

BOE Meeting Template
Monday, February 14, 2011 6:30 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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 1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Legal Matters (Executive Session anticipated)
4. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS
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 1. Approval of Bills
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 1. 2010-2011 School Calendar Adjustments
The superintendent will be recommending the following: The elimination of the 3/14/11 professional development day and schedule that day as a full day of school. The professional development day will be moved to the end of the school year. Also, if any additional cancellations require school to continue into the last week of June for each day required one day from the April vacation will be taken.
 2. First Warning of DBS Code: 3541.3 - Transportation 12
 3. Approval of Tennis Coop Agreement 17

We are requesting continuation of the boys tennis cooperative agreement. The program is managed and funded through the Ellington High School Tennis Booster Club.
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As a result of the level-funded health insurance costs stated by Anthem we have readjusted the 2011-2012 school budget and are submitting a level-funded budget for next year.
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 1. DBS Energy
The town is exploring energy saving options with renewable electric sources. The superintendent will give an update on this plan.
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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ninth District Road

Somers, CT 06071

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – January 24, 2011

Members Present:	D.Palmer, A.Kirkpatrick, R.Lees, J.Taylor, B.Devlin, T.Potrikus, M.Marquardt (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
Members Absent:	S.Bollinger, J.Formeister
Administrators Present:	K.Pezza, P.Collin, R.Riola
Staff Present:	M.Suffredini & B.Boutwell attended the BOF meeting prior to the BOE meeting and arrived at 7:35 p.m.
Citizens Present:	D.Stone
Students Present:	
Others:	E. Quinlan (<i>Patch.com</i> reporter)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Palmer in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 January 10, 2011 Regular Meeting – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (R.Lees) to approve the January 10, 2010 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 6-0

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

4.1 Reader's Workshop Model Update

Director of Curriculum, Kathleen Pezza, presented an update on the implementation of the new instructional reading program at Somers Elementary School and a mid-year student progress report.

Mrs. Pezza reported that teachers were introduced to the Readers Workshop instruction program during two full professional development days in August. Technical support workshops were held in October and December. Additional technical support will be provided in January and February.

Parents were surveyed during parent/teacher conferences regarding how many minutes their child spends reading each day. Fifty percent of the parents surveyed responded to the survey and 73% of those parents reported that their children were reading more this year than last year.

Student progress is monitored using an assessment called MAZE. MAZE records how accurately and quickly a student reads and identifies at risk students. Intervention strategies are used to help struggling readers.

Mrs. Pezza stated that the students are making good progress at this mid-year point and she expects to see this trend continue as the students and teachers adjust to this new program.

Somers Elementary School Principal, Ralph Riola, stated that the kids love the program and are very enthusiastic. Teachers now have more data than ever before. Mr. Riola and Assistant Principal, Jennifer Oliver, review the data on a monthly basis.

Mrs. Pezza anticipates higher DRP scores and improvement on the CMTs this year.

Mrs. Pezza reported that they are planning a Family Literacy Night in April to address parent questions regarding how teachers teach reading to K-2 students and how do parents find books for their children in grades 3-5 that their children can and want to read.

Grade 2 teacher, Michael Clarity, has been conducting raising reader programs for parents of kindergarten students.

Reading will be discussed with parents during kindergarten screening this year.

Mrs. Pezza will update the Board again on student progress at the April 11th BOE meeting.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Palmer reported receipt of the following:

- An email regarding the Local Hero's Nomination for the Class of 2017.
- An email from Ms. Lopes. Chairman Palmer will respond to Ms. Lopes email.
- An email from Mr. and Mrs. Stone.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Bills 1/24/11 (\$586,515.99)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to approve the 1/24/11 Bills in the amount of \$586,515.99 as presented. PASSED 7-0

7.2 Retirement Notification (S.Jodice)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to accept the intent to retire notification received from S.Jodice effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. PASSED 7-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 10.1** In regards to the number of school cancellations we've experienced so far this year, Dr. Suffredini stated that he is not planning to cancel any vacation days until all the days remaining for the month of June have been used; however, should we experience more school cancellations it may impact the scheduled March 14th professional development day and some school vacation days. Dr. Suffredini stated that we are in a holding pattern at this time.

The Board requested that this information be communicated to staff and parents.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Budget

Dr. Suffredini reported that he attended the BOF meeting this evening and informed the BOF members that the BOE has put together a draft of the 2011-2012 budget that is level

funded for most line items and level service funded in salaries, insurance, special education and transportation. This represents a 3.5 increase overall. Dr. Suffredini stated that this budget was developed using information currently available. No established guidelines have been received from the state; however, it is anticipated that there will be cuts across all state grants. In addition, Dr. Suffredini was informed that the stimulus money that was held in reserve for use in 2011-2012 may result in a reduction in that amount in local aid received by the town.

Dr. Suffredini shared a letter dated January 14, 2011 that Senator John Kissel sent to Secretary Ben Barnes at the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy & Management. Senator Kissel requested that the state's financial proposals be communicated to the towns prior to the state's budget address on February 16, 2011. The letter stated that many towns are prepared "for the shared sacrifice that has been discussed in recent weeks by the new administration. Some even anticipate a 14 to 18% cut in aid reflecting the lack of federal funds used in past years to fill budget holes."

11.2 Curriculum – No report

11.3 Policy

A meeting has been scheduled for January 31st at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Kirkpatrick has received the latest policy updates from CAFE.

12.0 Salary & Negotiations

The new contracts with the Somers Education Association and the Somers Administrator's Association have been signed by the Chairman of the Board of Education and the presidents of both associations. These contracts will become effective on July 1, 2011.

Negotiations will be scheduled with the nurses' union.

11.5 Planning Committee

CIP has the Board's list of requests should the committee reconvene in the future.

11.6 Other Committees

11.6 Technology Ad Hoc Committee

A meeting has been scheduled for February 3rd at 5:00 p.m. The ad hoc committee is in the process of gathering data from several sources.

12.0 **OTHER**

- B.Devlin reported that he has heard that the Pilot Grant may be restored and suggested that the Board contact their state legislatures requesting them to support reinstating this grant.

13.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED (T.Potrikus) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:47 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.

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 10389

Check Batch: 3634
 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:




 William B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services

3634	2478	02/14/2011	V60441	"James Henderson, Executor	0.00	35,875.19
	2479	02/14/2011	V58674	Administrator, Unemployment Compensation	0.00	4,568.83
	2480	02/14/2011	V60217	Aleks Corporation	0.00	27.50
	2481	02/14/2011	V52306	Ameripride	0.00	59.81
	2482	02/14/2011	V60041	Anthem BCBS	0.00	207,094.91
	2483	02/14/2011	V60040	Anthem Life Insurance Company	0.00	2,211.46
	2484	02/14/2011	V54164	Autotek	0.00	696.86
	2485	02/14/2011	V00884	Avery Septic Service	0.00	150.00
	2486	02/14/2011	V02406	Billings Sports, Inc.	0.00	768.00
	2487	02/14/2011	V60362	Booksource Inc., The	0.00	514.59
	2488	02/14/2011	E00274	Bray, Rachel	0.00	70.00
	2489	02/14/2011	V60085	Camphill Special School, Inc.	0.00	17,967.57
	2490	02/14/2011	V00159	Connecticut Light & Power	0.00	16,612.89
	2491	02/14/2011	V02198	The Connecticut Water Company	0.00	80.78
	2492	02/14/2011	V00204	CREC	0.00	8,066.70
	2493	02/14/2011	V60089	Dime Oil Company	0.00	24,994.91
	2494	02/14/2011	V00243	Discount Magazine Subscription Service,	0.00	221.75
	2495	02/14/2011	V52297	E-filliate Incorporated	0.00	121.53
	2496	02/14/2011	V60032	Eastfield Glass Co., Inc.	0.00	30.00
	2497	02/14/2011	V51949	Finney Company, The	0.00	53.95

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	2498	02/14/2011	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	9,350.00
	2499	02/14/2011	V02186	Flinn Scientific, Inc.	0.00	84.15
	2500	02/14/2011	V00314	Follett Library Resources	0.00	887.98
	2501	02/14/2011	V60243	Futures, Inc	0.00	5,052.00
	2502	02/14/2011	V54081	Graduate Pest Solutions, Inc.	0.00	353.00
	2503	02/14/2011	V53439	Group Dynamic	0.00	83.25
	2504	02/14/2011	V60258	Guitar Center	0.00	449.78
	2505	02/14/2011	V51232	Hartford Hospital	0.00	8,811.00
	2506	02/14/2011	V21219	Hartford Sprinkler Co., Inc	0.00	375.00
	2507	02/14/2011	V60227	Healy Awards, Inc	0.00	608.26
	2508	02/14/2011	V53228	Herff Jones Inc.	0.00	1,183.67
	2509	02/14/2011	V00891	Hm Receivables Co LLC	0.00	364.10
	2510	02/14/2011	V54063	HSABank	0.00	13.50
	2511	02/14/2011	V52848	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	0.00	6,644.66
	2512	02/14/2011	V02093	JCN Services	0.00	704.00
	2513	02/14/2011	V02625	K & S Distributors	0.00	544.30
	2514	02/14/2011	E00163	Kapner, Rob	0.00	130.05
	2515	02/14/2011	V02898	MagnaKleen Services	0.00	325.50
	2516	02/14/2011	V60419	MakerBot Industries	0.00	151.09
	2517	02/14/2011	V60361	Marlin Leasing Corp	0.00	272.89
	2518	02/14/2011	E00232	Mooney, Steven	0.00	36.72
	2519	02/14/2011	E00234	Morrow, Jim	0.00	175.49
	2520	02/14/2011	V02444	Nelson Jr PHD, W. J.	0.00	2,775.00
	2521	02/14/2011	V53987	Office Equipment Finance Services	0.00	1,662.67
	2522	02/14/2011	V60359	Palos Sports	0.00	235.69
	2523	02/14/2011	V02793	Parent Institute, The	0.00	84.00
	2524	02/14/2011	V60186	PC Mall Gov	0.00	404.00
	2525	02/14/2011	V53356	ProCom Telecommunications Corp	0.00	95.00
	2526	02/14/2011	V52074	Really Good Stuff, Inc.	0.00	36.90
	2527	02/14/2011	V51134	Richco Products, Inc.	0.00	419.64
	2528	02/14/2011	V53811	RJ Mase, LLC	0.00	64.00
	2529	02/14/2011	V01292	School Specialty, Inc.	0.00	281.57
	2530	02/14/2011	V60095	Select Physical Therapy	0.00	7,000.00
	2531	02/14/2011	V02404	Somers Ace Hardware	0.00	350.33
	2532	02/14/2011	V00886	Somers Lunch Program	0.00	10.50
	2533	02/14/2011	V00548	Somers Sanitation Service, Inc.	0.00	1,189.70
	2534	02/14/2011	V01591	Town of Somers	0.00	7,991.38

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	2535	02/14/2011	V00547	Sullivan, Schoen, Campane & Connon, LLC	0.00	10,725.75
	2536	02/14/2011	M02015	T. J. Conway Company	0.00	5,473.08
	2537	02/14/2011	V53945	Transcanda Power Marketing LTD	0.00	27,971.72
	2538	02/14/2011	V01638	Tree House, The	0.00	1,113.50
	2539	02/14/2011	M53099	Tull Brothers, Inc.	0.00	385.98
	2540	02/14/2011	V21164	Unum Life Insurance Company of America	0.00	3,829.57
	2541	02/14/2011	V54059	Verizon Wireless	0.00	388.54
	2542	02/14/2011	V60360	Wheeler, Robert and Joanna	0.00	1,068.00
	2543	02/14/2011	V60439	Yarde Metals	0.00	141.00
Totals:					0.00	\$430,485.14

66 Checks Listed.

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Report # 10388
Batch: 3583
Transaction: N/A
Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch # 3583	Control Total \$430,485.14	Status Posted	Created By lbergamini	Created On 02/07/2011	Last Updated By lbergamini	Last Updated On 02/10/2011
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General Ledger Distribution Summary						
Period, Fiscal Year Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits	
February, 2011						
Generated Distributions						
10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			389,875.36	0.00	
10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-00000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	389,875.36	
	Total Generated Distributions			\$389,875.36	\$389,875.36	
User-Entered Distributions						
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	430,485.14	
10-100-2-2-26-220-641-01-5-00105	K-5 - LANGUAGE ARTS TEXTBOOK		Yes	203.85	0.00	
10-100-2-2-28-242-611-01-5-00202	K-5 - SCIENCE/HEALTH SUPPLIES			212.26	0.00	
10-100-2-2-30-242-611-01-5-00208	K-5 - SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES			302.33	0.00	
10-100-2-3-16-242-611-01-5-00184	MA - LANGUAGE ARTS SUPPLIES			299.97	0.00	
10-100-2-3-16-243-611-01-5-00246	MA - ENGLISH WORKBOOKS			364.10	0.00	
10-100-2-4-04-242-611-01-5-00176	HS - BUSINESS ED SUPPLIES			112.80	0.00	
10-100-2-4-12-242-611-01-5-00183	HS - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			33.15	0.00	
10-100-2-4-14-241-611-01-5-00159	HS - GENERAL SUPPLIES			168.77	0.00	
10-100-2-4-18-242-611-01-5-00191	HS - MATH SUPPLIES			27.50	0.00	
10-100-2-4-28-242-611-01-5-00206	HS - SCIENCE SUPPLIES			84.15	0.00	
10-100-2-4-46-242-611-01-5-00229	HS - SCHOOL TO CAREER SUPPLIES			53.95	0.00	
10-100-2-5-14-241-611-01-5-00873	SW - GENERAL COMPUTER SUPPLIES			1,358.50	0.00	
10-100-2-5-92-214-111-01-5-00830	SW - RETIREMENT		Yes	35,875.19	0.00	
10-120-9-9-98-242-611-01-5-00228	SP ED - K-5 ALP A SUPPLIES			36.90	0.00	
10-120-9-9-98-251-580-05-5-00272	SP ED - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			36.72	0.00	
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01117	SP ED-INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS		Yes	2,775.00	0.00	
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01142	SPED - CONSULTANT FEES			8,066.70	0.00	
10-221-1-2-52-231-690-05-5-00280	K-5 - PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY			17.32	0.00	
10-221-1-4-50-251-580-05-5-00267	HS - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			70.00	0.00	
10-221-1-4-50-251-580-05-5-00269	HS - PRINCIPAL'S TRAVEL			130.05	0.00	
10-222-2-2-52-233-611-03-5-00144	K-5 - A.V. MATERIALS			366.84	0.00	
10-222-2-3-52-231-642-03-5-00142	MA - NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES			221.75	0.00	
10-222-2-5-14-233-611-03-5-00150	SW - COMPUTER SOFTWARE			105.00	0.00	
10-231-1-5-74-134-330-10-5-00045	B.O.E. - OTHER PROF. SERVICES		Yes	10,725.75	0.00	
10-231-1-5-74-134-690-10-5-00047	B.O.E. - SUPPLIES			10.50	0.00	

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3583	\$430,485.14	Posted	Ibergamini	02/07/2011	Ibergamini	02/10/2011
					52.02	0.00
		CO - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE				
		CO - COPIER RENTAL		Yes	415.67	0.00
		K-5 - COPIER RENTAL			415.66	0.00
		MA - COPIER RENTAL			415.67	0.00
		HS - COPIER RENTAL			415.67	0.00
		HS - GRADUATION			1,183.67	0.00
		K-5 - FORMS & PRINTING			84.00	0.00
		SW - COMMUNICATION SUPPLIES			95.00	0.00
		K-5 BUILDING REPAIRS		Yes	386.00	0.00
		K-5 - TELEPHONE		Yes	71.71	0.00
		MA - TELEPHONE		Yes	58.78	0.00
		HS - TECHNOLOGY ED MAINTENANCE			151.09	0.00
		HS - QUANTITY FOODS MAINT.			123.81	0.00
		HS - TELEPHONE			64.96	0.00
		CO - TELEPHONE		Yes	193.09	0.00
		SW - A.V. MAINTENANCE			449.78	0.00
		SW - CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES			1,993.44	0.00
		SW - COMPUTER MAINTENANCE			299.00	0.00
		K-5 - SEPTIC TANK		Yes	100.00	0.00
		MA - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		Yes	4,135.98	0.00
		HS - SEPTIC TANK			50.00	0.00
		HS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE			1,367.08	0.00
		SW - EQUIPMENT REPAIR			696.86	0.00
		SW - RUBBISH REMOVAL			1,189.70	0.00
		SW - GENERAL REPAIR		Yes	403.96	0.00
		SW - GENERAL PAINT			54.22	0.00
		SW - EXTERMINATING			353.00	0.00
		K-5 - FUEL #2			19,028.25	0.00
		HS - FUEL #2			5,324.99	0.00
		MAINTENANCE - FUEL #2			641.67	0.00
		K-5 - ELECTRICITY		Yes	5,170.38	0.00
		MA - ELECTRICITY		Yes	26,785.13	0.00
		HS - ELECTRICITY		Yes	12,649.00	0.00
		MAINTENANCE - ELECTRICITY			252.99	0.00
		SW - WATER		Yes	80.78	0.00
		SW - MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS			375.00	0.00
		ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION		Yes	3,800.00	0.00
		BUS FUEL			6,683.02	0.00

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					1,308.36	0.00
					83.25	0.00
					14,030.45	0.00
					2,211.46	0.00
					3,829.57	0.00
					4,568.83	0.00
					47,870.10	0.00
					141,402.38	0.00
					3,805.48	0.00
					235.69	0.00
					7,000.00	0.00
					608.26	0.00
					768.00	0.00
					1,068.00	0.00
					20,507.66	0.00
					17,967.57	0.00
					<u>\$430,485.14</u>	<u>\$430,485.14</u>
					<u>\$820,360.50</u>	<u>\$820,360.50</u>
					<u>\$820,360.50</u>	<u>\$820,360.50</u>

238 Transactions Listed.

2010-2011 SOMERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(Approved 1/11/2010)

JULY '10						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

5 Independence Day

JANUARY '11 (19)						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

14 Teacher Work Day
17 M.L. King Jr. Day

AUGUST '10 (2)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

25 Staff Orientation Day
26 Teacher Work Day
27 Teacher Work Day
30 **SCHOOLS OPEN**

FEBRUARY '11 (15)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

21 President's Day
22-25 February Recess

SEPTEMBER '10 (20)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

3 NO SCHOOL
6 Labor Day

MARCH '11 (22)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

14 Teacher Work Day
16 K-5 Early Release
17 K-5 Early Release
18 K-5 Early Release

OCTOBER '10 (19)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

7 9-12 Early Release
11 Columbus Day
12 Teacher Work Day

APRIL '11 (16)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

18-22 April Recess
22 Good Friday

NOVEMBER '10 (19)						
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28	29	30				

9 6-8 Early Release
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11 Veterans Day
17 K-5 Early Release
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19 K-5 Early Release
24 Early Release
25-26 Thanksgiving Recess

MAY '11 (21)						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

30 Memorial Day

DECEMBER '10 (17)						
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			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

24-31 Holiday Recess

JUNE '11 (10)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

14 **SCHOOLS CLOSING—
Early Release**
15 Teacher Work Day

June 21: Last Day for Graduation (185 Days)

Business- Non-Instructional Operations

TRANSPORTATION

I. GENERAL

It is the goal of the Board of Education to establish for the public schools an appropriate transportation system – one which will enable all qualified children of school age to attend school by school bus wherever transportation is required within guidelines set forth in this policy. The Superintendent of Schools is responsible to the Board for the school transportation system. School bus transportation is for pupils and supervising adults.

The transportation system shall be planned and operated in compliance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut and all regulations of the State Department of Education and the State Department of Motor Vehicles regarding the operation of student transportation vehicles.

II. DEFINITIONS

School Transportation - the means by which a pupil is conveyed to or from his/her residence to or from the school in which he/she is enrolled by the Board at public expense, whether by use of publicly owned vehicle or by private contract. Such transportation shall be over paved public roads approved and maintained by the municipality/state or paved private roads approved pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-220c.

Walking Distance – the linear measure of distance along a prescribed or authorized pedestrian route between the pupil’s residence and his/her school from a point at the curb or edge of a public or private road nearest the pupil’s residence to a point at the entrance of the school or to a safe entrance to the school grounds located within one hundred feet of the school building entrance or the bus pick-up area; or the route from the point on the public thoroughfare nearest the residence to the school bus stop or vehicle embarkation point established by the Board of Education or school administration.

Walking Route – the assigned or authorized route a pupil walks to arrive at school or at the designated bus stop.

Riding Time – the time which a pupil spends on a school bus, or in a motor vehicle, from his/her bus stop to school or from the school to his/her bus stop.

Walking Time – the time which a pupil should be expected to traverse, under normal conditions, the walking distance along his/her walking route (waiting time is excluded from walking time computation).

Normal Transportation Time – the combination of walking time and riding time under good weather conditions, one way.

Pupil – any individual of school age enrolled in a public school within the school district, or a special education pupil who is the responsibility of the school district, regardless of whether he/she is educated within the school district. Pupil shall also mean an individual of school age (PK-12) who is a resident of the school district and attends a nonprofit private school located

within the school district (where the majority of the children attending such nonprofit school are residents of the state of Connecticut).

Grade PK/K – Pre-kindergarten/kindergarten, or a school program appropriate to a beginning pupil.

Hazard – a condition as described further in this policy that affects the safety of pupils walking to and from school or the bus stop.

III. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

- A. Any walking route to either the bus stop or the school which is in excess of the maximum walking distances shall be deemed hazardous. The maximum walking distances from home to school or to a prescribed point of embarkation for bus stops are the following:
- (1) pupils under the age of 10, or enrolled in grades PK through 3, one mile;
 - (2) pupils aged 10 to 14, or enrolled grades 4 through 8, one and one-half miles;
 - (3) pupils aged 14 and over or enrolled in grades 9 through 12, two miles.
- B. A street or road having an adjacent or parallel sidewalk or raised walk area shall be deemed hazardous when any one of the following conditions exists:
1. For pupils under the age of 10, or enrolled in grades PK through 3, absence of pedestrian crossing light or crossing guard where three or more streets intersect, and at street crossings where there are no stop signs or crossing guards and the traffic count during the time that pupils are walking to or from school exceeds sixty vehicles per hour at the intersection;
 2. For pupils age 10 and over, or enrolled in grades 4 through 12, the absence of a traffic light or stop signs or crossing guard where three or more streets intersect and has a traffic count which exceeds ninety vehicles per hour during the time that pupils are walking to or from school;
 3. For all pupils, any street, road or highway with speed limits in excess of forty miles per hour which do not have pedestrian crossing lights or crossing guards or other safety provisions at points where pupils must cross when going to or from school or the bus stop;
 4. For all pupils, the usual or frequent presence of any nuisance such as open man-holes, construction, snow plowed or piled on the walk area making walkways unusable, loading zones where delivery trucks are permitted to park on walkways, commercial entrances and exits where cars are crossing walking areas at speeds in excess of five miles per hour, and the like, including such nuisance which is hazardous or attractive to children.
- C. Any street, road or highway which has no sidewalks or raised walk areas shall be deemed hazardous if any one of the following conditions exist:
1. For pupils under the age of 10 or enrolled in grades PK through 3, any street, road or highway possessing a traffic count of sixty or more vehicle per hour at the time that pupils are walking to or from school;
 2. For pupils under the age of 10, or enrolled in grades PK through 3, any street, road or highway possessing a speed limit in excess of thirty miles per hour;
 3. For all pupils, the presence of man-made hazards including attractive

- nuisances, as stated in section (B)(4) above, except that with respect to plowed or piled snow, see paragraph #5, below;
4. For all pupils, any roadway available to vehicles that does not have a minimum width of twenty-two feet;
 5. For all pupils, any roadway available to vehicles when plowed free of snow accumulations, does not have a minimum width of twenty feet.
- D. Any street, road or highway which has no sidewalks or raised walk areas shall be deemed hazardous when the line-of-sight visibility together with posted speed limits do not permit vehicular braking/stopping in accordance with ~~the~~any Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles, or Connecticut Department of Transportation, requirements, or in the expert opinion of the safety expert ~~of First Student contracted by the district to provide for the bus contractor which provides~~ transportation ~~or other reasonable standard for the district.~~
- E. Any walkway, path or bridge in an area adjacent or parallel to railroad tracks shall be considered hazardous unless a suitable physical barrier along the entire pedestrian route is present and fixed between pupils and the track; and any crossing of railroad tracks that carry moving trains during hours that pupils are walking to or from school shall be deemed hazardous unless, (1) a crossing guard is present; or (2) an automatic control bar is present at crossings used by pupils under age ten, or, a bar or red flashing signal light is operational when the crossing is used by pupils over ten years of age.
- F. A lake, pond, stream, culvert, waterway or bridge shall be deemed a hazard in the absence of a fence or other suitable barrier fixed between the pupil and the water for pupils in grades PK through 4.
- G. Any area adjacent to a roadway, walkway, sidewalk or bridge having a drop of three or more feet per four feet of travel length on either side of the established lanes, in the absence of a fence or other suitable barrier, shall be deemed hazardous for pupils in grades PK through 4.
- H. Any street, road, walkway, sidewalk or path designated as a walking route for all school pupils which passes through an area which has a history of aggressive acts of molestation resulting in actual or threatened physical harm or moral degradation during the hours when pupils ordinarily walk to or from school, shall be deemed hazardous.
- I. Walking to or from school or the bus stop at any time prior to one-half hour before sunrise or any time one-half hour after sunset shall be deemed hazardous for pupils in grades PK through 5.
- J. The Board of Education may grant an exception to any provision of this policy wherein a peculiar condition or combination of conditions and circumstances renders such condition(s) a hazard based upon reasonable judgment.

IV. SUSPENSION OF TRANSPORTATION PRIVILEGES

- A. Pupils may be suspended or excluded from transportation privileges for serious and/or repeated infractions of rules or violation of board policies regarding student conduct. All suspensions and exclusions will be in accordance with state statutes and Board policy.
- B. Discipline problems on buses or vans are handled by the Principal of the school the pupil attends.

- C. The Director of Business Services administers discipline to technical school students and other pupils not assigned to a public school.
- D. Particularly dangerous or disruptive behavior, as determined by the administering authority, may result in immediate suspension of up to ten (10) days.
- E. Any offense involving weapons and/or the sale and/or distribution of controlled substances will result in expulsion proceedings as provided for under Board of Education Policy.

V. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. Normal transportation time shall not routinely exceed one hour.
- B. A pupil with a physical disability and/or health conditions rendering him/her unable to walk to either the bus stop or school shall receive appropriate transportation as determined by the pupil's physician in conjunction with the school medical advisor. The pupil shall be required to submit medical documentation to support this accommodation.
- C. The school district shall provide students who receive special education with transportation in accordance with the requirements of state and federal law.
- D. Transportation services for homeless pupils shall be provided in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended.
- E. Bus drivers will not transport down roads that are not wide enough for two vehicles to pass, one being the school bus.

VI. DENIAL OF TRANSPORTATION

The following considerations shall apply in all instances with respect to the denial of bus transportation for students:

- A. A degree of road grade or includeincline so steep as to present a grave risk of loss of vehicular control, particularly during inclement weather conditions.
- B. A road so narrow that a school bus or van designed for student transportation will occupy more than half the width of such road, unless such road is designed for one-way traffic only, ~~or unless the road is a through road.~~
- C. A degree of visibility that reduces the driver's ability to safely handle the bus or van; to safely bring it to a full stop; to safely allow the boarding or discharge of student or to safely avoid oncoming vehicles.
- D. A road that is unsuitable for effective maneuverability of either bus or van, especially in emergency situations or inclement weather conditions.
- E. A road that calls for a bus or van to turn around or to reverse in the possible presence of boarding students.
- F. Any other road condition not enumerated above which represents such an obvious hazard to the safety of students transported by school bus or van that a reasonable and

prudent person charged with the safe transportation of such students would not approve use of such road.

- G. Buses shall not travel on roads that are not regularly maintained by the state, county or town highway departments. NOTE: Without the express permission of the Board of Education, no school bus shall enter onto any private road for purposes of picking up or discharging students.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes:

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re: school attendance

10-220 Duties of Boards of Education

10-220c Transportation of children over private roads. Immunity from liability.

10-233c Suspension of Pupils

10-280 Transportation for pupils in nonprofit private schools outside school district

10-281 Transportation for pupils in nonprofit private schools within school district

14-275a Use of standard school bus, when.

42 U.S.C.A. 11431 (McKinney Vento Act)

Adopted: September 8, 1980

Reviewed: December 18, 2000

Revised: October 13, 2009

COOPERATIVE TENNIS AGREEMENT

The Cooperative Tennis Team will consist of student-athletes from two schools: Ellington High School, and Somers High School. Ellington will assume the management of the program. As per CIAC requirements, Ellington will be identified as the sponsoring school.

Management responsibilities include, but are not limited to, organization, supervision, and evaluation of the program. Revenues for the financial obligation will be generated by the Tennis Booster Club(s) of the cooperating districts. Insurance coverage at no additional cost to the Boards of Education will be provided to members of the teams in the same manner that insurance is provided to members of other teams that are sponsored by the Boards of Education. The Tennis Booster Club(s) are required to purchase insurance policies that hold each Board of Education blameless and place them under no liability for the cooperative tennis program and its players.

Organization

1. Sponsoring School: Ellington High School will assume the responsibility of being the sponsoring school beginning with the 2011-2013 seasons.
2. Team Name/Team Mascot/Team Colors: The team name is Ellington/Somers, the mascot is the Knights; the colors are purple/gold/white.
3. School Representation: Team membership will consist of players from each cooperating school. Each player must demonstrate proficiency commensurate with the level of competition. A "no cut" policy will be in effect as per CIAC rules.
4. Agreement Compliance and Review by Member Schools and the Tennis Boosters.
 - A. At the start of the school year, Ellington will hold a meeting of the coaches and executive board members of the Tennis Boosters. Athletic directors and administrators of the two schools will be invited and encouraged to attend.

Procedures such as match supervision, safety, revenue, conduct of players, practice and match times, transportation, awards and award programs will be reviewed so that coaches and booster club members know the terms and limits of this cooperative tennis agreement.

Ellington's administrators and athletic director will seek periodic reports on the progress of the activities listed above during the season.

- B. Negotiations of coaches salaries, types of awards, means of transportation, etc., must be consistent with the corresponding contracts. types of awards, etc., that are given and used at the two schools. The building administrator of Ellington, after consultation with the Somers building administrator, will clarify any areas that are ambiguous.

- C. Any of the two towns may contribute funds toward the tennis program if they so desire. The contributions will be made known to the Booster Club, and they will deduct an equal contribution from that town's students who participate in the tennis program. The money contributed will go directly to the student activity fund of the host school, which is responsible for paying bills for the program.

The contributions made by one community in no way obligate the other communities to make any financial commitment toward the program.

- D. If tennis is covered under the schools' umbrella student athletic insurance, The Booster Club does not have to maintain a separate policy in this area.

Personnel

1. Assistant Coaches

The Assistant Coaches (if needed) will have the following responsibilities.

- A. Supervise and participate in all practices, games, scrimmages (and related transportation) under the direction of the head coach.
- B. Be certifiable as a coach with appropriate training in first aid and CPR.

2. Head Coach

The Head Coach will have the following responsibilities.

- A. The coach will be responsible for the direct supervision of the team at all games, practices, and meetings. No games, practices, or meetings will be held without the presence of the coach.
- B. The coach will be under the direct supervision of the Athletic Director and the administration of Ellington High School.

- C. The coach will work in cooperation with the assistant coaches and athletic director and the administration of the sponsoring school.
- D. The coach will be afforded all of the benefits of the contractual agreement of the sponsoring school and will be protected under the safe-harmless clause afforded all school personnel.
- E. The coach will schedule all practices and provide the Athletic Director with the practice schedule.

Fiscal Management

- 1. Accounting: The student activity account of Ellington High School will be the means by which all funds are collected and disbursed.
- 2. Revenues: It will be the responsibility of the Tennis Booster Club to provide a predetermined sum of money to be deposited in the student activity account by February 15th of each year.

Rules and Regulations

- 1. Game Rules: Rules of the game will be governed by National Federation rules and the CIAC. These rules include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Number of players on the team
 - B. Number of games in the season
 - C. Length of the season
 - D. Practice and game rules
 - E. Local schools' academic eligibility
 - F. Equipment
- 2. Conduct of Players: All team members must comply with the rules specified by the CIAC, National Federation and the school the athlete represents.
- 3. Eligibility: All team members must meet the eligibility requirements of the CIAC and the requirements of the school it represents.

4. Games/Scrimmages/Practice Times:
 - A. All practices will be held at Field Road Courts in Somers at a time convenient to the 2 buildings.
 - B. All home games will be held at Field Road Courts in Somers.

5. Transportation:
 - A. All members of the team will be transported to all away games and scrimmages from Ellington High School unless more convenient bus arrangements can be made in advance of the scheduled game.
 - B. Transportation arrangements to all away games and scrimmages will be the responsibility of the Ellington High School athletic Department.
 - C. Transportation arrangements to all home games, scrimmages, and practices will be the responsibility of the individual team member.

6. Awards: All recognition awards presented to team members at the end of the season must be given in accordance with the standards and practices of Ellington High School. The athletic director of EHS will oversee and direct all team awards.

7. Duration: The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate an interscholastic Tennis program for students in the towns of Ellington, and Somers. A review of the program by the individual boards and CIAC will be conducted prior to an extension beyond the conclusion of the CIAC agreements.

ELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

By: _____

Dated: _____

SOMERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

By: _____

Dated: _____

APPENDIX G

(Cooperative Team Policy Information can be found in CIAC Bylaws Section 3.0, of this Handbook)

CIAC APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE TEAM SPONSORSHIP

(Application deadlines: Fall sports -- May 1; Winter sports -- September 15; Spring sports -- January 15)

Application for: Initial Renewal Application Date 2/5/11

1. Names of Schools Applying 2. City/Town 3. Principal's Name

Host School (1) Ellington High School Ellington Neil Rinaldi
 Coop School (2) Somers High School Somers Gary Cotzin
 Coop School (3) _____

4. Sport (boy or girl) Tennis Boy Total # of athletes allowed by CIAC 10

5. Effective Date of Coop March 2011

6. Name of Coop Ellington/Somers

7. Potential Participation (List number of students in each school who are expected to participate on this team.) ** Include eligibility lists for previous year.

Grade	Host School (1)	Coop School (2)	Coop School (3)	Total
*9	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	_____	<u>2</u>
10	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	_____	<u>4</u>
11	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	_____	<u>4</u>
12	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	_____	<u>5</u>
Total	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	_____	<u>15</u>

* NOTE: This figure must include the expected participants from the incoming ninth graders if this application is submitted the previous school year.

8. Current Program Status (List the number of participants included in your program during the sport season preceding this application.)

Grade	Host School (1)	Coop School (2)	Coop School (3)	Total
9	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	_____	<u>4</u>
10	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	_____	<u>6</u>
11	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	_____	<u>4</u>
12	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	_____	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	_____	<u>16</u>

9. Agreement Signatures: The following signatures certify approval of this cooperative team by a formal vote of the local education authority and the administrators of the schools involved, and it attests that all the information submitted is accurate, all schools have an agreement with respect to insurance, coaching personnel, facilities, equipment, student eligibility and complying with CIAC By-laws.

Dissolving an active CIAC approved co-op lies solely between the schools involved.

Schools	Board President /Chair/ or Superintendent Signature	Principal Signature	Date
Host (1) <u>Ellington</u>	_____	_____	_____
Coop (2) <u>Somers</u>	_____	_____	<u>2/9/11</u>
Coop (3) _____	_____	_____	_____

10. Addendums to this Application: (The following items must accompany this application in order for it to be processed.)

- A. A written statement expressing the reason for formation of this coop.
- B. A written statement from all schools involved that they will adopt a "no-cut" policy for this coop.
- C. A written statement from your league or six (6) competing schools approving this coop.
- d. The eligibility lists of previous sport season.

NOTE: Member schools are advised that when a Cooperative Athletic Team is dissolved for any reason, any and all remaining players from the school that is no longer participating in the co-op are not eligible to continue participating with the host team. For purposes of clarification, the host team is that team which was previously part of the coop team and has increased its team membership to a level which the CIAC determines sufficient to sponsor its own school team independent of a co-op arrangement.

OFFICIAL CIAC ACTION: The above application for cooperative team sponsorship --
 IS / IS NOT granted for the school years _____ and _____

 Chairman, CIAC Board of Control / Date

2/4/11 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS SUMMARY

Original Budget Increase	874,265
2/4/11 Budget Adjustments	
BoEd Expenses	(158)
Instructional Salaries	(13,000)
Departmental Supplies	(2,616)
Workbooks/Testing	(2,015)
Athletic/Field Trips	(500)
General/Dept Maint	(20,600)
Insurance/Social Security	(630,850)
Advisors	(750)
Athletic/Academic Act	(7,500)
Total Budget Adjustments	(677,989)
Revised Budget Increase	196,276
Ed Jobs Fund	(188,076)
Net Budget Increase	8,200

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2/4/11 REVISED BUDGET CHANGES IN YELLOW

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>REVISED AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	<u>ORIGINAL AMOUNT</u>
BoEd Expenses				
other professional services	49,842	49,842	actual & negotiation	50,000
Instructional Salaries				
mba instructional	(28,000)		retirement	
ses instructional	(13,000)		retirement	0
		(41,000)		
Clerical/Aides Salaries				
ses sped aides	727		contract	
mba sped aides	665		contract	
shs sped aides	200		contract	
preschool aide	282		contract	
shs secretary	1,576		contract	
technology aide	1,685		contract	
		5,135		
Textbooks				
ses lang arts (CMT coach)	7,000	7,000	request	
Departmental Supplies				
shs science	0		request	726
shs art	0		request	500
shs quantity foods	0		request	750
shs tide	0		request	640
		0		
Workbooks/Testing				
ses math	12,000		request	
sped testing	0		request	2,015
		12,000		
Regular Transportation				
elementary	6,714		contract	
secondary	8,137		contract	
bus fuel	9,400		10% proj	
		24,251		
Special Ed Transportation				
vans	5,493		contract	
aide	1,766		contract	
		7,259		
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high	8,300		10% proj	
maintenance	200		10% proj	
		16,000		
Electricity				
elementary	4,845		5% proj	
middle	7,445		5% proj	
high	7,125		5% proj	
maintenance	142		5% proj	
		19,557		
General/Dept Maintenance				
building maintenance accts	0		actual	20,000
software	7,622		actual	
water	2,300		actual	
shs art	0		request	200
shs tide	0		request	400
sped IEP direct	8,400		request	
		18,322		
Insurance/Social Security				
dental	-14,520		5% proj	8,360
PPO	11,960		25% proj	426,350
POS	-10,480		25% proj	169,100
HAS	400		25% proj	14,400
workers comp	4,424		5% proj	
property casualty	2,399		5% proj	
mirma assessment	25,000		actual	
		19,183		
Advisors				
ses student council	0	0	request	750
Athletic/Academic Activities				
shs officials	1,000		request	
shs athletic supplies	0		request	5,000
shs athletic awards	0		request	25,000
		1,000		
Tuition Special Ed				
sped tuition	50,000		additional placement	
crec hearing	6,800		request	
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workers comp	4,424		5% proj	
property casualty	2,399		5% proj	
mirma assessment	25,000		actual	
		19,183		
Advisors				
ses student council	0	0	request	750
Athletic/Academic Activities				
shs officials	1,000		request	
shs athletic supplies	0		request	5,000
shs athletic awards	0		request	25,000
		1,000		
Tuition Special Ed				
sped tuition	50,000		additional placement	
crec hearing	6,800		request	
		56,800		
Total		196,276		

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – February 14, 2011

Members Present: J.Formeister, A.Kirkpatrick, R.Lees, B.Devlin, T.Potrikus,
S. Bollinger (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)

Members Absent: D.Palmer, M.Marquardt, J.Taylor

Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, B.Boutwell, P.Collin, R.Riola, J.Oliver, G.Cotzin, N.Barry,
S.Muirhead, J.Morrow

Staff Present:

Citizens Present: D.Stone, G.Schober

Students Present: K.Loughrey, A.Wilson, A.Archambaut, J.Schober

Others: E. Quinlan (*Patch.com* Reporter), J.Silvia (*Journal Inquirer* Reporter)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Formeister in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 24, 2011 Regular Meeting – It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (T.Potrikus) to approve the January 24, 2010 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 5-0

3.1 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Legal Matters

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (T.Potrikus) to reject the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Legal Matters. PASSED 5-0

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (T.Potrikus) to go into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. for discussion and possible action for appeal of a portion of the recent Special Education decision due to hearing officer's error of law. PASSED 5-0

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS – No comments

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE - None reported

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Bills 2/14/11 (\$430,485.14)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to approve the 2/14/11 Bills in the amount of \$430,485.14 as presented. PASSED 6-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2010-2011 School Calendar Adjustments

Dr. Suffredini proposed to the Board that the March 14, 2011 professional development day be eliminated and to schedule that day as a full day of school for both students and staff. He further recommended that this professional development day be moved to the end of the school year for teachers.

Dr. Suffredini also proposed that if any additional school cancellations occur that would require school to continue into the last week of June, that one (1) day be taken from April vacation for each day that school is canceled. Presently, with the addition of March 14th as a school day, the last day of school is scheduled for June 22nd. This still leaves June 23rd and 24th available for make-up days before going into April vacation. High School graduation will be held on June 21st and will not be impacted by any further changes in the school calendar.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (T.Potrikus) to approve the 2010-2011 School Calendar Adjustments as presented. PASSED 6-0

8.2 First Warning of DBS Code: 3541.3 – Transportation

A revised copy of DBS Code: 3541.3 was distributed to the Board. This revised copy replaces the copy that was in the Board's packet. The language has been adjusted for clarity.

Second Warning/Adoption will be scheduled for the February 28, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

8.3 Approval of Tennis Coop Agreement

The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve the continuation of the boy's tennis cooperative agreement with Ellington Public Schools. The program is managed and funded through the Ellington High School Tennis Booster Club. There is no cost to the Somers Board of Education.

It was MOVED (T.Potrikus) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to continue with the boy's tennis cooperative agreement with Ellington Public Schools as presented. PASSED 6-0

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Adoption of 2011-2012 Budget

Dr. Suffredini stated that as a result of health insurance costs not increasing as anticipated, the 2011-2012 school budget has been adjusted from being increased by 3.55% to level funded. A list of adjustments to the budget was presented to the Board.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to adopt the 2011-2012 Budget as presented. PASSED 6-0

The Board of Education will submit to the town a level-funded budget that reflects an \$8,200 increase for 2011-2012.

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 DBS Energy

Dr. Suffredini reported to the Board regarding the renewable energy efficiency program that the town is discussing with Design Building Service Company. A feasibility assessment was completed on town and school buildings. It was determined that a portion of the Somers Elementary School building would benefit from the installation of solar panels. The

company has guaranteed a 20% savings in electricity costs. The town is in the process of putting together a grant to fund this project.

Dr. Suffredini distributed a copy of the projected costs and savings associated with this project. Tim Potrikus and Sarah Bollinger raised several concerns that they would like to have addressed. Dr. Suffredini will inform Mr. Potrikus and Mrs. Bollinger when the next meeting is scheduled. In the meantime, Dr. Suffredini will relay their concerns to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Budget – No report

11.2 Curriculum – No report

11.3 Policy

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7th at 6:00 p.m.

12.0 Salary & Negotiations – No report

11.5 Planning Committee – No report

11.6 Other Committees

11.6 Technology Ad Hoc Committee

A meeting will be scheduled for the week of February 21st.

12.0 OTHER

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (T.Potrikus) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:11 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.