

Board of Education Retreat
Thursday, July 8, 2010 8:30 AM

Somers Congregational Church Meeting Room 206, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. Strategic Plan
2. Technology
3. District Curriculum
4. Expulsion Process
5. Negotiations
6. Board/Superintendent Self Evaluation - Goal Setting
7. 7/8/2010 BOE Retreat Minutes

**Somers Board of Education -Summer Retreat
July 8, 2010 - Meeting Minutes**

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

Members Absent: John Taylor
Administrators Present: M.Suffredini

CALL TO ORDER

The 2010 summer retreat of the Board of Education was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Palmer in the Somers Congregational Church meeting room.

Agenda items for discussion included the following:

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| - Strategic Plan | - Technology |
| - Curriculum | - Expulsion Process |
| - Salary & Negotiations | - Board & Superintendent Evaluation |

Given that much of the items for discussion are related & linked, the conversation flowed often from one subject to another. It was the consensus of the board members present that the following actions should result.

- Bollinger, Palmer, and Suffredini to meet and consider alternatives to gain further public, staff, student awareness with regard to the district's strategic plan
- Formeister, Palmer, and Suffredini to meet to formulate a recommendation to the board surrounding the establishment of a "Technology Committee"
- The Curriculum Subcommittee to create "standard work/ standard questions" in the spirit of streamlining & creating consistency to be used as part of its curriculum reviews that can be shared with the BOE in the subcommittee's recommendation to full board.
- It was discussed is there a way to represent in a simple, understandable way linkages with regard to curriculum standards. Action tabled – Palmer to discuss with Suffredini.
- Dr. Suffredini suggested BOE members contact him to visit building while school is in session. The group was reminded about maintaining the high standards required of Boards of Education. Professionalism, confidentiality as necessary with regard to state statue, and the appreciation of a "heads up" prior to a meeting discussion so as to allow for proper preparation was encouraged by all. Also discussed were the roles between staff and board members and the challenge of avoiding micromanagement.
- Dr. Suffredini was encouraged to continue to communicate with BOE members on activities that are happening within the district. Re: Areas of importance to the Administrative Council
- Formeister, Palmer, and Suffredini to meet to discuss alternatives resulting in recommendation to the board to create avenue(s) to further interact with citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (T. Potrikus) to adjourn the 2010 Summer Retreat of the Somers Board of Education at 1:43 p.m. PASSED 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Palmer Jr.