board, markers, pencils, rulers, etc.) are purchasable through this grant. While there were multiple requests for student computers, this grant does not fund the purchase of equipment, so those needs, unfortunately could not be met. However, students at all three schools can obtain any regular school supplies, as needed, throughout the year.

In order to allow Choice students to participate more fully in the extra-curricular activities, part of this grant will be used to fund an evening bus. Students wishing to participate in concerts, art shows, dances or athletic events will have the option of taking a CREC bus back to Hartford after the event. This money will also allow us to provide bussing to Hartford parents so that they can attend parent conferences as well as evening events in which their children are participating.

The budget for the grant is broken down into the following categories:

Line Number	Amount	Allocated for
100	\$11,000	Mentoring Program Salaries MBA: 2 tutor x 2 hours x 2 days x \$26.52 x 27 weeks = \$5728.32 SES: 3 tutors x 1 hour x 2 days x \$26.52 x 27 weeks = \$4296.24
300	\$5,000	Professional Development and Assembly Programs
500	\$6,000	CREC Evening Bussing 80hrs. of bussing – approx. 106 one-way trips
600	\$4,850	Breakfast, Afterschool Snack and School Supplies

As part of our participation in this grant we will have to report our progress on each of these initiatives in January of 2010 and again in July of 2010. In order to fulfill our reporting requirements, we will have to collect information in the following areas:

- After School Mentor Program** – Assessed in January, May and June
 - Academic progress of participating students
 - Social progress of participating students (as measured by the number of disciplinary infractions as well as feedback from school)

counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, teachers and administrators)

Mentor effectiveness (as measured by the National Mentoring Center's Mentor-Youth Relationship Survey)

Professional Development

Sample lesson plans demonstrating the inclusion of culturally responsive teaching and learning practices (possible in conjunction with assembly programs)

Cultural Awareness Assemblies

Schedule and description of assemblies provided and Black History Month activities planned or completed

Number of intolerance related disciplinary issues (bullying, harassment, teasing, etc.) as of January, May and June.

Supplies and Bussing

Monthly check-ins with students receiving supplies to determine if those students are routinely prepared for class

Purchase records for both supplies and food

Bussing records to determine the frequency of use

In order get the initiatives in this grant started we need to:

- Advertise for, interview and select 5 tutors (2 @ MBA and 3 @ SES)
- Develop a user-friendly process by which teachers can communicate academic and social progress, as well as preparedness to tutors
- Determine when CREC can provide diversity PD at SES and MBA
- Contact CREC and arrange for PD
- Develop an assembly/diversity awareness plan for SES and MBA that includes activities for Black History Month
- Develop a user-friendly process through which whole school disciplinary and culture information can be collected
- Determine the process by which students or parents can request evening bussing
- Determine the process by which evening bus information is collected and sent to CREC
- Find host families within the Somers community willing to take Choice students home for dinner and return them to school for evening events
- Develop a process for tracking purchases of food and school supplies

TO: Maynard Suffredini
 Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Peter Stone
 K-12 AV Media Specialist

DATE: October 1, 2009

RE: Proposal for audio equipment for BOE meeting room

In October 2006, we purchased a set of audio equipment for use at BOE meetings that were held in the high school media center. Because this was a temporary arrangement, and because there was to be a dedicated BOE meeting room in the renovated middle school building, we tried to purchase equipment that could be reused in the new setting when it became available.

Now that renovations have been completed, I'd like to propose that we purchase an additional set of equipment that would be installed permanently in the new BOE meeting room. The new equipment along with most of the older equipment would provide a built-in sound system that :

- Would be turned on and off with one switch
- Would make it possible for everyone in the room to hear BOE members, school officials and presenters
- Would meet the provisions of the ADA for the hearing impaired
- Would make it possible to playback different audio and video sources (CDs, DVDs, video tapes) during meetings
- Would make it possible to audio record meetings

Equipment that has already been purchased that would be reused in this application includes:

<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
4	PZM microphones
1	FM transmitter for hearing impaired system
2	Belt clip FM receiver for hearing impaired system
2	Neck loop receiver for for hearing impaired system
1	Sound system-to-computer audio interface

Additional equipment needed to complete the installation includes:

<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT\$</u>	<u>EXT\$</u>
4	PZM microphones	\$215	\$860
1	8 channel microphone mixer	\$520	\$520
1	Power amplifier	\$240	\$240
2	Wall mounted speakers	\$100	\$200
1	DVD/VCR player	\$120	\$120
*	Assorted wires/connectors/equip rack	\$400	\$400

TOTAL \$2340

The approximate costs of equipment are listed above. The labor and expertise involved in the installation of equipment can be provided in-house.

I believe that this setup of audio equipment will provide the BOE with a very effective audio system for meetings, and will serve that purpose for many years. Please let me know if I can provide any additional supporting information or explanations.

Somers Public Schools

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ENROLLMENT

	<u>10/1/05</u>	<u>SPED</u>	<u>10/1/06</u>	<u>SPED</u>	<u>10/1/07</u>	<u>SPED</u>	<u>10/1/08</u>	<u>9/1/09</u>	<u>10/1/09</u>
Preschool	19	7	18	6	20*	10	18**	16	16
Kindergarten AM	56	4	57	3	49	3	54	36	36
Kindergarten PM	51		58	2	52	3	42	51	49
Grade 1	108	6	106	4	124	6	114	101	101
Grade 2	125	7	114	3	109	7	125	107	107
Grade 3	122	10	133	11	112	7	114	128	128
Grade 4	131	13	128	12	135	17	115	115	115
Grade 5	134	13	131	13	129	15	134	112	112
Grade 6	135	9	141	14	140	16	132	140	140
Grade 7	138	11	136	8	148	15	144	129	129
Grade 8	139	15	138	12	140	13	149	145	145
Grade 9	162	11	154	16	148	17	142	153	153
Grade 10	143	14	148	9	141	14	143	139	136
Grade 11	134	18	137	15	149	8	139	141	142
Grade 12	143	7	133	15	130	10	153	141	141
TOTAL	1740	145	1732	143	1726	161	1718	1654	1650
SES	746	60	745	54	730	68	716**	666	664
MBA	412	35	415	34	428	44	425	414	414
SHS	582	50	572	55	568	49	577	574	572
Vo-Ag	2		2		1		1	2	2
Cheney Tech	8		4		2		5	10	9
SPED Outside Pl.	12		14		14		16	15	14

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING –October 14, 2009

Members Present: T.Henderson, M.Marquardt, D.Atkinson, A.Kirkpatrick, J.Formeister, E.Boucher, R.Lees, D.Palmer
Members Absent: T.Potrikus
Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, B.Boutwell, K.Pezza, R.Riola, N.Barry, P.Collin, G.Cotzin
Staff Present:
Citizens Present: J.McNerney, C.Manning, C.Nason
Students Present: A.Reutter, K.Tomes, T.Gay, B.Krzynawek, J.Wiese, M.Nason, K.Suschana
Student Representatives: None in attendance
Others:

Note: The above list does not reflect all those who were in attendance.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Henderson in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School-BOE Board Room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 September 28, 2009 Regular Meeting – It was MOVED (M. Marquardt) SECONDED (D. Atkinson) to approve the September 28, 2009 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 8-0

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

Cathie Manning addressed the Board to ask about a suggestion made previously for Board of Finance and Board of Education meetings to be held on different dates. Discussion was held regarding the difficulties of changing the Board of Education meeting schedule. Chairman Henderson will contact the Board of Finance to inquire further.

4.1 CMT/SAT/CAPT Results

Director of Curriculum, K. Pezza, provided an overview of the 2008-2009 CMT/SAT/CAPT/ACT results. CMT results often fell below the DRG's goal and proficient categories in reading, writing and math at the elementary levels, with improvements made throughout the middle school grades. Tenth grade CAPT scores generally meet or exceed DRG comparisons. Average SAT scores far exceed state and national comparisons. ACT scores exceed state comparisons.

K. Pezza described the efforts currently being made to enhance results, particularly at the elementary levels. Professional development is now available once per month for staff in the area of literacy. Software is now being used that provides immediate assessment after testing students on standardized testing strands to further identify individual student issues in a more timely manner. Growth in math at the elementary levels has been realized after

implementation of a new math program. Efforts toward enhancing results will continue to be a focus of the district.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Henderson reported receipt of the following:

- A bus stop appeal request.
- A letter from the Ellington/Somers Football Boosters requesting financial assistance.
- Information regarding the 2009 CABA convention.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

It was MOVED (D. Palmer) SECONDED (M. Marquardt) to add the request for financial assistance from Ellington/Somers Football Boosters to the agenda under item 8.4. PASSED 8-0

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of 10/1/09 Bills (\$2420.67)

It was MOVED (R. Lees) SECONDED (D. Palmer) to approve the 10/1/09 bills in the amount of \$2420.67. PASSED 8-0

Approval of 10/6/09 Bills (\$123,569.41)

It was MOVED (R. Lees) SECONDED (D. Palmer) to approve the 10/06/09 bills in the amount of \$123,569.41. PASSED 8-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code: 2120 Organization Chart

It was MOVED (R. Lees) SECONDED (E. Boucher) to approve DBS Code 2120 as presented. PASSED 8-0

8.2 Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code: 9120 Officers

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt) SECONDED (D. Palmer) to approve DBS Code 9120 as presented. PASSED 8-0

8.3 BOE 2010 Meeting Schedule

The 2010 BOE meeting schedule has been formed in accordance with DBS Code 9321 and past practice. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the MBA BOE meeting room unless specified otherwise on the meeting agenda.

It was MOVED (D. Palmer) SECONDED (E. Boucher) to approve the BOE meeting schedule as presented. PASSED 8-0

8.4 Ellington/Somers Football Boosters Request

Due to budget concerns, the Town of Ellington is seeking financial assistance in the amount of \$7,000 to cover next seasons' expenses. Participants were required to pay an additional \$250 (a total of \$500) this year to cover this seasons' expenses. Discussion was held and both support for the program and concerns over the cost during these uncertain economic times were raised. It was determined that the Board would table the issue and make a final decision during the next budget cycle. Dr. Suffredini will obtain information on how the other cooperative sports programs the district is involved with are operating so that comparisons can be made at the time of decision. Chairman Henderson will respond to the Boosters.

9.0 OLD BUSINESS – None

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Superintendent’s Report

10.1.1 Open Choice Academic and Social Supports Grant

Dr. Suffredini reported that Director of Curriculum, Kathleen Pezza, has sought and received an Open Choice Academic and Social Supports grant in the amount of \$26,850. The grant will be used to support Open Choice and resident students in four major areas including an after school mentor program, professional development, cultural awareness assemblies, and supplies and bussing. Dr. Suffredini thanked K. Pezza for her efforts.

10.1.2. BOE ROOM Audio System

An outline of a proposed audio system for the BOE meeting room as provided by Peter Stone, Media Specialist, was reviewed and discussed. The system he is proposing can be installed either permanently or used as a portable system. Some of the components from the SHS board room can be used, but new equipment is also required.

The Board requested further research be conducted on other available options, including any wireless options. Dr. Suffredini will follow-up.

10.2 Enrollment 10/1/09

The enrollment figures reflect a drop in enrollment by four students, two at SES and two at SHS. The changes are due to families moving out of town. Dr. Suffredini stated that actual birth rates were 50% of the 2006 state projected birth rates for Somers. This trend may continue and, therefore, impact future enrollment rates.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Budget

Mr. Boutwell reported no significant changes in the budget at this time.

11.2 Curriculum

No report.

11.3 Policy

The Policy Committee will meet on October 15th.

11.4 Salary & Negotiations

A meeting with the SAA will be held on October 15th. Two meetings are scheduled to be held next week with the SESA. The SESA has provided two proposals to date on contract language only.

11.5 Planning

The committee met prior to the regular BOE meeting. A final long range plan will be prepared and included on the next agenda for a vote.

11.6 Other Committees – No Report

12.0 OTHER

- 12.1** Chairman Henderson asked about the statement regarding adjustments that would be made to ECS funding on a letter received by the district from the State Department of Education. Mr. Boutwell explained that each year, after final expenditures have been made, the ECS funding is adjusted by the State. Adjustments usually amount to approximately \$10,000.
- 12.2** Chairman Henderson reported on a request by the Citizens for Somers Educational Excellence for the BOE to hold a discussion forum to allow for a more informal discussion on topics of interest. Chairman Henderson suggested a forum be held with new board members after they have had some time in position, potentially in February. This would provide an opportunity to discuss budget issues.
- 12.3** Chairman Henderson mentioned the beer/wine/food tasting event being held on Saturday, October 17th by the Somers Education Foundation.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (R. Lees) and SECONDED (M. Marquardt) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Somers Board of Education at 8:26 p.m. PASSED 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Atkinson, Secretary

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