

BOE Meeting Template
Monday, April 12, 2010 7:00 PM

Mabelle Avery Middle School District Offices Board Room, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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 1. Curriculum Presentations: Gifted/Talented & Virtual High School 7
Kathleen Pezza, Director of Curriculum, will present the following presentations and be available to answer any questions the board may have.

The QUEST presentation explains the gifted program at Somers Elementary School and provides examples of the learning opportunities available to academically gifted children at SES.

The Virtual High School presentation describes the VHS program and provides information about its use at Somers High School.
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As part of implementing their approved curriculum, the Tech Ed. teachers at the high school have requested classroom sets of three books.

Course	Book
Welding	<u><i>Welding Technology Fundamentals</i></u>
Solid Modeling and Design	<u><i>Print Reading for Industry</i></u>
Digital Photo	<u><i>Complete Adobe Photoshop CS4 for Digital Photographers</i></u>

The books are available in Central Office for perusal. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 4/12/10 board agenda.
 2. Ratification of SESA Contract
Dave Palmer, BOE Chairman and Dr. Suffredini, Superintendent of Schools, will explain the recent negotiations and answer any questions board members may have.
9. OLD BUSINESS
10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 1. Budget
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 4. Salary & Negotiations
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14. ADJOURNMENT
15. 4/12/2010 Minutes

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ninth District Road

Somers, CT 06071

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – March 22, 2010

Members Present: D.Palmer, J.Formeister, S.Bollinger, B.Devlin, M.Marquardt, T.Potrikus, J.Taylor, R.Lees, A.Kirkpatrick

Members Absent:

Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, P.Collin, K.Pezza, B.Boutwell, J.Oliver, R.Riola

Staff Present: None in attendance

Citizens Present: T.Caravella, B.Percoski

Students Present: J.Lam, M.Lucey, L.Cassarino

Student Representatives: None in attendance

Others:

1.0 BUDGET PRESENTATION TO BOARD OF FINANCE

Dr. Suffredini presented the Board of Education’s 2010-2011 Budget to the members of the Board of Finance and to the citizens in attendance. Dr. Suffredini and Board of Education members responded to questions from the members of the Board of Finance. Dr. Suffredini will provide the Board of Finance with a copy of the district’s technology plan in response to their questions regarding how money for technology will be used.

2.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman Palmer in the Selectman’s Conference Room.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 March 8, 2010 Regular Meeting – It was MOVED (S.Bollinger) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to approve the March 8, 2010 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 9-0

5.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Palmer reported the receipt of correspondence regarding the Somers High School Dance Team.

7.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Approval of Bills 3/22/10 (\$242,826.86)
It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to approve the 3/22/10 Bills in the amount of \$242,826.86 as presented. PASSED 9-0

- 8.2 Retirement Notification (A.Poitras)**
It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to approve with the Board of Education's appreciation and regret, the retirement notification received from A.Poitras effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. PASSED 9-0

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Approval of Science Electives (Anatomy/Physiology Gr. 11 & 12; AP Biology; AP Chemistry Gr. 12; Astronomy Gr. 11 & 12; Biotechnology; Physics; Honors Chemistry Gr. 11 & 12; Marine Science Gr. 11 & 12; Science & Law Gr. 11 & 12)**

A discussion was held as to how students will plan to make sure that an AP course will be available when they need it. Dr. Suffredini and K.Pezza will explore scheduling options and report back to the Board.

Director of Curriculum, K.Pezza, explained that the K-10 Science Curriculum was approved in June of 2008. The nine electives presented for approval are the 11th and 12th grade electives that have not been previously approved.

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to approve the Science Electives (Anatomy/Physiology Gr. 11 & 12; AP Biology; AP Chemistry Gr. 12; Astronomy Gr. 11 & 12; Biotechnology; Physics; Honors Chemistry Gr. 11 & 12; Marine Science Gr. 11 & 12; Science & Law Gr. 11 & 12) as presented. PASSED 9-0

- 9.2 Approval of Curriculum Development Guide**

Director of Curriculum, K.Pezza, explained that the Curriculum Development Guide was revised to ensure that our curriculum and curriculum development process meets the state guidelines for curriculum. UbD units were not included as part of the curriculum in the former Curriculum Development Guide. As the next cycle of curriculum revision begins, subject areas will have unit plans in the official board approved curriculum documents.

Additionally, the revision timeline has been adjusted to ensure that multiple core areas of instruction are not in revision at the same time.

It was MOVED (T.Potrikus) SECONDED (J.Taylor) to approve the Curriculum Development Guide as presented. PASSED 9-0

- 9.3 First Warning of TIDE Textbooks**

Director of Curriculum, K.Pezza, presented the following TIDE Textbooks for the Board's review: *Welding Technology Fundamentals*, *Print Reading for Industry*, *Complete Adobe Photoshop CS4 for Digital Photographers*.

Mrs. Pezza explained that the Tech. Ed. teachers at the high school have requested classroom sets of these three textbooks as part of implementing their approved curriculum.

Second Warning/Adoption will be scheduled for the April 12th BOE meeting.

The textbooks are available for review in the Curriculum Office.

- 9.4 Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 4122: Student Teachers**

It was MOVED (J.Taylor) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to adopt DBS Code 4122: Student Teachers as presented. PASSED 9-0

9.5 Open Choice Student Enrollment 2010-2011

Dr. Suffredini explained that the CSDE Commissioner requested that we increase our number of seats for Choice students for the 2010-2011 school year by 17 students. Dr. Suffredini stated that given the uncertainty of our budget and the potential for significant increases in class sizes over the next few years, the Commissioner's request would dramatically impact the district's class size problem. Dr. Suffredini recommends that the district maintain the number of Choice seats in the district at 24.

It was MOVED (J.Taylor) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that we limit the number of Choice seats in the district at 24 while allowing the Superintendent discretion in accepting siblings of children already enrolled in our program. PASSED 9-0

9.6 Nonrenewals

Dr. Suffredini stated that in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151 applicable to the nonrenewal of nontenured teachers, the law requires that nontenured teachers be notified prior to April 1st that their contracts will not be renewed at the end of the school year.

It was MOVED (B. Devlin) SECONDED (J.Taylor) that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Somers Board of Education nonrenew the teaching contract of Susan Atwood at the end of the 2009-2010 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

I further move that the Superintendent be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to Susan Atwood and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any requests for a hearing, if required by law, or for other data which may be forthcoming from the teacher and/or his/her representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151; and that the Superintendent be directed that any response for a hearing, if a hearing is required by law, indicate that such hearing is to be before the Board of Education. PASSED 9-0

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.1 Somers Public Library Update

Dr. Suffredini reported that he has been in touch with Somers Library Director, Francine Aloisa, and she reported that things are going much better. They have limited the number of teens allowed in the teen room and they are using volunteers from the Library Board to monitor the room.

11.2 Bus Accident

Dr. Suffredini reported that there was a bus accident this afternoon on Hall Hill Road. A car drove into the back of a bus that was stopped to let off a child. The school's emergency protocol was followed and the police responded. Parents were notified. No injuries were reported and all the students were home by 5:00 p.m. Somers Elementary School administration will follow-up with the families on Tuesday.

The Board commended all those who responded to this emergency situation.

11.2 Dance Team Advisor

Dr. Suffredini reported that the Dance Team Advisor would like to speak to the Board of Education in Executive Session. Chairman Palmer would like clarification as to whether or not this person is considered personnel because she is a volunteer. Dr. Suffredini will discuss this with the Board's attorney and request from this individual what she would like to speak to the Board about.

12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Budget

A copy of the district's Technology Plan will be sent to the Board of Finance.

12.2 Curriculum

Second Warning/Adoption of the TIDE textbooks is scheduled for the April 12th BOE meeting.

12.3 Policy

A meeting will be scheduled.

12.4 Salary & Negotiations

A mediation session is scheduled for March 25th.

12.5 Planning Committee – No report

12.6 Other Committees

13.0 OTHER

13.1 The Board will make reservations to have dinner at the Horizon's Café.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) and SECONDED (J.Taylor) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Somers Board of Education at 8:10 p.m. PASSED 9-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary
Joan Jaquith, Recording Secretary

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



QUEST

Somers Talented and Gifted
Program



What Is Quest?

- Quest is the Somers Elementary School program that serves students identified as academically gifted.
- It is open to students in grades 3-5 who meet the entrance criteria.



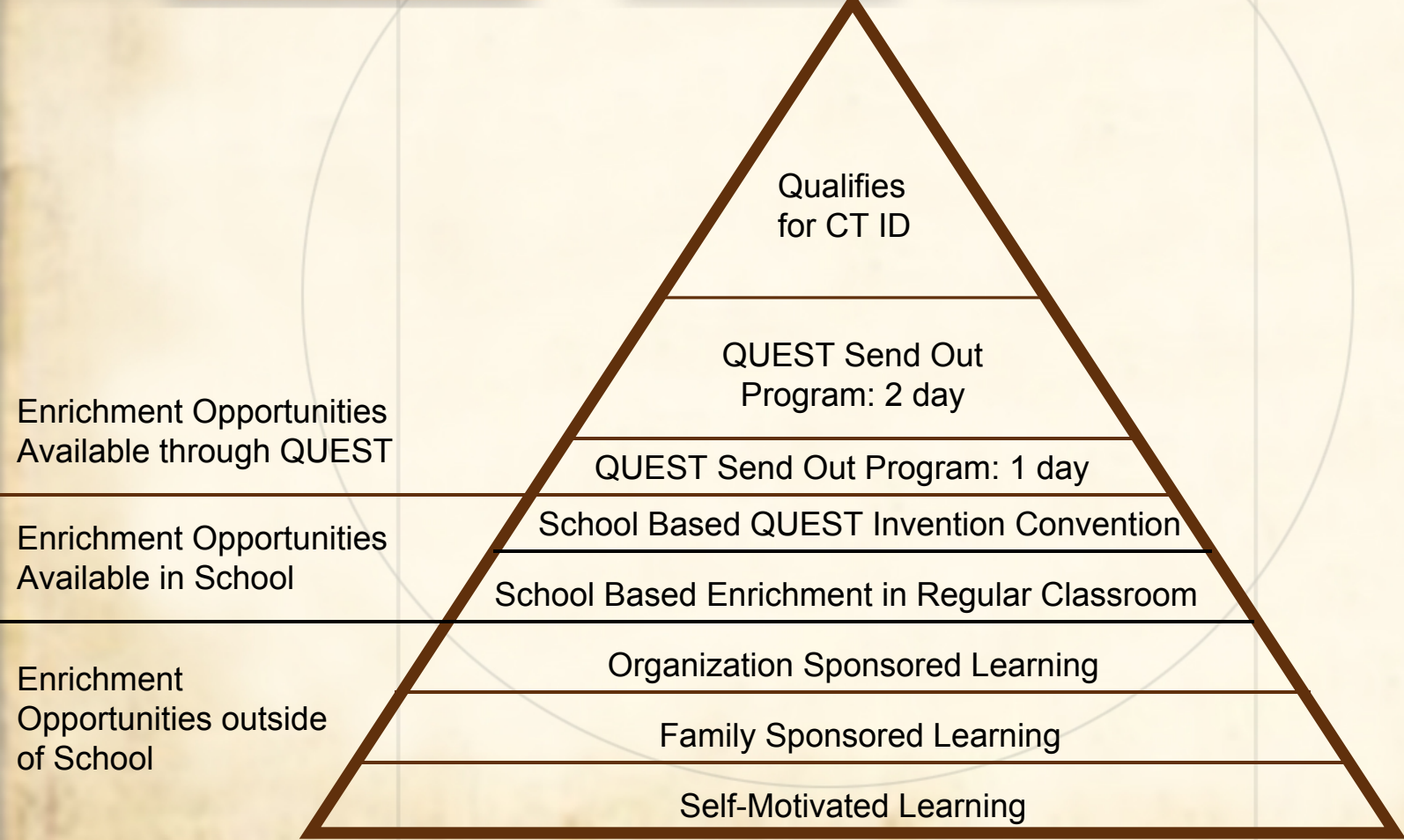
How Are Students Selected?

- All third graders are screened using a non-verbal reasoning test, the DRP and a teacher survey of gifted behaviors exhibited in the regular classroom.
- Scores for each of the three tests are combined using a point matrix and the top 20% of each 3rd grade class is given the opportunity to participate.



How Are Students Selected?

- Of the 20% of students selected to participate, the top 10% participate twice per cycle.
- The students in the 11-20% range participate once per cycle.
- All students in grades 2-5, regardless of their gifted eligibility can participate in the CT Invention Convention each year.





Quest in Grade 3

Students in Grade 3 complete three major projects during the year:

- Process Flowcharting
- Family Stories
- Viking Archeology



Quest in Grade 4

Students in Grade 4 complete one major project and two minor projects during the year:

- Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences**
- Immigrant Suitcase**
- Artifact Box Exchange**



Quest in Grade 5

Students in Grade 5 complete one major and one smaller project during the year:

- Tri County Career Aptitude Survey
- Running a Real Business



Virtual High School

On-Line Learning for Middle and High School Students

What Is VHS?

- Virtual High School is an on-line school that offers high school, middle school, AP, International Baccalaureate and credit recovery courses.
- Classes are offered during the fall and spring semesters as well as over the summer.
- VHS allows students to take specialized courses that are not available at SHS or that they couldn't take due to scheduling constraints.

VHS Membership

- Schools sign up as members of VHS.
 - Schools can pay per student enrolled up to a total of 10 students per semester.
 - Schools can donate 0.2 FTE in exchange for 20 “free” seats per semester. The 0.2 teacher teaches one VHS course.
- Students can sign up as individuals without being enrolled at a member school.
- 60 Connecticut schools participate in VHS.

What is offered on VHS?

Subjects	Number of Classes
Advanced Placement	18
International Baccalaureate	8
Fine Arts	10
Business	9
World Language	7
English	28
Life Skills and Health	8
Mathematics	13
Science	32
Social Studies	39
Tech Ed.	15
Middle School	8

How Does VHS Work?

- Each member school has an on-site coordinator that handles all of the scheduling and grade reporting associated with VHS.
- Students are enrolled in classes by the on-site coordinator.
- Students are expected to login each day and participate in their class through on-line discussions, research and classwork. Assignments are usually due once a week.

What Does VHS Look Like?

- AP Environmental Science

VHS at Somers High School

- In the last two years, 21 SHS students have enrolled in 25 VHS classes (21 different courses).

Content Area	Number of Students
Business	5
English	1
Life Skills	1
Math	2
Music	2
Science	6
Social Studies	6
Technology	2


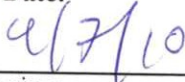
VHS at Somers High School

- Of those classes, 17 were college prep level, 6 were honors level and 2 were AP level.
- Grade Distribution for VHS Courses
 - 60% A- or higher
 - 24% B- to B+
 - 8% C- to C+
 - 4% D- to D+
 - 4% F

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 5414

Check Batch: 1668
 Check Header: (N / A)
 Check Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Check Dates: (Earliest) - (Latest)
 Cash Account Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Bank Account Code: (N/A)
 Check Authorization Code: AP GB
 Minimum Check Amount: \$0.00
 Sorted By:
 Include Payable Information: No
 Include Payable Dist Information: No
 Include Authorization Information: Yes

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	1011	04/12/2010	V52670	Amazon	0.00	2,395.37
	1013	04/12/2010	V00023	American Business Machines	0.00	72.00
	1014	04/12/2010	V52847	American School for the Deaf	0.00	3,354.00
	1015	04/12/2010	V60084	American Time & Signal Company	0.00	534.79
	1016	04/12/2010	V52306	Ameripride	0.00	387.27
	1017	04/12/2010	V60064	Angeloni Refrigeration, Inc.	0.00	263.90
	1018	04/12/2010	V60230	Annenberg Media	0.00	427.90
	1019	04/12/2010	V60041	Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield	0.00	175,982.82
	1020	04/12/2010	V60040	Anthem Life Insurance Company	0.00	2,152.90
	1021	04/12/2010	V00555	AT&T	0.00	975.63
	1022	04/12/2010	V54164	Autotek	0.00	317.06
	1023	04/12/2010	V00884	Avery Septic Service	0.00	150.00
	1024	04/12/2010	V51604	Awards & More	0.00	145.45
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	1026	04/12/2010	E00450	Bergamini, Lisa	0.00	24.00
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	1028	04/12/2010	V51312	Bio-Rad Laboratories	0.00	92.70
	1029	04/12/2010	V54306	Blue Raven Technology, Inc.	0.00	513.90
	1030	04/12/2010	E00025	Boutwell, Bill	0.00	43.30

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	1031	04/12/2010	V60187	Brodhead-Garrett Co.	0.00	292.08
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	1033	04/12/2010	V60226	Carson-Dellosa Publishing	0.00	74.79
	1034	04/12/2010	V51942	CBS	0.00	7,073.73
	1035	04/12/2010	V60239	Centering Corp.	0.00	13.95
	1036	04/12/2010	V53390	CIRMA	0.00	14,496.00
	1037	04/12/2010	V53588	CIT Technology Fin Serv, Inc.	0.00	408.00
	1038	04/12/2010	V00159	Connecticut Light & Power	0.00	14,771.53
	1039	04/12/2010	V02198	The Connecticut Water Company	0.00	2,893.68
	1040	04/12/2010	V60027	Connecticut Stakes, Inc.	0.00	155.21
	1041	04/12/2010	V60232	Costa	0.00	81.50
	1042	04/12/2010	E00076	Cotzin, Gary	0.00	92.00
	1043	04/12/2010	V60205	CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Inc.	0.00	33.00
	1044	04/12/2010	V00204	CREC	0.00	457.00
	1045	04/12/2010	V60089	Dime Oil Company	0.00	19,277.18
	1046	04/12/2010	V00242	Dinn Brothers, Inc.	0.00	8.50
	1047	04/12/2010	E00096	Duffy, Margaret	0.00	42.00
	1048	04/12/2010	V52297	E-filliate Incorporated	0.00	68.65
	1049	04/12/2010	V51734	Educational Innovations, Inc.	0.00	279.04
	1050	04/12/2010	V00605	Electrical Wholesalers	0.00	123.66
	1051	04/12/2010	V53352	Enchanted Learning, LLC	0.00	125.00
	1052	04/12/2010	V02637	Fire Systems, Inc.	0.00	4,429.00
	1053	04/12/2010	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	535.00
	1054	04/12/2010	V02186	Flinn Scientific, Inc.	0.00	371.75
	1055	04/12/2010	V01563	Follett Educational Services	0.00	120.01
	1056	04/12/2010	V00314	Follett Library Resources	0.00	578.10
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	1058	04/12/2010	V60236	Governor's Prevention Partnership, The	0.00	130.00
	1059	04/12/2010	V54081	Graduate Pest Solutions	0.00	158.00
	1060	04/12/2010	V53439	Group Dynamic	0.00	105.45
	1061	04/12/2010	V00758	Hammond & Stephens	0.00	169.37
	1062	04/12/2010	V60071	Hampden Engineering	0.00	389.64
	1063	04/12/2010	V51232	Hartford Hospital	0.00	19,758.00
	1064	04/12/2010	V60090	High Grade Gas Service, Inc	0.00	710.26
	1065	04/12/2010	V21177	Home Depot CRC	0.00	17.67
	1066	04/12/2010	V00891	Hm Receivables Co LLC	0.00	3,088.80
	1067	04/12/2010	V60218	Innovative Learning Concepts	0.00	53.00

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	1068	04/12/2010	V52848	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	0.00	6,130.80
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	1071	04/12/2010	V02625	K & S Distributors	0.00	537.91
	1072	04/12/2010	V00665	Kelly-Fradet Lumber	0.00	200.65
	1073	04/12/2010	V53944	Kirkpatrick, Anne	0.00	13.50
	1074	04/12/2010	V00378	Leland R. Hawthorne & Son, Inc. of Delew	0.00	56.00
	1075	04/12/2010	V02151	Library Video Co.	0.00	192.33
	1076	04/12/2010	V02898	MAGNAKLEEN	0.00	488.25
	1077	04/12/2010	V52107	Major Electric Supply	0.00	831.08
	1078	04/12/2010	E00226	Messenger, Linda	0.00	109.17
	1079	04/12/2010	V02321	Midstate Battery	0.00	386.16
	1080	04/12/2010	V54159	Vernon Printing Co, Inc.	0.00	2,274.08
	1081	04/12/2010	V53987	Office Equipment Finance Services	0.00	1,662.67
	1082	04/12/2010	V60235	Oreck Corporation	0.00	557.64
	1083	04/12/2010	V52089	Pasco	0.00	89.00
	1084	04/12/2010	V60186	PC Mall Gov	0.00	360.30
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	1087	04/12/2010	V53914	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	0.00	127.47
	1088	04/12/2010	V52686	Plimpton & Hills	0.00	1,545.18
	1089	04/12/2010	V01288	President's Challenge	0.00	82.50
	1090	04/12/2010	V53356	ProCom Telecommunications Corp	0.00	252.50
	1091	04/12/2010	V02834	R. Pettee Electric L.L.C.	0.00	237.83
	1092	04/12/2010	V60234	Reliable Electric Motor, Inc	0.00	133.00
	1093	04/12/2010	V01292	School Specialty, Inc.	0.00	37.61
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	1096	04/12/2010	V60056	Sexauer	0.00	389.91
	1097	04/12/2010	V60031	SNE Building Systems	0.00	315.00
	1098	04/12/2010	V53586	Social Studies School Service	0.00	170.59
	1099	04/12/2010	V01485	Social Studies School Services	0.00	48.72
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	1107	04/12/2010	V00547	Sullivan, Schoen, Campane & Connon, LLC	0.00	634.00
	1108	04/12/2010	V60209	Sundance Music	0.00	68.00
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	1110	04/12/2010	V60241	Survival Group	0.00	109.00
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	1113	04/12/2010	V60104	The Nixon Company, Inc.	0.00	292.50
	1114	04/12/2010	V53945	Transcanda Power Marketing LTD	0.00	23,083.17
	1115	04/12/2010	V54059	Verizon Wireless	0.00	339.81
	1116	04/12/2010	V53413	W. B. Mason	0.00	1,961.55
	1117	04/12/2010	V52399	W.R. Robinson Lumber	0.00	541.45
	1118	04/12/2010	V51409	Wendell G. Haire Piano Services	0.00	100.00
Totals:					0.00	\$363,594.43

108 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 5413
Batch: 1657
Transaction: N/A
Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
1657	\$363,594.43	Posted	lbergamini	04/01/2010	lbergamini	04/07/2010

General Ledger Distribution Summary						
Period, Fiscal Year	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits	
April, 2010						
Generated Distributions						
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10-100-2-4-08-220-641-01-5-00130	HS - FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEXTBOOK			3,088.80	0.00	
10-100-2-4-14-241-611-01-5-00159	HS - GENERAL SUPPLIES			18.95	0.00	
10-100-2-4-16-220-641-01-5-00120	HS - ENGLISH TEXTBOOKS			163.59	0.00	
10-100-2-4-28-220-641-01-5-00129	HS - SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS			1,610.85	0.00	
10-100-2-4-28-242-611-01-5-00206	HS - SCIENCE SUPPLIES			966.28	0.00	
10-100-2-4-99-242-611-01-5-00180	HS - SAT PREP			518.00	0.00	
10-100-2-4-99-242-611-01-5-00809	HS - RENAISSANCE PROGRAM			45.60	0.00	
10-100-2-5-14-241-611-01-5-00873	SW - GENERAL COMPUTER SUPPLIES			150.95	0.00	
10-100-8-2-66-910-730-01-5-00603	K-5 CAPITAL OUTLAY			794.32	0.00	
10-100-8-3-66-910-730-01-5-00818	MA - CAPITAL OUTLAY			353.45	0.00	
10-120-9-9-50-231-642-05-5-01069	SPED - PRO. LIBRARY			25.00	0.00	
10-120-9-9-98-242-611-01-5-00212	SP ED - K-5 SUPPLIES			37.61	0.00	
10-120-9-9-98-242-611-01-5-00228	SP ED - K-5 ALP A SUPPLIES			53.00	0.00	
10-120-9-9-98-243-611-01-5-01002	SP ED - TESTING			230.00	0.00	
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01117	SP ED-INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS		Yes	382.00	0.00	
10-210-2-9-32-242-611-02-5-00225	SW - SOCIAL WORK SUPPLIES			13.95	0.00	
10-212-2-5-46-243-611-02-5-00252	SW - TESTING			108.75	0.00	

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		10-260-5-5-64-642-530-04-5-00367	CO - TELEPHONE		412.55	0.00
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		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-01-5-01077	SW - COMPUTER MAINTENANCE		791.90	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00422	K-5 - SEPTIC TANK	Yes	100.00	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00430	MA - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	Yes	319.03	0.00
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		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00440	SW - EQUIPMENT REPAIR		317.06	0.00
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		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00444	SW - RUBBISH REMOVAL		1,189.70	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00445	SW - TOOL SUPPLY		515.94	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00447	SW - GENERAL REPAIR		333.62	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00467	SW - GENERAL PAINT		101.09	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00471	SW - FIRE ALARMS & BELLS		557.76	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00801	SW - EXTERMINATING	Yes	158.00	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00885	SW - ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES	Yes	816.74	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00886	SW - PLUMBING SUPPLIES	Yes	389.91	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-630-620-05-5-00356	HS - FUEL #2		18,925.65	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-630-620-05-5-00357	MAINTENANCE - FUEL #2	Yes	351.53	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00358	K-5 - ELECTRICITY		8,316.66	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00360	MA - ELECTRICITY		17,176.05	0.00
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		10-260-5-6-64-643-690-05-5-00369	K-5 - PROPANE GAS		710.26	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-722-690-05-5-00373	SW - WATER	Yes	2,893.68	0.00
		10-260-6-5-62-722-430-04-5-00452	SW - MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS		4,734.99	0.00
		10-260-6-5-82-820-520-13-5-00515	PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE		10,594.00	0.00
		10-270-4-5-84-521-627-12-5-00327	BUS FUEL		12,668.60	0.00
		10-279-4-4-84-530-580-07-5-00845	HS - FIELD TRIPS		535.00	0.00
		10-279-4-5-84-722-627-12-5-00341	SW - GASOLINE SCHOOL VEHICLES		252.49	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00509	SW - FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCT		105.45	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00510	DENTAL		14,220.47	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00512	LIFE AND AD&D INSURANCE	Yes	2,152.90	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00517	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	Yes	48.00	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01185	SW - HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORG.		51,111.74	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01186	SW - PREFERRED PROVIDER ORG.		106,247.55	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01228	SW - HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	Yes	4,403.06	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-520-13-5-00520	UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE	Yes	2,317.00	0.00

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10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00595		HS - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES			3,192.35	0.00
10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00601		HS - ATHLETIC AWARDS			370.70	0.00
10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-01220		HS - ATHLETIC UNIFORMS			832.00	0.00
10-613-9-9-88-955-561-14-5-00673		SP ED - TUITION		Yes	36,747.72	0.00
Total User-Entered Distributions					<u>\$364,053.37</u>	<u>\$364,053.37</u>
Total for April, 2010					<u>\$718,195.67</u>	<u>\$718,195.67</u>
Grand Total for Batch # 1657					<u><u>\$718,195.67</u></u>	<u><u>\$718,195.67</u></u>

428 Transactions Listed.

Textbook Proposal Form

Use this form to propose the purchase of new textbooks for a new course, grade, or multiple grades.

Date: February 12, 2010

Person(s) submitting: Roy Slater

Content Area: TIDE Grade(s) 9-12 Course: Digital Photo

Recommended Purchase:

Title or Name of Resource: Complete Adobe Photoshop CS4 for Digital Photographers

Type of Resource: Book ISBN# 978-1-58450-685-0

Copyright: 2010 Vendor: Cengage Learning

Address: 20 Channel Center Street, Boston, MA 02210

Unit Cost: \$29.69 Number Requested: 14

1. Does the text address the content of the curriculum at the appropriate grade level?

Yes No

What areas of the curriculum are not adequately addressed by this text?

None. This book is specific to the digital photography and graphic design area.

2. Does the text promote the use of differentiated instruction and other research based instructional strategies?

Yes No

Provide at least three examples from the proposed text.

None. Differentiation in this class is provided through in-class projects.

3. Are there assessments provided that can be used for formative, summative and/or performance based evaluation?

Yes No

Provide at least three examples from the proposed text.

4. Do the assessments provided with the text align to the CAPT/CMT where appropriate?

Yes No

If no, please explain what supplemental materials will be necessary.

Not Applicable

5. Does the textbook have any technology components?

Yes No

Please provide some examples.

Since this book focuses on digital photography, it is entirely about the computer application Photoshop.

6. Is the textbook culturally responsive? (Does it include people or information from a diversity of populations? Is it written in a way that it will be accessible to people from a variety of backgrounds?)

Yes No

Please provide some examples.

Not Applicable

7. What is the readability level/DRP of the text and what was used to assess its readability?

Flesh Kincaid Grade Level: 7.68

Gunning Fog: 8.64

Will the text be used for teacher directed instruction or for independent student study?

The text will be used for both teacher directed and independent student study

Is the readability appropriate for its intended use?

Yes No

Attach a standard budget sheet to detail the purchase costs.

Textbook Proposal Form

Use this form to propose the purchase of new textbooks for a new course, grade, or multiple grades.

Date: February 12, 2010

Person(s) submitting: Roy Slater

Content Area: TIDE Grade(s) 9-12 Course: Solid Modeling & Design

Recommended Purchase:

Title or Name of Resource: Print Reading for Industry

Type of Resource: Book ISBN# 978-1-56637-807-9

Copyright: 2002 Vendor: Goodheart-Wilcox Company, Inc.

Address: Tinley Park, Illinois

Unit Cost: \$52.00 Number Requested: 14

1. Does the text address the content of the curriculum at the appropriate grade level?

Yes No

What areas of the curriculum are not adequately addressed by this text?

None. This book is specific to the solid modeling class's unit on blueprint reading.

2. Does the text promote the use of differentiated instruction and other research based instructional strategies?

Yes No

Provide at least three examples from the proposed text.

None. Differentiation in this class is provided through in-class projects.

3. Are there assessments provided that can be used for formative, summative and/or performance based evaluation?

Yes No

Provide at least three examples from the proposed text.

This book comes with an instructor copy that supports the assessment activities in the book.

4. Do the assessments provided with the text align to the CAPT/CMT where appropriate?

Yes No

If no, please explain what supplemental materials will be necessary.

The lessons in this book are CAPT appropriate. They involve mathematical data and geometry and measurement topics.

5. Does the textbook have any technology components?

Yes No

Please provide some examples.

This book covers the students' understanding of computer modeling through a reverse process of development. All activities are directly related to the computer modeling software.

6. Is the textbook culturally responsive? (Does it include people or information from a diversity of populations? Is it written in a way that it will be accessible to people from a variety of backgrounds?)

Yes No

Please provide some examples.

Not Applicable

7. What is the readability level/DRP of the text and what was used to assess its readability?

Flesh Kincaid Grade Level: 12.33

Gunning Fog: 14.14

Will the text be used for teacher directed instruction or for independent student study?

The text will be used for both teacher directed and independent student study

Is the readability appropriate for its intended use?

Yes No

Textbook Proposal Form

Use this form to propose the purchase of new textbooks for a new course, grade, or multiple grades.

Date: February 12, 2010

Person(s) submitting: Roy Slater

Content Area: TIDE Grade(s) 9-12 Course: Welding

Recommended Purchase:

Title or Name of Resource: Welding Technology Fundamentals

Type of Resource: Book ISBN# 978-1-60525-256-8

Copyright: 2010 Vendor: Goodheart-Wilcox Company, Inc.

Address: Tinley Park, Illinois

Unit Cost: \$52.50 Number Requested: 16

1. Does the text address the content of the curriculum at the appropriate grade level?

Yes No

What areas of the curriculum are not adequately addressed by this text?

None. This book is specific to the welding/hot metals area.

2. Does the text promote the use of differentiated instruction and other research based instructional strategies?

Yes No

Provide at least three examples from the proposed text.

None. Differentiation in this class is provided through in-class projects.

3. Are there assessments provided that can be used for formative, summative and/or performance based evaluation?

Yes No

Provide at least three examples from the proposed text.

The text comes with an exam CD, which covers the main points in each chapter.

4. Do the assessments provided with the text align to the CAPT/CMT where appropriate?

Yes No

If no, please explain what supplemental materials will be necessary.

Not Applicable

5. Does the textbook have any technology components?

Yes No

Please provide some examples.

Since this book focuses on hot metal processes it contains applied technology processes.

6. Is the textbook culturally responsive? (Does it include people or information from a diversity of populations? Is it written in a way that it will be accessible to people from a variety of backgrounds?)

Yes No

Please provide some examples.

Not Applicable

7. What is the readability level/DRP of the text and what was used to assess its readability?

Flesh Kincaid Grade Level: 8.35

Gunning Fog: 10.25

Will the text be used for teacher directed instruction or for independent student study?

The text will be used for both teacher directed and independent student study

Is the readability appropriate for its intended use?

Yes No

Attach a standard budget sheet to detail the purchase costs.

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – April 12, 2010

Members Present:	D.Palmer, J.Formeister, S.Bollinger (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), B.Devlin, M.Marquardt, T.Potrikus (attended BOF meeting and arrived at 8:17 p.m.), J.Taylor, A.Kirkpatrick
Members Absent:	R.Lees
Administrators Present:	M.Suffredini, P.Collin, K.Pezza, B.Boutwell (attended BOF meeting and arrived at 8:17 p.m.)
Staff Present:	None in attendance
Citizens Present:	Richard and Deb Stone
Students Present:	None in attendance
Student Representatives:	None in attendance
Others:	

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Palmer in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School BOE meeting room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 March 22, 2010 Regular Meeting – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Taylor) to approve the March 22, 2010 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented.
PASSED 6-0

Chairman Palmer proposed delivering the Technology Plan to the Board of Finance in person so that the Board of Education can respond to questions.

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

4.1 Curriculum Presentations: Gifted/Talented & Virtual High School

4.1.1 Gifted and Talented

Director of Curriculum, K.Pezza, presented an overview of Quest, the Somers Gifted and Talented program that serves students identified as academically gifted.

Mrs. Pezza explained that all third grade students are screened using a non-verbal reasoning test, the DRP and a teacher survey of gifted behaviors exhibited in the regular classroom. Scores are combined using a point matrix and the top 20% of each third grade class is given the opportunity to participate in the Quest program. Of the 20% of the students selected, the top 10% participate twice per cycle and the students in the 11-20% range participate once per cycle.

All students in grades 2-5, regardless of their gifted eligibility, can participate in the CT Invention Convention each year.

Mr. Griffin, who oversees the Quest Program, works closely with all the elementary grade levels and offers enrichment suggestions for students who are not involved in the Quest program.

- 4.1.2** Director of Curriculum, K.Pezza, presented an overview of Virtual High School which is an on-line school that offers high school, middle school, AP, International Baccalaureate and credit recovery courses. Classes are offered during the fall and spring semesters, as well as during the summer. VHS allows students to take specialized courses that are not available at Somers High School or that are not available due to scheduling constraints.

Mrs. Pezza explained that schools sign up as members of VHS and can pay per student enrolled up to a total of 10 students per semester, or schools can donate 0.2 FTE in exchange for 20 “free” seats per semester. The 0.2 teacher teaches one VHS course. Somers participates in the second option. Peter Stone teaches one VHS course and is the on-site coordinator. Mr. Stone handles the enrollment process, scheduling and grade reporting associated with VHS.

Sixty Connecticut schools participate in VHS. Courses offered include Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Fine Arts, Business World Language, English, Life Skills and Health, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Tech Ed. and Middle School courses. In the last two years, 21 Somers High School students have enrolled in 25 VHS classes (21 different courses). Of those classes, 17 were college prep level, 6 were honors level and 2 were AP level.

Students are expected to login each day and participate in their class through on-line discussions, research and class work. Assignments are usually due once a week.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1** Chairman Palmer reported receipt of *High School Today, School Planning and Management* and information from CABA.

- 5.2** J.Taylor reported that he has had concerns expressed to him regarding the school lunch menu offered at the elementary school.

Dr. Suffredini suggested that Mr. Taylor invite the concerned individuals to attend a Wellness Committee meeting to discuss their concerns and offer suggestions.

- 5.3** Dr Suffredini reported that he has been contacted by First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini, regarding who will be responsible to pay to have the Mabelle B. Avery lacrosse fields lined for use by the recreation lacrosse program. Dr. Suffredini will meet with the First Selectman to see what can be worked out; however, it was the consensus of the Board of Education that this expense cannot be absorbed by the Board of Education.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1** Approval of Bills 4/12/10 (\$363,594.43)
It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Taylor) to approve the 4/12/10 Bills in the amount of \$363,594.43 as presented. PASSED 7-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Second Warning/Adoption of TIDE Textbooks

It was MOVED (J.Formeister) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to adopt TIDE Textbooks: *Welding Technology Fundamentals*, *Print Reading for Industry*, and *Complete Adobe Photoshop CS4 for Digital Photographers*. PASSED 7-0

8.2 Ratification of SESA Contract

Chairman Palmer reviewed the tentative contract agreement ratified by the SESA.

It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to ratify the SESA contract as presented. PASSED 7-0

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Town Hall Meeting

Dr. Suffredini reported that he attended the Town Hall Meeting on April 1st. Senator Kissel and Rep. Penny Bacchiochi discussed issues facing Connecticut during the meeting. Rep. Bacchiochi highlighted areas where the state has been impacted and reported that the picture is not getting any better.

A.Kirkpatrick also attended the meeting and reported that it was mentioned that the secondary school reform bill maybe pushed out to 2015.

10.2 Last Day of School/Graduation

Dr. Suffredini reported that graduation and the last day of school are scheduled for June 18th.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Budget

Upon returning from the Board of Finance meeting, T.Potrikus, reported that the BOF accepted the Board of Education's 2010 Budget as presented. Mr. Potrikus credited Dr. Suffredini for this favorable outcome.

11.2 Curriculum

A meeting of the BOE Curriculum Subcommittee will be scheduled for May.

11.3 Policy

A Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for April 22nd.

11.4 Salary & Negotiations – No report

11.5 Planning Committee – No report

11.6 Other Committees

12.0 OTHER

12.1 A.Kirkpatrick reported that she attended the Career Counseling Advisory Committee meeting and learned that there have been some issues with their web site. Dr. Suffredini will contact J.Morrow to resolve the problem.

12.2 A.Kirkpatrick reported that she attended the CAFE workshop on policy and brought back information concerning technology and cyberbullying that she will share with the Board.

12.3 Dr. Suffredini reported that the Somers Education Foundation has approved eleven grants submitted by the school staff. T.Potrikus requested a list of the approved grants. Mr. Potrikus would like to share this information with the Board of Finance.

Dr. Suffredini reported that a group of students from the University of Hartford will make a presentation to the Somers Education Foundation on April 22nd regarding strategies to secure funding for the foundation.

13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Taylor) to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:36 p.m. to discuss legal matters. PASSED 8-0

The Board came out of EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:10 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (J.Taylor) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Somers Board of Education at 9:11 p.m. PASSED 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary
Joan Jaquith, Recording Secretary

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