

BOE Meeting Template
Monday, November 8, 2010 7:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER
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4. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS
 - 1. Curriculum Presentations (Literacy/English & Technology Integration) 5
Ms. Kathleen Pezza, Director of Curriculum will give a PowerPoint presentation regarding Literacy/English. Mr. Jim Morrow will give a verbal report to the board regarding technology integration in the district. Both will be available to answer any questions board members may have.
5. CORRESPONDENCE 14
We are pleased to receive notification that the Somers Public Schools publication *Campus View* has received Honorable Mention in the CABA Award of Excellence for Educational Communications contest.
6. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS
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1. Approval of Bills 16
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Approval of Long-Range Plan 22
A copy of the Long-Range Plan is provided for all board members to review. Mr. Potrikus has made recommendations for the board to consider in approving a final version of the Long-Range Plan. These recommendations should be part of the board's discussion. After discussing all recommendations by all members the board can move to adopt a new Long-Range Plan.
9. OLD BUSINESS
10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
 - 1. Transportation Update
Mr. Boutwell will give the board a verbal update on transportation services in our district. Questions that board members may have can be directed to Mr. Boutwell at the meeting.
11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
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 - 2. Curriculum
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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ninth District Road

Somers, CT 06071

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – October 25, 2010

Members Present: D.Palmer, J.Formeister, A.Kirkpatrick, B.Devlin, J.Taylor, T.Potrikus (attended the BOF meeting and arrived at 7:16 p.m.), S.Bollinger, R.Lees, M.Marquardt

Members Absent:

Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, K.Pezza, B.Boutwell (attended the BOF meeting and arrived at 7:20 p.m.), N.Barry, S.Muirhead, G.Cotzin, R.Kapner, R.Riola, J.Oliver, P.Collin, J.Morrow

Staff Present:

Citizens Present: D.Stone, S.Spolzino, C.Manning

Students Present: A.Watson, A.Ricard, M.Pellissier, N. Vecchio, B.Scheuer, J.Cardwell, J.Wielock, D.Yard, A.Stone, M.Gentile, E.Goodenow, J.Haynes, K.Mountford, J.Colon

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 Board Room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 October 12, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to approve the October 12, 2010 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 8-0

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENT

Citizens:

- Mr. D.Stone stated that he was aware that there would be a dance team this year at the high school and his two daughters would like to participate but not if they have the same coach as they did last year. (Mr. Stone referenced the coach by name.)
- Mrs. C.Manning questioned the time allocated for math and reading at Somers Elementary School. Dr. Suffredini responded to Mrs. Manning’s question and advised her to contact the administration at the elementary school for further information.

Staff:

4.1 Building Goals Presentation

Somers Elementary School’s building goal for 2010-2011 is to improve reading performance on formative, summative and state assessments by more clearly aligning instruction with the Grade Level Objectives and Connecticut Mastery Test strands and objectives. Classroom performance on formative and summative assessments and CMT scores indicates a need to improve students performance in the area of reading. Action plans have been developed and

are being implemented. Progress is being monitored by the building administrators, the Director of Curriculum and the Superintendent.

Mabelle B. Avery Middle School's has two building goals for 2010-2011. Goal one is to improve student performance on written work in all content areas using strategies to improve editing and revising/composing and the second goal is to improve student performance in the area of Geometry and Measurement. Action plans have been developed and are being implemented in all subject areas.

Somers High School's building goal for 2010-2011 is to improve academic performance across all content areas as measured by national, state and departmental assessments. Each department has identified where there is need for improvement and has developed goals and action plans to improve student performance in these areas.

The 2010-2011 goal for Technology and Information Services is to develop, implement and troubleshoot a K-3 standards based report card within PowerSchool.

The Pupil Services/Curriculum 2010-2011 goal is to improve student performance on the CAPT and CMT by implementing an effective intervention process that meets students' academic and behavioral needs.

All building and department goals have been aligned with the district Strategic Plan.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Palmer reported receipt of a thank you note from D.Stebbins for the action taken in response to his request to move the Roy C. Newsome Memorial to a more appropriate location. The memorial to Mr. Newsome's memory has been moved to the high school next to the flagpole.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Bills 10/25/10 \$37,485.16)
It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Taylor) to approve the 10/25/10 Bills in the amount of \$37,485.16 as presented. PASSED 9-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Long-Range Plan Requests
The Planning Committee will meet with the Superintendent on October 26th to review, discuss and prioritize the Long-Range Plan requests. The revised Long-Range Plan will be presented at the November 8th BOE meeting for approval.

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 SHS Exit Survey Results
G.Cotzin, Somers High School Principal, presented comparative data from the exit surveys that were completed by the 2009 and 2010 graduating classes. Mr. Cotzin noted the areas of improvement but stated that the overall results reflected little change. Students seem very satisfied with their education, co-curricular activities and school environment.

ERASE will be conducting a survey this year through SADD. This survey is done every three years.

Mr. Cotzin presented the results of an Alumni Survey that was conducted with graduates from 2008 and 2009. Mr. Cotzin stated that the number of responses was very low but those who did respond, did so favorably. Mr. Cotzin will be looking at ways to improve survey participation by alumni.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Budget

The budget process for 2011-2012 will be starting soon. The Board of Finance should have the budget guidelines available by the end of December.

11.2 Curriculum

J.Formeister reported that the committee has met twice and stated that the changes coming from the state will have major budget implications. Director of Curriculum, K.Pezza, will present a summary of these changes to the full Board at a future meeting.

11.3 Policy

A meeting is scheduled for November 4th.

The CABE Convention is being held on November 19th and 20th. Board members who plan on attending should contact Su Selley.

11.4 Salary & Negotiations

B.Devlin reported that the Salary & Negotiations Committee is working on SEA negotiations. There is a meeting scheduled for this week.

11.5 Planning Committee

The Planning Committee will present the proposed Long-Range Plan at the November 8th BOE meeting for Board approval.

11.6 Other Committees

Technology Committee – a meeting is scheduled for October 26th at 5:00 p.m.

12.0 OTHER

12.1 The memo regarding concussions has been added to the Coach's Handbook.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Somers Board of Education at 8:46 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.



English- Language Arts

Reader's
Workshop in
Kindergarten
through Grade 5

What is Reader's Workshop

- Reader's Workshop is a reading instructional model researched and developed at the Columbia University Teacher's College.
- It is designed to increase stamina and independence by controlling several of the factors that contribute to lack of success.
- It focuses on student engagement in reading and the development student-text connections.



How Does Reader's Workshop Work

- The teacher determines the independent reading level of each student in the class.
- The teacher puts together an array of books on that child's reading level and gives it to the student. The books include both fiction and non-fiction choices.
- The teacher teaches a “mini-lesson” about a specific topic in reading.



How Does Reader's Workshop Work

- The students use their independent reading books to practice the skill presented in the mini-lesson during a 70 minute block.
- Students keep journals of their responses to the books they are reading.
- While students are practicing independently and journaling, the teacher leads guided reading groups or conferences one-on-one with students to provide additional support.



What is a Mini-Lesson?

- The mini-lesson has several parts:
 - Readaloud
 - Explaining the reading skill/strategy
 - Modeling the reading skill/strategy
 - Providing instructions for the independent reading portion of the workshop.
- The mini-lessons are designed to cover the reading skills appropriate for students at that grade level.



What Happens During Independent Reading?

- Students use their “Just Right” books to practice what they learned during the mini-lesson.
 - Peer conferencing
 - Response writing
 - Note Taking
- Independent reading progress is monitored through conferences and group share-outs.



How Are We Monitoring the Workshop Model?

- Instructional Rounds
 - A group of teachers and administrators from throughout the district does visits to classrooms during the Reader's Workshop time and provides helpful feedback to the teachers regarding areas for growth.
 - The first Rounds visit for SES happened on October 21st and the second will be in February.



How Are We Monitoring the Workshop Model?

- DIBELS

- Students in K-2 are assessed twice a month on an early literacy skill to determine if they are making appropriate progress.

- MAZE Fluency

- Students in 3-5 are assessed twice a month on reading fluency and comprehension to determine if they are making appropriate progress.



How Are We Monitoring the Workshop Model?

- Connecticut Benchmark Assessment System (CBAS)
 - Students in 3-5 are assessed three times a year in their specific grade level reading strands.
- Students who are not showing proficiency in their grade level reading skills are provided additional assistance and monitored more closely. (SRBI)





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Waterford

October 26, 2010

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Somers Public Schools
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Somers, CT 06071-9606

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Vice President
for Government Relations
Killingly

John Prins
Vice President
for Professional Development
Branford

Dear Dr. Suffredini:

Stephen Wright
Secretary/Treasurer
Trumbull

We are delighted to inform you that your school district has won an **Honorable Mention in the CABE Award of Excellence for Educational Communications** contest. A list of the winning districts is enclosed.

J. Callender Heminway
Immediate Past President
Granby

Your Honorable Mention framed certificate will be sent directly to your local school district so that you or your board chairperson can make the presentation. CABE wants to bring recognition to the talented staff members who create these outstanding examples, as well as to your entire district. Therefore, we believe that by making the presentation at your board meeting you will have the opportunity to invite the local media, and members of the staff and the community who otherwise would be unable to attend the awards presentation ceremony at the convention.

Mark Allaben
Area 3 Director
Hebron

Mary Broderick
Secretary-Treasurer, NSBA
East Lyme

Robert Rader
Executive Director

Winning districts will be showcased at the 2010 CABE/CAPSS Convention in November. Please send approximately 25 copies of your winning entry, **PRINT MATERIAL ONLY**, (videos, computer generated projects, and website excluded). Send your material for display to CABE, 81 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109 **BEFORE NOVEMBER 10, 2010** or bring them to the registration area before 7:30 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2010.

Patrice A. McCarthy
Deputy Director
and General Counsel

Bonnie B. Carney
Senior Staff Associate
for Publications

If you have any questions or comments about this process, please feel free to call me at CABE.

Nicholas D. Caruso, Jr.
Senior Staff Associate
for Field Services

Sheila McKay
Senior Staff Associate
for Government Relations

Sincerely,

Kelly Baiser Moyher
Senior Staff Attorney

Bonnie B. Carney
Senior Staff Associate for Publications

Vincent A. Mustaro
Senior Staff Associate
for Policy Service

Lisa M. Steimer
Senior Staff Associate
for Professional Development

Enclosure

Teresa Costa
Coordinator of Finance
and Administration

cc: Board Chair

2010 Communications Award Winners

*Congratulations to the school districts which won awards in
CABE 2010 Award of Excellence for Educational Communications contest.*

Under 2000 ADM

Newsletter

Award Winner

EASTCONN
Connections Newsletter

Honorable Mentions

Education Connection
Making Connections Newsletter

Somers Public Schools
Campus View

Salem Public Schools
Salem Newsletters

Annual Report

Award Winner

Cooperative Educational Services
CES Annual Report

Honorable Mention

Education Connection
Annual Report 2009

EASTCONN

*EASTCONN Annual Report
2008-2009*

Hebron Public Schools
Annual Report of the Superintendent

District Budget

Award Winner

Region #18 Public Schools
Budget Book

Honorable Mentions

Salem Public Schools
Salem School District Budget

Columbia Public Schools
*Columbia Board of Education
2010-2011 Budget*

Parent/Student Handbook

Award Winner

Region 9 Joel Barlow High School
*Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook
2010-2011*

Honorable Mention

Redding Public Schools
*Redding Elementary
School Handbook*

Course Selection Guide

Award Winner

EASTCONN
I Have A Student

Honorable Mentions

Region 9 Joel Barlow High School
Program of Studies 2010-2011

Education Connection
*Foothills Adult & Continuing Education
Course Catalogue*

EASTCONN

*Professional Development
Opportunities 2009-2010*

Calendar

Award Winner

EASTCONN
Celebrating Learning Calendar

Honorable Mentions

Education Connection
District Calendar

Computer Generated Projects

Winner

Hebron Public Schools
2009 CMT Review

Honorable Mention

Hebron Public Schools
Convocation PowerPoint

Easton Public Schools
Poetry Podcasts

Redding Public Schools
"ONE"

Special Project

Award Winner

EASTCONN
*Programs, Products & Services
Directory 2009-2010*

Honorable Mentions

Redding Public Schools
Showing Respect at RES

Hebron Public Schools
Guide to the Budget Process

Salem Public Schools
*Standards Base Reporting -
Thinking Forwardly*

Special Project (AV)

Award Winner

EASTCONN
ACT Promotional Video 2009-2010

Honorable Mentions

Region 9 Joel Barlow High School
A Day in the Life of a Freshman

Easton Public Schools
The Art of Learning

Websites

Award Winner

Region #18 Public Schools
School Website - www.region18.org

Honorable Mentions

EASTCONN
*EASTCONN Website
www.eastconn.org*

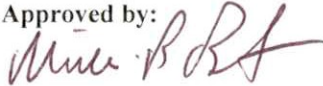
Redding Public Schools
*John Read Middle School Website
www.johnreadps.org*

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 8919

Check Batch: 3109
 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
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Approved by:  Date: 11/4/10

 William B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services

3109	2093	11/08/2010	V60383	AbiGail Originals	0.00	80.00
	2094	11/08/2010	V58674	Administrator, Unemployment Compensation	0.00	7,623.00
	2095	11/08/2010	V52670	Amazon	0.00	1,635.71
	2098	11/08/2010	V00555	AT&T	0.00	1,497.36
	2099	11/08/2010	V51604	Awards & More	0.00	25.85
	2100	11/08/2010	V02406	Billings Sports, Inc.	0.00	707.83
	2101	11/08/2010	V60362	Booksource Inc., The	0.00	1,374.53
	2102	11/08/2010	E00025	Boutwell, Bill	0.00	21.50
	2103	11/08/2010	V60085	Camphill Special School, Inc.	0.00	10,480.12
	2104	11/08/2010	V60386	Christopher J. Tabb, M.A., Coms	0.00	233.75
	2105	11/08/2010	V53588	CIT Technology Fin Serv, Inc.	0.00	408.00
	2106	11/08/2010	V00159	Connecticut Light & Power	0.00	10,408.47
	2107	11/08/2010	V00185	Conyers Hardware	0.00	200.00
	2108	11/08/2010	E00076	Cotzin, Gary	0.00	227.00
	2109	11/08/2010	V00204	CREC	0.00	28,462.85
	2110	11/08/2010	V60390	Cummins Power Systems, LLC	0.00	2,480.68
	2111	11/08/2010	V60089	Dime Oil Company	0.00	53.28
	2112	11/08/2010	V53349	Dorsa Consulting Services	0.00	1,250.00
	2113	11/08/2010	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	17,270.60
	2114	11/08/2010	V00314	Follett Library Resources	0.00	138.76

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	2117	11/08/2010	V60264	Gall Power Equipment	0.00	129.07
	2118	11/08/2010	V60035	Google, Inc.	0.00	25.50
	2119	11/08/2010	V00511	Grainger	0.00	36.03
	2120	11/08/2010	E00126	Grenier, Lisa	0.00	95.00
	2121	11/08/2010	V53439	Group Dynamic	0.00	83.25
	2122	11/08/2010	V51232	Hartford Hospital	0.00	13,467.00
	2123	11/08/2010	V52848	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	0.00	8,367.07
	2124	11/08/2010	V00999	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	0.00	413.66
	2125	11/08/2010	E00159	Jones, Karen	0.00	25.00
	2126	11/08/2010	E00163	Kapner, Rob	0.00	57.50
	2127	11/08/2010	V60387	Kathy Morgan, M.Ed.	0.00	1,200.00
	2128	11/08/2010	V51467	Kids Discover	0.00	236.36
	2129	11/08/2010	V60036	Learning Curve, The	0.00	960.00
	2130	11/08/2010	V02898	MAGNAKLEEN	0.00	45.00
	2131	11/08/2010	V02898	MagnaKleen Services	0.00	280.50
	2132	11/08/2010	V52107	Major Electric Supply	0.00	356.80
	2133	11/08/2010	V60361	Marlin Leasing Corp	0.00	272.89
	2134	11/08/2010	E00234	Morrow, Jim	0.00	90.00
	2135	11/08/2010	V01013	NASCO Fort Atkinson	0.00	471.75
	2136	11/08/2010	V01911	Natchaug Hospital	0.00	5,817.00
	2137	11/08/2010	V53987	Office Equipment Finance Services	0.00	1,662.67
	2138	11/08/2010	V02825	PAR, Inc	0.00	419.04
	2139	11/08/2010	V60097	Paxton/Patterson LLC	0.00	223.10
	2140	11/08/2010	V60186	PC Mall Gov	0.00	224.00
	2141	11/08/2010	V00206	Pearson Education, Inc.	0.00	1,125.00
	2142	11/08/2010	V60389	Peoples Education Inc.	0.00	1,185.23
	2143	11/08/2010	V60382	Research Press Publishers	0.00	58.90
	2144	11/08/2010	V21307	Resources for Reading	0.00	119.60
	2145	11/08/2010	V60002	Scholastic Library Publishing	0.00	157.44
	2146	11/08/2010	V00615	Scholastic, Inc.	0.00	350.86
	2147	11/08/2010	V01292	School Specialty, Inc.	0.00	89.35
	2148	11/08/2010	V02404	Somers Ace Hardware	0.00	209.46
	2149	11/08/2010	V00886	Somers Lunch Program	0.00	105.50
	2150	11/08/2010	V01591	Town of Somers	0.00	11,867.19
	2151	11/08/2010	V52913	Town of Stafford	0.00	645.48

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	2154	11/08/2010	V60381	Technical Education Solutions, LLC	0.00	1,370.00
	2155	11/08/2010	V53615	Thurston Foods, Inc.	0.00	2,881.57
	2156	11/08/2010	V53945	Transcanda Power Marketing LTD	0.00	15,042.96
	2157	11/08/2010	V01638	Tree House, The	0.00	489.50
	2158	11/08/2010	V54059	Verizon Wireless	0.00	377.79
	2159	11/08/2010	V51409	Wendell G. Haire Piano Services	0.00	100.00
	2160	11/08/2010	V60304	Wheeler Clinic	0.00	5,300.00
Totals:					0.00	\$177,911.75

66 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 8918
Batch: 3061
Transaction: N/A
Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
3061	\$177,911.75	Posted	lbergamini	10/29/2010	lbergamini	11/04/2010

General Ledger Distribution Summary

Period, Fiscal Year Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits
October, 2011					
Generated Distributions					
10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			129,109.98	0.00
10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-00000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	129,109.98
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User-Entered Distributions					
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			505.87	0.00
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10-100-2-2-26-220-641-01-5-00105	K-5 - LANGUAGE ARTS TEXTBOOK			2,534.34	0.00
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10-100-2-4-12-220-641-01-5-00131	HS - TECH ED TEXT			1,370.00	0.00
10-100-2-4-20-242-611-01-5-00168	HS - BAND SUPPLIES			38.83	0.00
10-100-2-4-26-242-611-01-5-01070	HS - ENGLISH SUPPLIES			139.96	0.00
10-100-2-4-38-242-611-01-5-00181	HS - QUANTITY FOODS SUPPLIES			2,881.57	0.00
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10-100-2-4-46-242-611-01-5-00229	HS - SCHOOL TO CAREER SUPPLIES			182.47	0.00
10-100-2-4-99-242-611-01-5-00180	HS - SAT PREP			95.00	0.00
10-100-2-5-14-241-611-01-5-00873	SW - GENERAL COMPUTER SUPPLIES			489.50	0.00
10-100-2-9-16-242-611-01-5-00179	SW - LITERACY SUPPLIES			4.33	0.00
10-100-2-9-16-242-611-01-5-01071	SW - ENGLISH SUPPLIES			36.89	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-214-111-01-5-00889	SW - Sp ED SUMMER PROGRAMS		Yes	960.00	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-243-611-01-5-01002	SP ED - TESTING			419.04	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01117	SP ED-INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS			818.75	0.00
10-212-2-5-46-243-611-02-5-00252	SW - TESTING			1,125.00	0.00
10-214-2-3-56-242-611-07-5-01027	SW - SCHOOL PSYCHOL. SUPPLIES			58.90	0.00
10-221-1-4-50-251-580-05-5-00269	HS - PRINCIPAL'S TRAVEL			284.50	0.00
10-222-2-4-52-231-590-03-5-00135	HS - REBINDING			59.96	0.00
10-231-1-5-74-134-330-10-5-00045	B.O.E. - OTHER PROF. SERVICES			6,730.50	0.00
10-231-1-5-74-134-690-10-5-00047	B.O.E. - SUPPLIES			10.50	0.00
10-232-6-5-66-830-440-04-5-00525	CO - COPIER RENTAL		Yes	415.67	0.00

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3061	\$177,911.75	Posted	lbergamini	10/29/2010	lbergamini	11/04/2010
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					34.94	0.00
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					95.00	0.00
					140.50	0.00
					3.30	0.00
					86.05	0.00
					500.49	0.00
					236.55	0.00
					559.09	0.00
					579.02	0.00
					325.50	0.00
					129.07	0.00
					36.03	0.00
					196.63	0.00
					12.83	0.00
					356.80	0.00
					53.28	0.00
					272.89	0.00
					2,480.68	0.00
					8,376.06	0.00
					491.13	0.00
					34.50	0.00
					<u>\$25,833.81</u>	<u>\$25,833.81</u>
					<u>\$42,948.40</u>	<u>\$42,948.40</u>
					<u>\$325,148.06</u>	<u>\$325,148.06</u>

314 Transactions Listed.

FALL 2010 LONG RANGE PLAN SUMMARY (10/25/10)

	<u>FY2011-12</u>	<u>FY2012-13</u>	<u>FY2013-14</u>	<u>FY2014-15</u>	<u>FY2015-16</u>
Staffing	\$3,000	\$70,000	\$218,000	\$44,000	\$0
Textbooks	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Programs	\$32,700	\$31,300	\$19,900	\$19,500	\$16,000
Facilities/Capital Planning	\$10,800	\$190,000	\$229,300	\$163,300	\$73,600
Equipment/Technology	\$116,300	\$134,000	\$145,900	\$122,900	\$96,300
Total	\$242,800	\$505,300	\$693,100	\$429,700	\$265,900

Changes to Fall 2010 from 9/27/10 (incorporated above)

Programs					
Kindergarten Lavatories			-\$80,000		
Kindergarten Furniture			-\$6,000		
Facilities/Capital Planning					
Kindergarten Lavatories			\$6,000		
SES Generator		\$42,000			
SES Fire Alarm		\$26,000		\$22,000	
SES Gym Floor					
SHS Fire Alarm		\$26,000			
SHS Gym Floor			\$28,000		

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	<u>FY2011-12</u>	<u>FY2012-13</u>	<u>FY2013-14</u>	<u>FY2014-15</u>
Staffing	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0
Textbooks	\$83,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Programs	\$6,100	\$9,500	\$99,300	\$8,200
Facilities/Capital Planning	\$34,200	\$118,900	\$258,500	\$93,200
Equipment/Technology	\$113,500	\$134,800	\$141,600	\$155,000
Total	\$236,800	\$373,200	400	\$336,400

**Somers Public Schools
Long Range Plan -- FY 2012-2016**

Staffing

Item/Project	FY2011-12 ##	FY2012-13	FY2013-14	FY2014-15	FY2015-16
SW .5 FTE Social Worker		32,000			
SES 2.0 FTE Full Day Kindergarten*			100,000		
SES .75 Paraprofessionals (2)		16,000	16,000		
SHS .5 FTE Social Studies Teacher (enrollment)		22,000			
SHS .2 FTE Art Teacher (enrollment)			10,000		
SHS .5 FTE World Language Teacher (potential)				22,000	
SDE increased graduation requirements					
SHS .5 FTE Math Teacher (potential)				22,000	
SDE increased graduation requirements					
SHS 1.0 FTE Writing Center Paraprofessional			20,000		
SHS .6 FTE In School Suspension Paraprofessional			12,000		
SHS SAT Prep Math	1,500				
SHS SAT prep English	1,500				
SW 1.0 FTE Licensed Maintenance			60,000		
	3,000	70,000	218,000	44,000	0

Hiring freeze; mandated/emergency positions only

* Additional full day kindergarten costs under Facilities/Capital Planning

**Somers Public Schools
Long Range Plan -- FY 2012-2016**

Facilities/Capital Planning

Item/Project	FY2011-12	FY2012-13	FY2013-14	FY2014-15	FY2015-16
SES Full Day Kindergarten Furniture			6,000		
SES Office Floor Replacement			3,000		
SES Classroom Floor Replacement (7 areas)	3,000	3,000	5,000		
SES Gym Doorway		7,000			
SES Courtyard Doorway		3,500			
SES Security Camera	2000				
SES Bleacher Replacement			50,000		
SES Auditorium Screen		8,200			
SES Auditorium Air Conditioning				40,000	
SES Cafeteria Tables		3,000	4,500		
SES Lavatory Partitions		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
SES Generator		42,000			
SES Gym Floor				22,000	
SES Fire Alarm		26,000			
SHS Art (tables/chairs/work surfaces)		4,000	4,300	3,300	
SHS Food Service (ovens/dishwashers/broiler)		6,000	3,500	6,000	3,600
SHS Food Service (cabinets/countertops)				12,000	10,000
SHS Science (hgt water 3 classrooms)			3,000		
SHS Writing Center Lab		2,000	2,000		
SHS Music Stage Door	2,800				
SHS Baseball Field		30,000			
SHS Outdoor Bleachers			50,000	50,000	50,000
SHS Wrestling Mats		14,300			
SHS Long Jump Pit		5,000			
SHS Gym Floor			28,000		
SHS Fire Alarm		26,000			

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Facilities/Capital Planning

SW Maintenance Toro Mower			60,000		
SW Baseball Field Groomer				20,000	
SW Maintenance Garage Security	3,000		X		
SW Resurface Student Parking Lot			X	X	
SW Crack Sealing					
SW Network Upgrade (2018 \$50,000)					
	10,800	190,000	229,300	163,300	73,600

SES Media Center Roof (replacement cycle) 78,000
 SES Gym Roof (replacement cycle) 182,000
 SHS Roof (replacement cycle) 590,000-1,155,000
 SHS Track Repair/Resurfacing 50,000-275,000

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Equipment/Technology

Item/Project	FY2011-12	FY2012-13	FY2013-14	FY2014-15	FY2015-16
SHS PE/Health/Fitness (fitness room/heart monitors)		2,400	18,000	18,000	
SHS Social Studies (cameras/tables)			1,200		
SHS Art (clay wheels/printers/computers)	1,700	2,900	2,500	1,200	
SHS Food Service (stove/chairs/tables)	2,700	600	1,800	2,400	
SHS Scienc (microscopes/scales/software)	400	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
SHS Business (software)	500	1,000			
SHS English (writing center computers)		12,500	12,500		
SHS Math (software)	800	1,300			
SHS Music (instruments)	3,200	5,000	2,600	5,000	
SW Sound Field Systems	12,000	12,000	11,000		
SW Computer Replacement	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
SW New Technology	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Projectors (SES/MBA)					
Smartboards (SES/SHS)					
	116,300	134,000	145,900	122,900	96,300

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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 Board Room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 October 25, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes – It was MOVED (J.Taylor) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to approve the October 25, 2010 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 8-0

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENT

4.1 Curriculum Presentations (Literacy/English & Technology Integration)

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7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Transportation Update
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Respectfully submitted,

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