

BOE Meeting Template
Monday, May 10, 2010 7:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 1. 4/13/10 Special Meeting Minutes
 2. 4/26/10 Minutes 3
4. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS
 1. Technology Annual Report
Mr. Morrow will make a presentation on the current status of the district's technology program along with the accomplishments and future direction for the program. Here is a link to the presentation: http://docs.google.com/present/view?id=dgdf6x22_438d92rnbgr
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS
7. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Approval of Bills 6
8. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Approval of Phase II Race to the Top Application 11
The State of CT is pursuing approval for Phase II of RTT based upon the projected increases in grant funds for the town of Somers and the opportunity to work on high school reform as a result of these funds. I am requesting that the board formally vote to submit the MOU as provided by the CSDE.
 2. First Warning of DBS Code 3541.31/3541.32/3541.34/3541.35 - Transportation 19
Policies
These policies have been reviewed by Bill Boutwell, the Superintendent and the BOE Policy Committee:
3541.31 Changes in regular routes: one sentence has been deleted
3541.32 Special Transportation: Re-worded to reflect what is currently being done and allowing for flexibility in the future if funding increases
3541.32 Reg: Special Transportation/Private owned vehicles: deleted students for driving on trips-recommend adjusting admin. reg
3541.34 Non Public School transportation: delete this policy because we no longer provide this transportation
3541.35 Procedures for emergences: only deleted 2 words in the policy to reflect current responsibility
Second warning/adoption will be included on the 5/24/10 agenda.
 3. BOE Summer Retreat
The board will discuss potential dates and consider possible agenda items for the BOE summer retreat.
9. OLD BUSINESS
10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 1. Budget
 2. Curriculum
 3. Policy
 4. Salary & Negotiations
 5. Planning

6. Other Committees

12. OTHER

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Legal Matters

Closed session is anticipated to discuss legal matters.

14. ADJOURNMENT

15. 5/10/2010 Minutes

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ninth District Road

Somers, CT 06071

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – April 26, 2010

Members Present: J.Formeister, B.Devlin, T.Potrikus (attended BOF meeting and arrived at 7:43 p.m.), J.Taylor, A.Kirkpatrick. R.Lees
Members Absent: D.Palmer, M.Marquardt, S.Bollinger
Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, P.Collin, K.Pezza, G.Cotzin
Staff Present: None in attendance
Citizens Present: Richard and Deb Stone
Students Present: None in attendance
Student Representatives: None in attendance
Others: Marcus Hatfield (*Journal Inquirer*)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 April 12, 2010 Regular Meeting – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Taylor) to approve the April 12, 2010 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 5-0

It was noted that T.Potrikus was not in attendance when the vote on the SESA Contract took place.

3.2 April 13, 2010 Special Meeting – These minutes will be presented for approval at the May 10, 2010 BOE meeting.

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

All Board members received correspondence from the Somers Education Foundation.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Bills 4/26/10 (\$84,896.59)

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to approve the 4/26/10 Bills in the amount of \$84,896.59 as presented. PASSED 5-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 SHS Master Schedule/Class Size Update

Somers High School Principal, Gary Cotzin, presented an update on the 2010-2011 high school master schedule and projected class sizes. Mr. Cotzin reported that the scheduling is 95% complete and was constructed based on student requests. The schedule will change over the next few months and through the first ten days of the first quarter as conflicts are resolved. Counselors will be working with students to help them select electives that will fit into their schedule and meet their post-secondary needs. A Scheduling/Class Size report will be presented to the Board in June.

A discussion was held regarding the low enrollment in some of the AP classes. The Board and administration want to continue to maintain all the current AP offerings. Students are encouraged to take AP courses whenever it's possible and appropriate.

10.2 Transportation Update

Dr. Suffredini reported that we are under contract with First Student Bus Company with a zero increase for bus service next year.

Dr. Suffredini reported that currently there are 15 busses; however, they are evaluating the total delivery service. Routes are being reviewed to see what bus runs might look like if the district downsized to 14 or 13 busses.

10.3 Vision Boulevard

Dr. Suffredini reported that the Board of Selectmen approved to make Vision Boulevard a town road. A meeting is scheduled for April 27th to look at the pattern and flow of traffic.

10.4 Dr. Suffredini informed the Board of a new state program that is being offered to districts who apply. The program is entitled the Board Examination System. One of the options of the program will give high school students the opportunity to graduate in two years. If selected, districts will receive state funding for staff training for specific courses.

Administration will be exploring and discussing the program during the next few weeks.

Dr. Suffredini will present more information to the Board at the May 10th BOE meeting and ask the Board to vote on a Memorandum of Understanding with the state.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Budget

No report

11.2 Curriculum

11.2.1 A meeting will be scheduled for May 10th to review the Math Curriculum.

11.2.2 Dr. Suffredini and K.Pezza informed the Board that a school improvement professional development initiative involving all administrators and some teachers will be held on May 10th and May 25th and continue in the fall. Dr. Steven Wlodarczyk from the CT Center for School Change is the presenter. This professional development is entitled *Instructional Rounds* and its focus is on program evaluation processes to assess programs through classroom observations.

11.3 Policy
11.3.1 The Policy Committee met on April 23rd. Another meeting will be scheduled for May.

11.4 Salary & Negotiations
11.4.1 Negotiations have been completed for this year. Negotiations with another bargaining group will begin in the fall.

11.5 Planning Committee
11.5.1 T. Potrikus reported that the Board of Finance will not be working on the CIP list until after the town referendum. The BOF requested that the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education and the Library Board prioritize their Capital Improvement lists to four projects.

11.6 Other Committees

12.0 OTHER

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Taylor) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Somers Board of Education at 7:47 p.m. PASSED 6-0

Respectfully submitted,


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

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

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 5964

Check Batch: 1919
 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

Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
<p>Approved by:  Date: 5/15/10</p> <p>_____ William B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services</p>						
1919	1171	05/10/2010	V52404	Allstate Fire Equipment	0.00	671.00
	1172	05/10/2010	V52670	Amazon	0.00	634.67
	1173	05/10/2010	V52479	American History	0.00	29.95
	1174	05/10/2010	V52847	American School for the Deaf	0.00	6,708.00
	1175	05/10/2010	V60040	Anthem Life Insurance Company	0.00	2,151.62
	1176	05/10/2010	V02748	Applause Learning Resources, Inc.	0.00	683.38
	1177	05/10/2010	V51683	Barnes & Noble	0.00	865.00
	1178	05/10/2010	V01267	Blick Art Materials	0.00	129.47
	1179	05/10/2010	V54306	Blue Raven Technology, Inc.	0.00	299.00
	1180	05/10/2010	E00025	Boutwell, Bill	0.00	41.50
	1181	05/10/2010	M52866	CAPP Inc.	0.00	121.46
	1182	05/10/2010	V00129	Carolina Biological Supply Co.	0.00	64.10
	1183	05/10/2010	V53588	CIT Technology Fin Serv, Inc.	0.00	408.00
	1184	05/10/2010	V60205	CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Inc.	0.00	39.00
	1185	05/10/2010	V00204	CREC	0.00	3,182.08
	1186	05/10/2010	V60263	Dick's Sporting Goods	0.00	120.00
	1187	05/10/2010	V60089	Dime Oil Company	0.00	440.98
	1188	05/10/2010	E00096	Duffy, Margaret	0.00	25.00
	1189	05/10/2010	V02577	Eye on Education	0.00	69.90
	1190	05/10/2010	V02637	Fire Systems, Inc.	0.00	230.00

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	1191	05/10/2010	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	8,565.33
	1192	05/10/2010	V01563	Follett Educational Services	0.00	759.96
	1193	05/10/2010	V00314	Follett Library Resources	0.00	106.34
	1194	05/10/2010	V60188	G-W Publishers	0.00	937.60
	1195	05/10/2010	V60264	Gall Power Equipment	0.00	440.65
	1196	05/10/2010	V60065	Green Grass Inc.	0.00	230.00
	1197	05/10/2010	V00386	HERFF JONES	0.00	12.96
	1198	05/10/2010	V02625	K & S Distributors	0.00	352.48
	1199	05/10/2010	V00665	Kelly-Fradet Lumber	0.00	195.35
	1200	05/10/2010	V02338	Longstreth	0.00	83.89
	1201	05/10/2010	V02898	MAGNAKLEEN	0.00	325.50
	1202	05/10/2010	V60260	Medford Wellington Service	0.00	1,436.02
	1203	05/10/2010	V02321	Midstate Battery	0.00	167.90
	1204	05/10/2010	V52705	MIRMA	0.00	17,422.25
	1205	05/10/2010	V60257	Northampton Paint Center	0.00	357.00
	1206	05/10/2010	V53987	Office Equipment Finance Services	0.00	1,662.67
	1207	05/10/2010	V60011	Optek Services	0.00	480.00
	1208	05/10/2010	V60077	Perfection Learning	0.00	594.00
	1209	05/10/2010	V60224	ProTuff	0.00	325.00
	1210	05/10/2010	V02834	R. Pettee Electric L.L.C.	0.00	368.50
	1211	05/10/2010	V52476	RIVER VALLEY LAWN CARE	0.00	817.93
	1212	05/10/2010	V02901	School Furnishings, Inc.	0.00	1,297.60
	1213	05/10/2010	V01292	School Specialty, Inc.	0.00	1,294.47
	1214	05/10/2010	E00304	Sharp, Heather	0.00	308.98
	1215	05/10/2010	V51324	Sherwin-Williams Co., The	0.00	1,214.10
	1216	05/10/2010	V60031	SNE Building Systems	0.00	225.00
	1217	05/10/2010	V00886	Somers Lunch Program	0.00	10.50
	1218	05/10/2010	V00548	Somers Sanitation Service, Inc.	0.00	1,189.70
	1219	05/10/2010	V01591	Town of Somers	0.00	9,167.28
	1220	05/10/2010	M02015	T. J. Conway Company	0.00	794.95
	1221	05/10/2010	V60027	Connecticut Stakes, Inc.	0.00	110.16
	1222	05/10/2010	V53945	Transcanda Power Marketing LTD	0.00	19,728.56
	1223	05/10/2010	V54059	Verizon Wireless	0.00	342.88
Totals:					0.00	\$88,239.62

53 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 5963
Batch: 1909
Transaction: N/A
Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
1909	\$88,239.62	Posted	lbergamini	05/03/2010	lbergamini	05/05/2010

General Ledger Distribution Summary						
Period, Fiscal Year	Account Description	DTF	Over	Debits	Credits	
Account Number		Base	Budget			
May, 2010						
Generated Distributions						
10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			86,147.89	0.00	
10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-00000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	86,147.89	
	Total Generated Distributions			\$86,147.89	\$86,147.89	
User-Entered Distributions						
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	88,239.62	
10-100-2-2-14-241-611-01-5-00155	K-5 - GENERAL SUPPLIES			378.94	0.00	
10-100-2-2-18-242-611-01-5-00187	K-5 - MATH SUPPLIES			480.74	0.00	
10-100-2-2-18-242-611-01-5-01149	K-5 INTERVENTION - MATH			138.69	0.00	
10-100-2-2-28-242-611-01-5-00202	K-5 - SCIENCE/HEALTH SUPPLIES			534.03	0.00	
10-100-2-3-16-242-611-01-5-00184	MA - LANGUAGE ARTS SUPPLIES			594.00	0.00	
10-100-2-4-08-220-641-01-5-00130	HS - FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEXTBOOK		Yes	186.45	0.00	
10-100-2-4-08-243-611-01-5-01581	HS - WORLD LANGUAGE			496.93	0.00	
10-100-2-4-12-220-641-01-5-00131	HS - TECH ED TEXT			1,697.56	0.00	
10-100-2-4-12-242-611-01-5-00183	HS - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			129.47	0.00	
10-100-2-4-28-220-641-01-5-00129	HS - SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS			228.88	0.00	
10-100-2-4-30-243-611-01-5-00887	HS - SOCIAL STUDIES WORKBOOKS			29.95	0.00	
10-100-8-4-66-910-730-01-5-00607	HS CAPITAL OUTLAY			1,297.60	0.00	
10-213-3-5-48-421-730-02-5-01076	SW - HEALTH EQUIPMENT			378.00	0.00	
10-221-1-4-50-251-580-05-5-00267	HS - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			25.00	0.00	
10-222-2-2-52-233-611-03-5-00144	K-5 - A.V. MATERIALS			106.34	0.00	
10-231-1-5-74-134-330-10-5-00045	B.O.E. - OTHER PROF. SERVICES		Yes	39.00	0.00	
10-231-1-5-74-134-690-10-5-00047	B.O.E. - SUPPLIES			10.50	0.00	
10-232-1-5-72-251-580-05-5-00271	CO - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			41.50	0.00	
10-232-6-5-66-830-440-04-5-00525	CO - COPIER RENTAL		Yes	415.67	0.00	
10-240-1-4-40-258-690-04-5-00304	HS - OFFICE SUPPLIES			27.79	0.00	
10-240-6-2-66-830-440-04-5-00523	K-5 - COPIER RENTAL			551.66	0.00	
10-240-6-3-66-830-440-03-5-00527	MA - COPIER RENTAL			551.67	0.00	
10-240-6-4-66-830-440-04-5-00763	HS - COPIER RENTAL			551.67	0.00	
10-240-7-4-54-880-690-07-5-00274	HS - GRADUATION			12.96	0.00	
10-260-5-2-62-722-430-08-5-01141	K-5 BUILDING REPAIRS		Yes	1,502.61	0.00	

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10-260-5-2-64-642-530-04-5-00363		K-5 - TELEPHONE		Yes	74.52	0.00
10-260-5-3-64-642-530-04-5-00365		MA - TELEPHONE		Yes	58.64	0.00
10-260-5-4-28-722-430-01-5-00390		HS - SCIENCE MAINTENANCE		Yes	480.00	0.00
10-260-5-4-64-642-530-04-5-00366		HS - TELEPHONE			62.13	0.00
10-260-5-5-64-642-530-04-5-00367		CO - TELEPHONE			147.59	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-650-613-05-5-00377		SW - CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES			677.98	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-01-5-01077		SW - COMPUTER MAINTENANCE			299.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00430		MA - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		Yes	368.50	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00435		SW - THERMOSTAT/CONTROLS			121.46	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00439		HS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		Yes	1,154.94	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00440		SW - EQUIPMENT REPAIR			440.65	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00442		SW - GROUNDS KEEP		Yes	1,047.93	0.00
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			167.90	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00467		SW - GENERAL PAINT		Yes	1,571.10	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00471		SW - FIRE ALARMS & BELLS			230.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00358		K-5 - ELECTRICITY			5,438.14	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00360		MA - ELECTRICITY			6,198.04	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00361		HS - ELECTRICITY			8,092.38	0.00
10-260-6-5-62-722-430-04-5-00452		SW - MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS			671.00	0.00
10-270-4-5-84-521-627-12-5-00327		BUS FUEL			8,878.56	0.00
10-270-9-9-84-522-112-12-5-00333		SP ED - TRANSPORTATION AIDE			6,425.33	0.00
10-270-9-9-84-522-510-12-5-00332		SP ED - ADDITIONAL MILEAGE		Yes	4,180.00	0.00
10-279-4-4-84-530-580-07-5-00845		HS - FIELD TRIPS		Yes	490.00	0.00
10-279-4-5-84-722-627-12-5-00341		SW - GASOLINE SCHOOL VEHICLES			729.70	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00512		LIFE AND AD&D INSURANCE		Yes	2,151.62	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00516		WORKER'S COMPENSATION			17,422.25	0.00
10-320-2-4-54-880-690-07-5-00602		HS - ACADEMIC AWARDS			985.00	0.00
10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00595		HS - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES			717.87	0.00
10-613-9-9-88-955-561-14-5-00673		SP ED - TUITION		Yes	7,360.08	0.00
Total User-Entered Distributions					\$88,239.62	\$88,239.62
Total for May, 2010					\$174,387.51	\$174,387.51
Grand Total for Batch # 1909					\$174,387.51	\$174,387.51

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179 Transactions Listed.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



April 30, 2010

Dear Colleague,

This correspondence serves to inform you of Connecticut's proposed Race to the Top (RTTT) Phase II budget allocation plan, based on the requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The U.S. Department of Education has issued a new budget rule for Phase II of the competition that asserts that states' budgets must conform to budget ranges based on their population. Therefore, Connecticut's RTTT Phase II application will include a budget total of \$175 million - the highest amount permitted in Connecticut's budget range. This total allocation must be budgeted over a four-year period.

Section 14006(c) of the ARRA requires that at least 50 percent of the RTTT funding to states be subgranted to participating Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) according to their relative shares of funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title I, Part A program for the most recent year, including Title I ARRA funds. This is equal to \$87.5 million of the total \$175 million that Connecticut will receive if our application is awarded.

States also have flexibility in awarding or allocating the remaining 50 percent of their RTTT awards, which are available for state-level activities, disbursements to LEAs, and other purposes as each state may propose in its plan. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has elected to allocate up to approximately \$23.9 million of the remaining \$87.5 million as an incentive for all LEAs to sign on to implement the State's RTTT plan.

Phase II Allocation of RTTT Funds

Total Amount for Connecticut: **\$175M**

Allocation to all "Participating LEAs": **\$87.5M**

Incentive Allocation to all Participating LEAs: **\$23.9M**

RTTT Funds Remaining at CSDE for Infrastructure and Supplemental Projects: **\$63.6M**

The incentive funding is aimed at minimizing some of the dilemmas RTTT created in Phase I for small districts or districts that receive little or no Title I funding. After the submission of our first application in January, many districts told us that they would have signed on, but did not because the allocation amounts, if they existed at all, were too low to warrant direct involvement.

While the additional \$23.9 million allocation does not entirely eliminate this problem, every district or eligible entity will now receive at least \$100,000 in addition to its Title I allocation based on district configuration. All K-12 districts, by definition, will receive \$140,000; all others, \$100,000.

We hope this incentive will allow more LEAs to participate in Phase II. If LEAs choose to sign on to participate they will not only acquire some funding for the projects set forth in the grant, but they will also qualify for those activities sponsored by the CSDE itself or other entities like the RESC Alliance, who will be providing many of the services envisioned in the plan. LEAs with limited allocations awarded in this application can, moreover, form consortia with other LEAs or their Regional Educational Service Center to maximize their funding in order to fully implement the State's plan. Small districts are encouraged to do this and should speak to the RESC Executive Director representing your geographic region.

Attached, please find a chart showing the simulated distribution of RTTT funds to LEAs, assuming that Connecticut receives a total budgeted amount of \$175 million and that all LEAs sign on to implement the State's RTTT plan. Please note that these figures are estimated and subject to change.

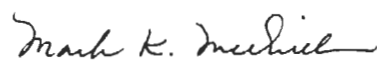
As you study these allocation amounts, please know that the funds must be directed to the completion of all, or substantially all of the projects identified in our application and that will form the basis of the MOU we will be sending out next week. The work plan that you must file once funds are awarded should afford you some flexibility in using these additional dollars to address specific needs in your LEA, and, as we have learned, will invariably help you with the requirements now anticipated the Elementary and Secondary Education Act slated for Congressional approval next year.

We hope you will join us as a Participating LEA in Phase II. Your participation is strongly encouraged and we look forward to working with you and your district leadership in the months ahead. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Andrews at Jessica.andrews@ct.gov or 860-713-6582. Additionally, we have scheduled three telephone informational sessions on the dates and times below:

Monday, May 10	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18	2:30 p.m.
Friday, May 21	10:00 a.m.

Details concerning these calls will be sent at a later date.

Sincerely yours,



Mark K. McQuillan
Commissioner of Education

April 30, 2010

**Connecticut State Department of Education
 Simulated Distribution of Race to the Top (RTTT) Phase II Formula
 Entitlements Based on Title I ARRA Distribution and
 Incentive Funding Based on District Type**

Note 1: These simulations only address \$111.4 million of the \$175 million to be requested under RTTT Phase II State Application.
 Note 2: The total amount reflected in column 3 is over a 4 year period.

		(1)	(2)	(3)
District Code	District Name	Incentive Funding *	Title I Formula Portion	Total Incentive and Formula Funding (Col 1 + Col 2)
1	Andover	100,000	4,483	104,483
2	Ansonia	140,000	586,450	726,450
3	Ashford	100,000	44,595	144,595
4	Avon	140,000	25,366	165,366
5	Barkhamsted	100,000	6,627	106,627
7	Berlin	140,000	46,829	186,829
8	Bethany	100,000	32,562	132,562
9	Bethel	140,000	51,444	191,444
11	Bloomfield	140,000	359,379	499,379
12	Bolton	140,000	0	140,000
13	Bozrah	100,000	29,468	129,468
14	Branford	140,000	278,686	418,686
15	Bridgeport	140,000	10,006,294	10,146,294
17	Bristol	140,000	1,540,679	1,680,679
18	Brookfield	140,000	40,061	180,061
19	Brooklyn	100,000	99,224	199,224
21	Canaan	100,000	11,769	111,769
22	Canterbury	100,000	77,812	177,812
23	Canton	140,000	24,352	164,352
24	Chaplin	100,000	14,306	114,306
25	Cheshire	140,000	74,953	214,953
26	Chester	100,000	4,006	104,006
27	Clinton	140,000	55,779	195,779
28	Colchester	140,000	50,673	190,673
29	Colebrook	100,000	0	100,000
30	Columbia	100,000	23,290	123,290
31	Cornwall	100,000	2,824	102,824
32	Coventry	140,000	42,313	182,313
33	Cromwell	140,000	186,950	326,950
34	Danbury	140,000	1,228,519	1,368,519
35	Darien	140,000	0	140,000
36	Deep River	100,000	156,577	256,577
37	Derby	140,000	272,365	412,365
39	Eastford	100,000	29,166	129,166
40	East Granby	140,000	15,075	155,075
41	East Haddam	140,000	40,332	180,332

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42	East Hampton	140,000	41,025	181,025
43	East Hartford	140,000	2,187,545	2,327,545
44	East Haven	140,000	509,488	649,488
45	East Lyme	140,000	48,498	188,498
46	Easton	100,000	13,217	113,217
47	East Windsor	140,000	139,454	279,454
48	Ellington	140,000	42,865	182,865
49	Enfield	140,000	702,495	842,495
50	Essex	100,000	6,559	106,559
51	Fairfield	140,000	134,202	274,202
52	Farmington	140,000	70,932	210,932
53	Franklin	100,000	4,363	104,363
54	Glastonbury	140,000	73,418	213,418
56	Granby	140,000	24,329	164,329
57	Greenwich	140,000	212,474	352,474
58	Griswold	140,000	162,665	302,665
59	Groton	140,000	573,579	713,579
60	Guilford	140,000	59,424	199,424
62	Hamden	140,000	950,743	1,090,743
63	Hampton	100,000	0	100,000
64	Hartford	140,000	14,858,962	14,998,962
65	Hartland	100,000	6,390	106,390
67	Hebron	100,000	0	100,000
68	Kent	100,000	4,382	104,382
69	Killingly	140,000	296,037	436,037
71	Lebanon	140,000	26,354	166,354
72	Ledyard	140,000	52,992	192,992
73	Lisbon	100,000	29,219	129,219
74	Litchfield	140,000	94,730	234,730
76	Madison	140,000	43,892	183,892
77	Manchester	140,000	1,438,940	1,578,940
78	Mansfield	100,000	96,164	196,164
79	Marlborough	100,000	8,892	108,892
80	Meriden	140,000	2,321,477	2,461,477
83	Middletown	140,000	608,403	748,403
84	Milford	140,000	506,966	646,966
85	Monroe	140,000	46,699	186,699

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86	Montville	140,000	171,061	311,061
88	Naugatuck	140,000	665,839	805,839
89	New Britain	140,000	4,975,903	5,115,903
90	New Canaan	140,000	41,224	181,224
91	New Fairfield	140,000	34,347	174,347
92	New Hartford	100,000	2,756	102,756
93	New Haven	140,000	9,756,817	9,896,817
94	Newington	140,000	282,829	422,829
95	New London	140,000	956,092	1,096,092
96	New Milford	140,000	69,329	209,329
97	Newtown	140,000	64,670	204,670
98	Norfolk	100,000	0	100,000
99	North Branford	140,000	34,103	174,103
100	North Canaan	100,000	7,737	107,737
101	North Haven	140,000	55,010	195,010
102	North Stonington	140,000	68,076	208,076
103	Norwalk	140,000	1,447,903	1,587,903
104	Norwich	100,000	1,057,758	1,157,758
106	Old Saybrook	140,000	60,708	200,708
107	Orange	100,000	16,715	116,715
108	Oxford	140,000	32,848	172,848
109	Plainfield	140,000	259,338	399,338
110	Plainville	140,000	254,119	394,119
111	Plymouth	140,000	132,936	272,936
112	Pomfret	100,000	14,928	114,928
113	Portland	140,000	98,271	238,271
114	Preston	100,000	14,183	114,183
116	Putnam	140,000	257,088	397,088
117	Redding	100,000	16,422	116,422
118	Ridgefield	140,000	0	140,000
119	Rocky Hill	140,000	33,096	173,096
121	Salem	100,000	7,162	107,162
122	Salisbury	100,000	47,216	147,216
123	Scotland	100,000	2,632	102,632
124	Seymour	140,000	198,165	338,165
125	Sharon	100,000	20,787	120,787
126	Shelton	140,000	122,683	262,683

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127	Sherman	100,000	10,006	110,006
128	Simsbury	140,000	44,718	184,718
129	Somers	140,000	24,337	164,337
131	Southington	140,000	128,056	268,056
132	South Windsor	140,000	59,232	199,232
133	Sprague	100,000	38,968	138,968
134	Stafford	140,000	83,827	223,827
135	Stamford	140,000	1,936,779	2,076,779
136	Sterling	100,000	47,072	147,072
137	Stonington	140,000	154,357	294,357
138	Stratford	140,000	716,149	856,149
139	Suffield	140,000	33,519	173,519
140	Thomaston	140,000	99,790	239,790
141	Thompson	140,000	90,880	230,880
142	Tolland	140,000	38,373	178,373
143	Torrington	140,000	540,327	680,327
144	Trumbull	140,000	80,983	220,983
145	Union	100,000	1,847	101,847
146	Vernon	140,000	381,683	521,683
147	Voluntown	100,000	34,791	134,791
148	Wallingford	140,000	319,424	459,424
151	Waterbury	140,000	8,816,601	8,956,601
152	Waterford	140,000	219,929	359,929
153	Watertown	140,000	52,050	192,050
154	Westbrook	140,000	19,137	159,137
155	West Hartford	140,000	682,673	822,673
156	West Haven	140,000	1,741,883	1,881,883
157	Weston	140,000	0	140,000
158	Westport	140,000	73,728	213,728
159	Wethersfield	140,000	223,520	363,520
160	Willington	100,000	38,555	138,555
161	Wilton	140,000	0	140,000
162	Winchester	100,000	169,992	269,992
163	Windham	140,000	999,710	1,139,710
164	Windsor	140,000	455,309	595,309
165	Windsor Locks	140,000	203,797	343,797
166	Wolcott	140,000	198,987	338,987

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167	Woodbridge	100,000	20,493	120,493
169	Woodstock	100,000	77,606	177,606
201	District No. 1	100,000	15,437	115,437
204	District No. 4	100,000	18,292	118,292
205	District No. 5	100,000	30,104	130,104
206	District No. 6	140,000	79,707	219,707
207	District No. 7	100,000	8,395	108,395
208	District No. 8	100,000	17,689	117,689
209	District No. 9	100,000	7,373	107,373
210	District No. 10	140,000	24,695	164,695
211	District No. 11	100,000	24,667	124,667
212	District No. 12	140,000	36,611	176,611
213	District No. 13	140,000	39,547	179,547
214	District No. 14	140,000	153,038	293,038
215	District No. 15	140,000	60,207	200,207
216	District No. 16	140,000	115,256	255,256
217	District No. 17	140,000	38,418	178,418
218	District No. 18	140,000	23,044	163,044
219	District No. 19	100,000	67,118	167,118
241	CREC	140,000	678,158	818,158
242	Ed Connection	140,000	0	140,000
243	CES	140,000	104,577	244,577
244	ACES	140,000	310,633	450,633
245	LEARN	140,000	186,681	326,681
253	Eastconn	140,000	10,148	150,148
261	Jumoke	100,000	177,547	277,547
263	Odyssey	100,000	26,469	126,469
264	Integrated Day	100,000	27,985	127,985
265	ISAAC	100,000	47,761	147,761
268	Common Ground	100,000	78,386	178,386
269	Bridge	100,000	98,843	198,843
270	Side by Side	100,000	40,719	140,719
272	Explorations	100,000	10,506	110,506
278	Trailblazers	100,000	39,441	139,441
279	Amistad	100,000	304,370	404,370
280	New Beginnings	100,000	142,027	242,027
281	Elm City College	100,000	262,392	362,392

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District Code	District Name	Incentive Funding *	Title I Formula Portion	Total Incentive and Formula Funding (Col 1 + Col 2)
282	Stamford Academy	100,000	38,569	138,569
283	Park City Prep	100,000	66,777	166,777
285	A. F. Bridgeport	100,000	61,573	161,573
286	Highville	100,000	124,410	224,410
287	Asylum Hill	100,000	26,296	126,296
288	A.F. Hartford	100,000	153,019	253,019
301	CTHSS	140,000	1,722,294	1,862,294
	Totals	\$23,860,000	\$87,500,000	\$111,360,000

* Incentive Funds: Districts operating Grades Kindergarten through 12, Regional Educational Service Centers and the Connecticut Technical High School System each receive \$140,000. All other districts each receive \$100,000.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS:

Transportation:

Changes in Regular Routes:

Priorities in the arrangement of bus routes include: safety, efficiency and the cost factor. ~~In order to have consistent bus routes and mindful of conservation needs, bus routes will not include service to side streets unless extreme hazardous conditions exist, location of a handicapped child or a new area for a turnaround for the bus.~~ Safety factors may vary with pickup and drop off and so be reflected in the bus route regarding service.

Bus drivers are required to maintain a regular time schedule and pupils are required to be at a designated stop on time. Driver will stop only at designated places.

Requests to extend, add or change existing bus routes, or to add or change a bus stop, should be made in writing to the Superintendent who shall confer with the appropriate personnel, i.e. principals, directors, Director of Business Services and bus contractor.

If a request can be granted or accomplished to the satisfaction of the parent without costs, and comply with Board policies on transportation, the Superintendent may in his discretion, grant the request without Board approval.

If the request cannot be resolved, the Superintendent shall submit the request to the Board of Education for review and final decision. The Superintendent shall notify the parent within 20 days of the request. If the parent is not satisfied with the decision of the Board of Education, they have an option of appealing to the State Board of Education.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statute 10-186 - Hearing, Appeal

Adopted: September 8, 1980
Revised: December 18, 1989
November 27, 2000

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS:

Transportation:

Special Transportation for School Related Trips:

~~Transportation for educational trips, athletic contests, and other activities shall be provided without charge to pupils, within the limits of the school budget. Fees for transportation will be the responsibility of the student unless otherwise established within the school budget.~~

Transportation for athletic contests shall be provided. The fees for transportation for educational trips and other activities will be the responsibility of the student unless otherwise established within the school budget.

Private cars, driven by parents or teachers may be used on school sponsored trips by permission of by the building principal as referenced in administrative regulation 3541.32. Overnight or out of state trips must have prior approval by the Board of Education. If a teacher or parent is carrying student(s) in his/her personal car on an officially approved field trip and the automobile is involved in an accident, the insurance covering the vehicle is primary (i.e. any claims would be placed against the vehicle's insurance).

Adopted: November 27, 2000

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS:

Transportation:

Special Transportation for School Related Trips:

Privately Owned Vehicles:

Transporting Students in Private Cars:

Occasionally, especially on the Senior High School level, teachers transport students to school-sponsored activities in their own cars and sometimes parents ~~and even students~~ are used in providing this type of transportation.

If a teacher or parent is carrying student(s) in his/her personal car on an officially approved field trip and the teacher's automobile is involved in an accident, the insurance covering the vehicle is primary (i.e. any claims initially would be placed against the vehicle's insurance).

~~Private automobiles may be used for school programs to transport pupils under the following conditions:~~

Teachers and parents may transport students on officially approved field trips provided the following criteria are met:

1. Trip is approved by the Principal in advance.
2. Use of private automobiles is approved by Principal.
3. There are to be no more people in a car than the driver and passenger members as listed by the design of the vehicle.
4. The driver produces evidence of insurance coverage.
5. The principal will maintain a file on trips taken when private cars are needed.
6. Parental permission slips indicating knowledge of the conditions listed within this policy are obtained.

Adopted: May 24, 1982
Reviewed: July 12, 2001
November 4, 2002

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS:

Non-Public School Transportation:

The Somers Board of Education may provide transportation to accredited non-public elementary and/or secondary schools located out of the district, providing requests for such transportation satisfy the following criteria:

1. There is no additional cost to the Board of Education.
2. School of destination is on direct route of regular bus routes.
3. IN EXPLANATION: At the discretion of the Superintendent, availability of transportation to East Catholic shall be on a seats available basis on the regular bus route going directly to Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School.

Legal Reference: ——— Connecticut General Statutes
10-280a Transportation for students in nonprofit private schools outside school district.
10-281 Transportation for students in nonprofit private schools within school district.

Adopted: ——— December 22, 1980

Reviewed: ——— December 18, 2000

Revised: ——— October 13, 2009

DELETE this policy. We no longer provide this transportation.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS:

Transportation:

Procedures for Emergencies; Safety:

The Board recognizes that hazards exist on all roads and the elimination of hazards is not within the province of the Board of Education. The Board recognizes the following as measures for safety and emergency:

1. There shall be a set of Student Rules regarding bus conduct, set up by the Administration. Parents shall be informed of these rules by the building Principal.
2. A review of the rules shall be made with each new bus contract and placed on file in the Central Office.
3. The bus driver shall be responsible for the bus conduct and safety of the pupils while they are on ~~or about~~ the bus and shall be responsible for enforcing all rules and regulations set forth by the administration and policies adopted by the Board of Education concerning the conduct of the pupils and shall maintain order at all times among the pupils in his/her charge.

Cross Reference: 5131/5131.1 Bus Conduct

Adopted: September 8, 1980
Revised: November 27, 2000

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – May 10, 2010

Members Present: D.Palmer, J.Formeister, R.Lees, B.Devlin, A.Kirkpatrick, M.Marquardt, S.Bollinger
Members Absent: T.Potrikus, J.Taylor
Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, P.Collin, K.Pezza, J.Morrow
Staff Present: None in attendance
Citizens Present: J.Griger, E.Beebe, C.Manning
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 7:01 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 April 13, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (R.Lees) to approve the April 13, 2010 Board of Education special meeting minutes that will be modified at the discretion of the superintendent. PASSED 7-0

3.2 April 26, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (R.Lees) to approve the April 26, 2010 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 7-0

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

4.1 Technology Annual Report

Director of Technology, J.Morrow, reported on the current status of the district’s technology program. Mr. Morrow described the accomplishments of the program and the direction the technology program will take in the future.

Mr. Morrow reported that the infrastructure is current and that there is wireless in all buildings, including the Somers Public Library. All classroom teachers and administrators have laptops that are in constant use. Mr. Morrow stated that using technology has become a “way of life” for teachers and administrators. Mr. Morrow stated that technology is changing so quickly that teachers need a lot more professional development to keep up. Technology workshops will be scheduled next year.

Mr. Morrow reported that our student to computer ratio has improved. There are several computer carts (sets of 25 student laptops) in the district that have reached the 5-year mark and

will need to be replaced in the near future. Mr. Morrow is looking at ways that students might be able to use their personal “smart phones” for academic applications.

Mr. Morrow stated that by cloud computing and using Google Apps has saved the district a great deal of money.

The new student information system is in its second year and is working very well. The district webpage has been revised and now includes links to access BOE and district information, as well as public information sites.

Mr. Morrow reported that the district, the public library and the town are working closely together in a cooperative effort to consolidate services whenever possible for overall efficiency.

Mr. Morrow stated that he has a priority list of technology needs should money become available.

Board member, S.Bollinger, reported that she has found that the information located on the sex offender link on the district’s webpage may not have current and complete information.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Palmer reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- An email from “Capture the Spirit.”
- An FOI request from Attorney Schober.
- A letter from Yankee Institute for Public Policy requesting teacher salary information. After conferring with counsel, all the information requested was provided.
- An invitation to a retirement party for two high school teachers on May 21st.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Add First Warning Grade 6 Social Studies Textbooks

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to add First Warning - Grade 6 Social Studies Textbook, *Journey Across Time – The Early Ages* to the agenda under New Business as item 8.2.a. PASSED 7-0

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Bills 5/10/10 (\$88,239.62)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (M.Marquardt) to approve the 5/10/10 Bills in the amount of \$88,239.62 as presented. PASSED 7-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approval of Phase II Race to the Top Application

Dr. Suffredini explained that the amount of money allocated to Somers has increased significantly from the amount available in Phase I. The money would be used mainly for high school reform incentives.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to authorize the Superintendent to submit the Memorandum of Understanding as provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education. PASSED 7-0

- 8.2** First Warning of DBS Code 3541.31/3541.32/3541.34/3541.35 – Transportation Policies
The following policies have been reviewed by Bill Boutwell, the Superintendent and the BOE Policy Committee:
- 3541.31 Changes in regular routes: one sentence has been deleted.
 - 3541.32 Special Transportation: Re-worded to reflect what is currently being done and allowing for flexibility in the future if funding increases.
 - Reg: Special Transportation/Private owned vehicles: deleted students for driving on trips-recommend adjusting Admin. Reg.
 - Non Public School transportation: delete this policy because we no longer provide this transportation.
 - Procedures for emergencies: only deleted 2 words in the policy to reflect current responsibility.

Second warning/adoption of these policies will be included on the May 24, 2010 BOE meeting agenda. Questions should be directed to either A.Kirkpatrick or Dr. Suffredini.

- 8.2a** First Warning of Grade 6 Social Studies Textbooks
Grade 6 Social Studies teachers have piloted and selected *Journey Across Time – The Early Ages* textbook for their Ancient Civilizations Course. The Board Curriculum Committee reviewed the textbook at their meeting this evening. Second Warning/Adoption scheduled for the May 24, 2010 BOE Meeting.

- 8.3** BOE Summer Retreat
The Board scheduled July 8, 2010 for their summer retreat from 8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. The location will be determined. Board members will email agenda item suggestions to Chairman Palmer.

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 10.1** Dr. Suffredini reported that now that Vision Boulevard is an official town road, the roads will be reconfigured and signage will be installed. Dr. Suffredini will keep the Board advised as plans are being finalized.

The district's mailing addresses will change from Ninth District Road to Vision Boulevard. Each building will be given a separate number.

The State Police now have complete jurisdiction over Vision Boulevard.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Budget

Dr. Suffredini reported that he has been informed that the Board of Education needs to cut \$125,000 from their 2010-2011 budget. Dr. Suffredini will give the Board his recommendations for cuts; however, final decisions will not be made until after the town referendum.

11.2 Curriculum

The Curriculum Committee met this evening and reviewed the new K-12 Math Curriculum and the Grade 6 Social Studies Textbook, *Journey Across Time – The Early Ages*. The K-12 Math Curriculum will be added as a First Warning to the May 24th BOE Meeting

agenda. Grade 6 Social Studies textbooks will be added to the May 24th BOE Meeting agenda as a Second Warning/Adoption.

11.3 Policy
The Policy Committee met this evening and scheduled another meeting for May 13th.

11.4 Salary & Negotiations
Bruce Devlin is the new Chairman of Salary & Negotiations. Copies of the current SEA Contract will be sent to Board members on the negotiation subcommittee.

11.5 Planning Committee – No Report

11.6 Other Committees – No Report

12.0 OTHER

12.1 The Superintendent's Evaluation will be scheduled during the first part of June. Chairman Palmer distributed the evaluation instrument to Board members.

12.2 Several former Board of Education members have asked if they can participate in this year's high school graduation ceremony and hand their child their diploma. These requests should be directed to Gary Cotzin, Somers High School Principal or Susan Selley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

12.3 M.Marquardt reported that the Tech Ed. students had a very good race at Lime Rock on May 7th. Their cars had 2nd and 3rd place finishes. A congratulatory note will be sent to Mr. Slater.

13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Legal Matters

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (R.Lees) to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:14 p.m. to discuss legal matters. PASSED 7-0

The Board came out of EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:02 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (R.Lees) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Somers Board of Education at 10:03 p.m. PASSED 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

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

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