

BOE Meeting Template
Monday, March 28, 2011 7:00 PM

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

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8. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Nonrenewal Notices
In my capacity as Superintendent of Schools, I recommend that the Board of Education nonrenew the teaching contracts of:
Kristin Baber
Rachel Bray
Kristina Carnevale
Jennifer Carra
Lora Cavallo
Daniel Clement
Amy Cunningham
Paul Dailey
Kimberly Doran
Marina Gates
Caitlin Heintz
Kelly Kimball
Nicholas Kosloski
Sarah McNamee
Melissa Mucci
Theresa Muska
Loretta Nelson
Maria Peterson
Stephanie Poole
Karen Regan
Aliicia Santavenere
Erin Scholes
Jaclynn Shea
Alicia Simoes
Brianna Stronk
Michael Szafir
Stanley Targonski
Joseph Tarpinian
Stephanie Toney
Sharon Yarrows
at the end of the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General

Statutes Section 10-151, and that the board authorize me to furnish written notice of the action. I am making this recommendation for the following reasons, any one or all of which I view to be a sufficient basis for the recommended action:

- the elimination of the position or loss of position to another teacher;
- the failure to meet our minimum standards for continued employment.

You should know that each teacher previously stated has been advised that I intended to make this recommendation. If the board takes action, each teacher has the right under Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151 to request the reasons for the board's action to nonrenew his/her contract of employment. Further, depending upon those reasons, each teacher may be entitled to a due-process hearing to seek reconsideration of the board's decision to nonrenew the contract of employment. I also recommend that I be authorized and instructed to communicate notice of this action in writing to the affected teachers and to respond for the board to any appropriate requests that may be forthcoming from each teacher or his/her representatives as provided in the Teacher Tenure Law.

2. Request for Child-Rearing Leave (S. Lyver) 16
Stacy Lyver, MBA Science teacher, is requesting a maternity and child-rearing leave beginning the start of the 2011-2012 school year through the start of the fourth quarter in April of 2012.
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 1. SHS Scheduling/Class Size
Mr. Cotzin will explain the scheduling process and the information on the master schedule for the 2011-2012 school year. He will be available to respond to any questions the board may have.
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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ninth District Road

Somers, CT 06071

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – March 14, 2011

Members Present: D.Palmer, J.Formeister, S. Bollinger, A.Kirkpatrick, B.Devlin
Members Absent: J.Taylor, M.Marquardt, T.Potrikus, R.Lees
Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, K.Pezza, B.Boutwell, P.Collin, R.Riola
Staff Present: None in attendance
Citizens Present: J.MacLeod, K.Marcotte, J.Shlafstein
Students Present: B.Ballard, N.Vecchio, A.Arentz, A.Burnham, S.Snyder, D.Yard, D.Lesniad
Others: Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman; Kathleen Devlin, Selectman; M.Bard (*Patch.com*), E.Bartone, G.Lane (DBS Energy)

1.0 **BOE BUDGET HEARING – SES AUDITORIUM – 7:00 P.M.**

The regular Board of Education meeting followed the budget presentation that was held in the Somers Elementary School Media Center.

2.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:23 p.m. by Chairman Palmer in the Somers Elementary School Media Center.

3.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 28, 2011 Regular Meeting – It was **MOVED** (B.Devlin) **SECONDED** (J.Formeister) to approve the February 28, 2011 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED** 4-0-1 (A.Kirkpatrick abstained)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to move 9.0 New Business to this portion of the agenda for a presentation to the Board of Education by DBS Energy. PASSED 5-0
New Business will be repeated later in the meeting.

DBS Energy owners, Erik Bartone and Gary Lane, informed the Board that after conducting an extensive study of the town and school buildings for possible candidates for renewable energy usage, it was determined that Somers Elementary School would be a good candidate for the installation of solar panels. The company has submitted a proposal and application for funding through the Clean Energy Fund grant. Only nine grants will be awarded across Connecticut and the owners are waiting to hear if this project has been approved.

If the project is approved, DBS Energy will install solar panels on the roof of Somers Elementary School. The roof will be resurfaced where the racks and panels will be placed. The panels will supply the school with 40% of its peak power requirements. DBS Energy will cover costs associated with the project that are not covered by the grant. The panels are guaranteed for 25 years and DBS Energy will be responsible for all maintenance, repairs and replacement. There is no cost to the town of Somers or to the schools. Installation of solar panels will result in a savings on electricity costs generated by Somers Elementary School.

Dr. Suffredini will keep the Board updated on this proposed project.

5.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS – No Comments

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Palmer reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- A note from Mr. Stone.
- An FYI request.
- A copy of a letter received by Dr. Suffredini from the State Department of Education requesting additional Open Choice placements.
- A letter from Dr. Suffredini regarding the status of a high school teacher.
- A copy of *Campus View*.

7.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to add the amended/revise DBS Code: 3541.3 Transportation policy to the agenda under New Business as item 9.1.
PASSED 5-0

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Approval of Bills 3/14/11 – (\$242,794.04)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to approve the 3/14/11 Bills in the amount of \$242,794.04 as presented. PASSED 5-0

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Approval of the Amended/Revised DBS Code: 3541.3 Transportation Policy

The Board reviewed DBS Code: 3541.3 Transportation policy that has been amended and revised as recommended by legal counsel. The Board’s legal counsel determined the wording in the Board’s current transportation policy as written could not be implemented fully due to some road requirements.

It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (B.Devlin) that the board vote to revise the current transportation policy DBS Code: 3541.3 due to discrepancies with bus operations and road requirements and to the extent that the board policy would be interpreted to require any policy, that such procedures be waived in light of the immediate need for revision.
PASSED 5-0

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.1 Dr. Suffredini reported receipt of a letter from the State Department of Education requesting that Somers increase the number of seats for Open Choice students for 2011-2012. Dr. Suffredini recommended that the number of seats remain status quo due to budget concerns and the possibility of increasing class sizes.

It was the consensus of the Board to accept Dr. Suffredini’s recommendation to maintain the current number of seats available for Open Choice students and to allow the Superintendent to add siblings at his discretion up to the maximum previously determined by the Board of Education.

12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Budget

12.1.1 The BOE Budget Hearing was held this evening prior to the start of the regular BOE meeting.

- 12.1.2 J.Formeister reported that she attended the Board of Finance meeting on March 7th and that the BOF discussed reformatting the current CIP process. The BOF discussed eliminating the ranking system that has been used in the past to determine what capital projects receive funding.

The Board of Education will continue to maintain and update a 5-year plan for capital projects and will continue to submit this plan to the BOF annually. Capital Project requests will be submitted to the BOF in the fall of each year for funding consideration.

Capital Projects will be added to the BOE Budget presentation to the BOF on March 21st.

12.2 Curriculum – No report

12.3 Policy

The Policy Committee will meet on March 31st at 6:00 p.m.

12.4 Salary & Negotiations – No report

12.5 Planning Committee

Reported under Budget.

12.6 Other Committees

12.6.1 Technology Ad Hoc Committee

The Technology Ad Hoc Committee met on March 10th and continued reviewing data. Director of Technology, Jim Morrow, updated the committee on what technology is now available for use in the district. The committee would like to have Mr. Morrow report to the Board in May on how technology is being used within the district.

13.0 OTHER

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:49 p.m. PASSED 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

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

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



Dear 6th Grade-Language Arts Class and Mr. Maciolek,

My wife Jessica and I along with the entire Antonacci family and Lindy Farms would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the wonderful sympathy cards that we received from all of you. At a time where we seemed to be hit with bad news every day your cards were an uplifting surprise that brought smiles to our faces, tears to our eyes, and joy to our hearts.

We can't thank you all enough for taking the time to make all the beautiful cards and opening your hearts to us. To say thank you we would like to extend an invitation to all of you to visit the farm if possible with the school. We would also like for you to follow all of the updates from the farm on facebook at Lindy Farms of Connecticut. We are also having a Family Day at the farm on June 19th that we would like to invite all of you to join us for a day of fun learning about race horses. You can stay posted as this event approaches through our facebook page.

Thank you once again for the overwhelming outpouring of support; you have helped us get through some very tough times.

Your Friends,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Frank M. Antonacci, Jessica Antonacci". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Frank M. Antonacci, Jessica Antonacci
The Antonacci Family and all of Lindy Farms

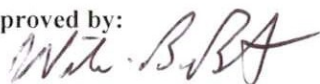
Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 11094

Check Batch: 3880
 Check Header: (N / A)
 Check Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Check Dates: (Earliest) - (Latest)
 Cash Account Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Bank Account Code: (N/A)
 Check Authorization Code: AP GB
 Minimum Check Amount: \$0.00
 Sorted By:
 Include Payable Information: No
 Include Payable Dist Information: No
 Include Authorization Information: Yes

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Approved by:



Date:

3/27/11

William B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services

3880	2642	03/28/2011	V58674	Administrator, Unemployment Compensation	0.00	3,228.00
	2643	03/28/2011	V60028	Airex Filter Corporation	0.00	211.23
	2644	03/28/2011	V60217	Aleks Corporation	0.00	27.50
	2645	03/28/2011	V52670	Amazon	0.00	147.24
	2646	03/28/2011	V52306	Ameripride	0.00	122.66
	2647	03/28/2011	V00555	AT&T	0.00	666.72
	2648	03/28/2011	E00009	Nancy Barry, MBA Principal	0.00	30.60
	2649	03/28/2011	V02406	Billings Sports, Inc.	0.00	1,507.97
	2650	03/28/2011	V54306	Blue Raven Technology, Inc.	0.00	349.00
	2651	03/28/2011	V60362	Booksource Inc., The	0.00	332.88
	2652	03/28/2011	V02351	Brian's Tool Sales	0.00	195.00
	2653	03/28/2011	V00129	Carolina Biological Supply Co.	0.00	121.34
	2654	03/28/2011	V60226	Carson-Dellosa Publishing	0.00	26.92
	2655	03/28/2011	V51942	CBS	0.00	471.81
	2656	03/28/2011	V53390	CIRMA	0.00	35,599.00
	2657	03/28/2011	V00159	Connecticut Light & Power	0.00	8,217.09
	2658	03/28/2011	V02474	Connecticut Radio, Inc	0.00	600.00
	2659	03/28/2011	V60205	CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Inc.	0.00	36.00
	2660	03/28/2011	V00204	CREC	0.00	68,857.85
	2662	03/28/2011	V60162	CT Pediatric Neuropsychology Associates	0.00	1,950.00

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	2663	03/28/2011	V60390	Cummins Power Systems, LLC	0.00	1,560.00
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	2665	03/28/2011	V60089	Dime Oil Company	0.00	35,332.53
	2666	03/28/2011	E00096	Duffy, Margaret	0.00	80.58
	2667	03/28/2011	V52117	East Hartford Public Schools	0.00	13,314.70
	2668	03/28/2011	V52706	Eastern Electric, Inc.	0.00	390.00
	2669	03/28/2011	V02309	ETA/Cuisenaire	0.00	419.66
	2670	03/28/2011	V57146	Evan-Moor Educational Publishers	0.00	29.99
	2671	03/28/2011	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	1,200.00
	2672	03/28/2011	V00314	Follett Library Resources	0.00	71.29
	2673	03/28/2011	V60445	Frog Publications	0.00	180.89
	2674	03/28/2011	V02461	Michael N. Fulco, Ph.D	0.00	3,700.00
	2675	03/28/2011	V60243	Futures, Inc	0.00	5,052.00
	2676	03/28/2011	V60264	Gall Power Equipment	0.00	240.30
	2677	03/28/2011	V60035	Google, Inc.	0.00	12.75
	2678	03/28/2011	V54081	Graduate Pest Solutions, Inc.	0.00	158.00
	2679	03/28/2011	V00511	Grainger	0.00	308.66
	2680	03/28/2011	V53439	Group Dynamic	0.00	83.25
	2681	03/28/2011	V51232	Hartford Hospital	0.00	3,471.00
	2682	03/28/2011	V60462	Henderson, James	0.00	17,000.00
	2683	03/28/2011	V53228	Herff Jones Inc.	0.00	9.32
	2684	03/28/2011	V60090	High Grade Gas Service, Inc	0.00	2,535.86
	2685	03/28/2011	V54063	HSABank	0.00	11.25
	2686	03/28/2011	V52848	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	0.00	6,644.66
	2687	03/28/2011	V00999	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	0.00	37.58
	2688	03/28/2011	V02625	K & S Distributors	0.00	47.45
	2689	03/28/2011	V01777	Lakeshore Learning	0.00	384.67
	2690	03/28/2011	V02035	Lloyd's Power Equipment	0.00	36.66
	2691	03/28/2011	V00691	LOMAC, LTD.	0.00	538.48
	2692	03/28/2011	V52107	Major Electric Supply	0.00	69.20
	2693	03/28/2011	V60361	Marlin Leasing Corp	0.00	272.89
	2694	03/28/2011	E00234	Morrow, Jim	0.00	186.47
	2695	03/28/2011	V53557	Mountain Tree Service Inc	0.00	23,290.00
	2696	03/28/2011	V60359	Palos Sports	0.00	51.95
	2697	03/28/2011	V02793	Parent Institute, The	0.00	188.10
	2698	03/28/2011	V02834	R. Pettee Electric L.L.C.	0.00	595.00
	2699	03/28/2011	V02610	Reliable Welding & Speed, LLC.	0.00	315.59

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	2700	03/28/2011	V01779	S & S Worldwide	0.00	37.12
	2701	03/28/2011	V60143	Sartorius Sports Limited	0.00	759.00
	2702	03/28/2011	V01292	School Specialty, Inc.	0.00	316.68
	2703	03/28/2011	V53661	Scott's Sports Supplies	0.00	884.96
	2704	03/28/2011	E00300	Selley, Su	0.00	200.00
	2705	03/28/2011	V01150	SHIFFLER EQUIPMENT SALES	0.00	115.72
	2706	03/28/2011	V60459	Shipman's Fire Equipment Co., Inc	0.00	120.00
	2707	03/28/2011	V60031	SNE Building Systems	0.00	90.00
	2708	03/28/2011	V02404	Somers Ace Hardware	0.00	367.17
	2709	03/28/2011	V00486	Somers High School	0.00	608.69
	2710	03/28/2011	V00886	Somers Lunch Program	0.00	10.50
	2711	03/28/2011	V02129	Sonitrol	0.00	1,073.69
	2712	03/28/2011	E00322	Suffredini, Dr. Maynard	0.00	41.54
	2713	03/28/2011	V00547	Sullivan, Schoen, Campane & Connon, LLC	0.00	12,605.00
	2714	03/28/2011	M02015	T. J. Conway Company	0.00	3,017.49
	2715	03/28/2011	V01638	Tree House, The	0.00	375.00
	2716	03/28/2011	V21164	Unum Life Insurance Company of America	0.00	3,829.57
Totals:					0.00	\$264,985.95

74 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 11093
Batch: 3861
Transaction: N/A
Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
3861	\$264,985.95	Posted	lbergamini	03/21/2011	lbergamini	03/23/2011

General Ledger Distribution Summary

Period, Fiscal Year Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits
March, 2011					
Generated Distributions					
10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			233,344.23	0.00
10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-00000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	233,344.23
	Total Generated Distributions			\$233,344.23	\$233,344.23
User-Entered Distributions					
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			37.69	0.00
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	265,023.64
10-100-2-2-18-242-611-01-5-00187	K-5 - MATH SUPPLIES			985.22	0.00
10-100-2-2-18-242-611-01-5-01149	K-5 INTERVENTION - MATH			26.92	0.00
10-100-2-2-22-242-611-01-5-00193	K-5 - PHYSICAL ED SUPPLIES			51.95	0.00
10-100-2-2-26-220-641-01-5-00105	K-5 - LANGUAGE ARTS TEXTBOOK		Yes	332.88	0.00
10-100-2-3-02-220-641-01-5-01641	SW - ART TEXTBOOKS		Yes	316.68	0.00
10-100-2-3-20-242-611-01-5-00172	MA - MUSIC SUPPLIES			75.27	0.00
10-100-2-3-20-242-611-01-5-00172	MA - MUSIC SUPPLIES			0.00	37.69
10-100-2-3-30-242-611-01-5-00210	MA - SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES			29.99	0.00
10-100-2-4-12-242-611-01-5-00183	HS - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			704.50	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			121.34	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01117	SP ED-INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS		Yes	5,650.00	0.00
10-210-2-9-32-242-611-02-5-00225	SW - SOCIAL WORK SUPPLIES			37.12	0.00
10-221-1-3-50-251-580-05-5-00264	MA - PRINCIPAL'S TRAVEL			30.60	0.00
10-221-1-3-52-231-690-05-5-00282	MA - PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY			71.29	0.00
10-221-1-4-50-251-580-05-5-00267	HS - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			80.58	0.00
10-222-2-5-14-233-611-03-5-00150	SW - COMPUTER SOFTWARE			8.47	0.00
10-231-1-5-74-134-330-10-5-00045	B.O.E. - OTHER PROF. SERVICES		Yes	12,641.00	0.00
10-231-1-5-74-134-530-10-5-00048	B.O.E. - PUBLICATION POSTAGE			608.69	0.00
10-231-1-5-74-134-690-10-5-00047	B.O.E. - SUPPLIES			10.50	0.00
10-231-6-5-82-820-529-13-5-00521	SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL		Yes	1,815.00	0.00
10-232-1-5-72-134-690-04-5-00031	CO - PETTY CASH			200.00	0.00
10-232-1-5-72-251-580-05-5-00271	CO - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			75.48	0.00
10-240-2-5-40-830-440-01-5-00905	SW - COPIER SUPPLIES/MAINTEN.			471.81	0.00

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3861	\$264,985.95	Posted	lbergamini	03/21/2011	lbergamini	03/23/2011
		UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE		Yes	3,228.00	0.00
		SW - HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT		Yes	11.25	0.00
		UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE		Yes	2,668.00	0.00
		HS - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES			3,151.93	0.00
		SP ED - CREC HEARING PROGRAM			3,617.60	0.00
		SPED - CREC RIVER STREET			65,240.25	0.00
		SP ED - TUITION			28,482.36	0.00
				Total User-Entered Distributions	<u>\$265,061.33</u>	<u>\$265,061.33</u>
				Total for March, 2011	<u>\$498,405.56</u>	<u>\$498,405.56</u>
				Grand Total for Batch # 3861	<u>\$498,405.56</u>	<u>\$498,405.56</u>

259 Transactions Listed.

March 17, 2011

Mr. Maynard Suffredini
Superintendent of Schools
Somers Public Schools
55 Ninth District Road
Somers, CT 06071

Dear Dr. Suffredini,

After teaching at Somers High School for the past 32 years, I have decided to retire at the end of this school year, June 2011.

I am looking forward to the next phase of my life, but I know I will leave a part of me here with my students and colleagues. I have truly enjoyed being part of the Somers High School community.

Sincerely,


Nancy Mullaly

March 18, 2011

Dear Dr. Suffredini and the Somers Board of Education:

I am writing this letter to inform you that I will be retiring from my position as art teacher at Somers High School, effective June 30, 2011.

After serving this school system for 30 years (non-consecutively), I am left with mixed emotions about my retirement. I will miss my students and the satisfaction that comes with watching my passion becomes theirs. I will miss my co-workers and the laughter and joy that can only come from shared experiences. I will miss the staff who have crafted and organized my life between summers in ways that I can only fathom. But mostly, I will miss my space, a place where I taught my students that only with tenacious hard work will you create a masterpiece, whether that be in the art classroom or in real life.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Somers School System for its continued support and appreciation of the art program during my tenure at the high school. At a time in education when the arts are often overlooked and underfunded, Somers has provided our students with the opportunity to cultivate their creativity and individualism. And now I must go and nurture my own. It is time to put down my red pen and to pick up a brush, to put down my gradebook, and pick up a canvas. It is time for the teacher to retire and the artist to return.

Thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol A. Liucci". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

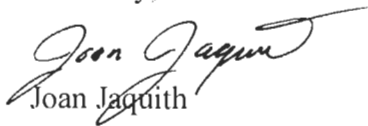
Carol A. Liucci

March 17, 2011

David Palmer, Chairman
Somers Board of Education

This is to inform you of my intent to resign my position as Board of Education Recording Secretary at the end of my 2010-2011 contract. My last meeting will be on June 27, 2011.

Sincerely,


Joan Jaquith

cc: Dr. Maynard Suffredini, Superintendent of Schools
Rick Lees, Board of Education Secretary

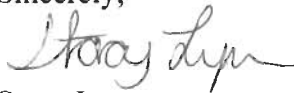
March 3, 2011

Dear Dr. Suffredini,

This letter is to notify you in anticipation of my maternity leave during the 2011-2012 school year. The expected due date of my second child is August 19, 2011.

In addition, I am requesting a leave of absence from my position at MBA from the end of my maternity leave to the start of the fourth quarter in April of 2012 for child rearing.

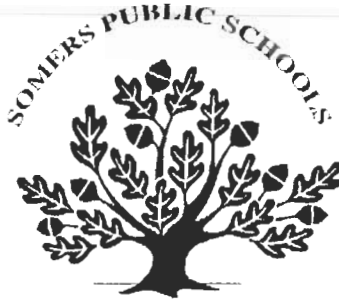
Sincerely,



Stacy Lyver

Cc: Nancy Barry
Susan Muirhead

Neil
3/7/11
D. Sullivan



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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Maynard Suffredini
Date: March 21, 2011
Re: Class Section Comparison

Below is a table that compares class sections from this year to projected class sections for the 2011/2012 school year. I have additionally attached a master schedule, sorted by subject, so that you can see the class sizes for each course.

Discipline	2010/2011	2011/2012	Net Gain/Loss
English	31	31	0
Math	30	30	0
Social Studies	26	26	0
Science	31	30.5	-.5
World Language	20	20	0
Art	13	13	0
PE/Health	10	10	0
Business	10	10	0
Tech Ed	19	19	0
Music	4	4	0

Course	Teacher	Dept.	Students	Max	Notes
Adv. Drawing (3)	Curran, Mary	Art	9	20	+6 Portfolio Art (Combined)
Ceramics 1 (1)	Curran, Mary	Art	20	22	
Ceramics 1 (1)	Burda, Sarah	Art	22	22	
Ceramics 1 (1)	Burda, Sarah	Art	21	22	
Ceramics 1 (1)	Curran, Mary	Art	18	22	
Ceramics 1 (1)	Curran, Mary	Art	19	22	
Ceramics 2 (2)	Burda, Sarah	Art	21	22	
Ceramics 2 (2)	Burda, Sarah	Art	18	22	
Drawing 1 (2)	Curran, Mary	Art	20	20	
Drawing 1 (2)	Curran, Mary	Art	20	20	
Drawing 1 (2)	Curran, Mary	Art	20	20	
Drawing 2 (3)	Curran, Mary	Art	22	22	
Honors Art (4)	Curran, Mary	Art	6	20	
Intro/Art (1)	Liucci, Carol	Art	19	20	
Intro/Art (1)	Liucci, Carol	Art	20	20	
Intro/Art (1)	Liucci, Carol	Art	20	20	
Intro/Art (1)	Liucci, Carol	Art	18	20	
Intro/Art (1)	Liucci, Carol	Art	17	20	
Intro/Art (1)	Liucci, Carol	Art	20	20	
Sculpture 1 (1)	Burda, Sarah	Art	18	18	
Sculpture 1 (1)	Burda, Sarah	Art	18	18	
Sculpture 1 (1)	Burda, Sarah	Art	18	18	
Sculpture 2 (2)	Burda, Sarah	Art	14	18	
Sculpture 2 (2)	Burda, Sarah	Art	14	18	
Sculpture 2 (2)	Burda, Sarah	Art	14	18	
A Intro. Business (2)	Mayo, Michael	Bus	20	20	
A Intro. Business (2)	Mayo, Michael	Bus	20	20	
A Intro. Business (2)	Clement, Daniel	Bus	19	20	
A Intro. Business (2)	Clement, Daniel	Bus	20	20	
Accounting 1 (2)	Mayo, Michael	Bus	19	25	
B Intro. Business (2)	Mayo, Michael	Bus	20	20	
B Intro. Business (2)	Mayo, Michael	Bus	20	20	
B Intro. Business (2)	Clement, Daniel	Bus	16	20	
B Intro. Business (2)	Mayo, Michael	Bus	19	20	
Business Law 1 (3)	Mayo, Michael	Bus	21	25	
Comp. Applications (2)	Clement, Daniel	Bus	18	18	
Comp. Applications (2)	Clement, Daniel	Bus	18	18	
Comp. Applications (2)	Clement, Daniel	Bus	18	18	

Course	Teacher	Dept.	Students	Max	Notes
Comp. Applications (2)	Clement, Daniel	Bus	18	18	
Comp. Applications (2)	Clement, Daniel	Bus	18	18	
Comp. Applications (2)	Clement, Daniel	Bus	18	18	
Entrepreneurship (3)	Mayo, Michael	Bus	21	25	
Ind. Yearbook	Clement, Daniel	Bus	10	15	Non Credit
Integ. Comp. Apps. (3)	Clement, Daniel	Bus	18	18	
Marketing (3)	Mayo, Michael	Bus	10	25	
Acad. English 11 (2)	Kirkpatrick, Meredith	Eng	15	25	
Acad. English 12 (2)	Kirkpatrick, Meredith	Eng	14	22	
AP English 12 (4)	Martin, Janice	Eng	15	22	
Col. English 10 (3)	Beirn, Meghan	Eng	22	25	
Col. English 10 (3)	Beirn, Meghan	Eng	23	25	
Col. English 10 (3)	Bryzgel, Penny	Eng	16	25	
Col. English 10 (3)	Bryzgel, Penny	Eng	18	25	
Col. English 10 (3)	Beirn, Meghan	Eng	21	25	
Col. English 10 (3)	Beirn, Meghan	Eng	19	25	
Col. English 11 (3)	Stronk, Brianna	Eng	18	25	
Col. English 11 (3)	Stronk, Brianna	Eng	19	25	
Col. English 11 (3)	Kirkpatrick, Meredith	Eng	16	25	
Col. English 11 (3)	Kirkpatrick, Meredith	Eng	18	25	
Col. English 11 (3)	Kirkpatrick, Meredith	Eng	23	25	
Col. English 11 (3)	Stronk, Brianna	Eng	16	25	
Col. English 12 (3)	Martin, Janice	Eng	25	25	
Col. English 12 (3)	Martin, Janice	Eng	20	25	
Col. English 12 (3)	Stronk, Brianna	Eng	20	25	
Col. English 12 (3)	Martin, Janice	Eng	20	25	
Col. English 12 (3)	Stronk, Brianna	Eng	12	25	
Col. English 9 (3)	Simoes, Alicia	Eng	14	25	
Col. English 9 (3)	Burke, Dan	Eng	21	25	
Col. English 9 (3)	Burke, Dan	Eng	16	25	
Col. English 9 (3)	Burke, Dan	Eng	15	25	
Col. English 9 (3)	Burke, Dan	Eng	23	25	
Col. English 9 (3)	Burke, Dan	Eng	24	25	
Crt Writ Fiction (3)	Bryzgel, Penny	Eng	13	25	Poetry/Fiction/Fantasy
Hon. English 10 (4)	Bryzgel, Penny	Eng	17	25	
Hon. English 11 (4)	Bryzgel, Penny	Eng	13	30	
Hon. English 9 (4)	Beirn, Meghan	Eng	15	25	
SAT E Prep (1)	Bryzgel, Penny	Eng	30	30	15 Per Quarter

Course	Teacher	Dept.	Students	Max	Notes
Speech and Debate (3)	Martin, Janice	Eng	19	25	
Speech and Debate (3)	Martin, Janice	Eng	23	25	
Advanced Math (3)	Targonski, Stanley	Math	15	30	
Advanced Math (3)	Targonski, Stanley	Math	16	30	
Advanced Math (3)	Targonski, Stanley	Math	19	30	
Algebra 1 (3)	McNamee, Sarah	Math	20	25	
Algebra 1 (3)	McNamee, Sarah	Math	22	25	
Algebra 2 (3)	Sharp, Heather	Math	19	25	
Algebra 2 (3)	Sharp, Heather	Math	19	25	
Algebra 2 (3)	Sharp, Heather	Math	22	25	
Algebra 2 (3)	Sharp, Heather	Math	22	25	
Algebra A (2)	Muska, Teresa	Math	9	25	Special Ed/Reg Ed.
Algebra B (2)	McNamee, Sarah	Math	9	20	Special Ed/Reg Ed.
AP Calculus (4)	Targonski, Stanley	Math	13	25	
AP Statistics (4)	Targonski, Stanley	Math	11	25	
Calculus (4)	Mullaly, Nancy	Math	24	25	
Consumer Math (2)	Czyzniak, Diane	Math	16	30	
Disc. in Geometry (2)	Sharp, Heather	Math	10	25	
Elem. Functions (4)	Mullaly, Nancy	Math	22	30	
Elem. Functions (4)	Mullaly, Nancy	Math	15	30	
Elem. Functions (4)	Mullaly, Nancy	Math	15	30	
Fundamentals of Math (1)	Muska, Teresa	Math	3	8	Special Ed.
Geometry (3)	Czyzniak, Diane	Math	20	25	
Geometry (3)	Czyzniak, Diane	Math	24	25	
Geometry (3)	Czyzniak, Diane	Math	19	25	
Geometry (3)	Czyzniak, Diane	Math	25	25	
Hon. Algebra 2 (4)	McNamee, Sarah	Math	19	25	
Hon. Algebra 2 (4)	McNamee, Sarah	Math	25	25	
Honors Geometry (4)	Castro, Carla	Math	15	25	
Honors Geometry (4)	Castro, Carla	Math	17	25	
Honors Geometry (4)	Castro, Carla	Math	17	25	
SAT M Prep (1)	Castro, Carla	Math	30	30	15 Per Quarter
Statistics (3)	Mullaly, Nancy	Math	23	27	
Statistics (3)	Mullaly, Nancy	Math	21	27	
Trigonometry (3)	Castro, Carla	Math	13	25	Balance
Trigonometry (3)	Castro, Carla	Math	18	25	Balance
Trigonometry (3)	Castro, Carla	Math	23	25	Balance

Course	Teacher	Dept.	Students	Max	Notes
Band (2)	Campanelli, Anthony	Music	81	100	
Chorus (2)	Machacek, Joan	Music	35	75	
Jazz Choir (3)	Machacek, Joan	Music	5	25	
Landscape (2)	Campanelli, Anthony	Music	11	20	
Music Theory 1 (2)	Campanelli, Anthony	Music	5	20	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	25	30	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	21	30	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	25	30	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	25	30	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	24	30	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	25	30	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	21	30	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	22	30	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	22	30	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	23	30	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	20	30	
Health 3&4 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	21	30	
P.E. 1 (1)	Hanover, Robert	PE	24	27	
P.E. 1 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	16	27	
P.E. 1 (1)	Hanover, Robert	PE	24	27	
P.E. 1 (1)	Hanover, Robert	PE	17	27	
P.E. 1 (1)	Hanover, Robert	PE	19	27	
P.E. 1 (1)	Hanover, Robert	PE	21	27	
P.E. 1 (1)	Hanover, Robert	PE	25	27	
P.E. 1 (1)	Hanover, Robert	PE	26	27	
P.E. 1 (1)	Hanover, Robert	PE	25	27	
P.E. 1 (1)	Hanover, Robert	PE	25	27	
P.E. 1 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	21	27	
P.E. 1 (1)	Hanover, Robert	PE	20	27	
P.E. 2 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	30	30	
P.E. 2 (1)	Bley-Gowash, Tammy	PE	30	30	
Anatomy/Physiology (4)	Folger, James	Sci	12	24	Balance
Anatomy/Physiology (4)	Folger, James	Sci	23	24	Balance
AP Biology (4)	Legg, Karen	Sci	8	25	
AP Chemistry (4)	Suzor, Raymond	Sci	13	24	
Astronomy (3)	Folger, James	Sci	19	24	
Astronomy (3)	Folger, James	Sci	24	24	

Course	Teacher	Dept.	Students	Max	Notes
Biology (3)	Kelleher, Michelle	Sci	18	24	
Biology (3)	Legg, Karen	Sci	18	24	
Biology (3)	Legg, Karen	Sci	21	24	
Biology (3)	Kelleher, Michelle	Sci	21	24	
Biology (3)	Cavallo, Lora	Sci	24	24	
Biology (3)	Cormier, Susan	Sci	17	24	
Biology (3)	Cormier, Susan	Sci	17	24	
Biotechnology (2)	Cavallo, Lora	Sci	7	25	Running?
Botany (2)	Kelleher, Michelle	Sci	24	25	
Botany (2)	Kelleher, Michelle	Sci	17	25	
Botany (2)	Kelleher, Michelle	Sci	21	25	
Chemistry (3)	Cormier, Susan	Sci	19	25	Balance
Chemistry (3)	Cormier, Susan	Sci	21	25	Balance
Chemistry (3)	Cormier, Susan	Sci	10	25	Balance
Col. Physics (4)	Wilson, Richard	Sci	24	24	
Col. Physics (4)	Wilson, Richard	Sci	23	24	
Col. Physics (4)	Wilson, Richard	Sci	20	24	
Forensics Survey I (2)	Legg, Karen	Sci	22	25	
Forensics Survey I (2)	Legg, Karen	Sci	19	25	
Honors Chemistry (4)	Suzor, Raymond	Sci	18	24	
Honors Chemistry (4)	Wilson, Richard	Sci	21	24	
Honors Chemistry (4)	Suzor, Raymond	Sci	15	24	
Integrated Science (3)	Kelleher, Michelle	Sci	22	24	
Integrated Science (3)	Suzor, Raymond	Sci	24	24	
Integrated Science (3)	Folger, James	Sci	21	24	
Integrated Science (3)	Wilson, Richard	Sci	24	24	
Integrated Science (3)	Folger, James	Sci	19	24	
Integrated Science (3)	Folger, James	Sci	19	24	
Law and Science (2)	Legg, Karen	Sci	15	25	
Marine Science (2)	Legg, Karen	Sci	19	24	
Marine Science (2)	Legg, Karen	Sci	12	24	
Morning Meeting 1 (1)	Byrnes, Mike	SPED-Reg Ed	5	10	
Morning Meeting 1 (1)	Byrnes, Mike	SPED-Reg Ed	5	10	
Morning Meeting 2 (1)	Byrnes, Mike	SPED-Reg Ed	5	10	
Morning Meeting 2 (1)	Byrnes, Mike	SPED-Reg Ed	4	10	
Anc. History (3)	Drummey, Andrew	SS	19	25	
AP U.S. Hist 1 (4)	Goduti, Phil	SS	14	25	

Course	Teacher	Dept.	Students	Max	Notes
AP U.S. Hist 1 (4)	Goduti, Phil	SS	14	25	
AP U.S. Hist 1 (4)	Goduti, Phil	SS	15	25	
Current Affairs (2)	Drummey, Andrew	SS	25	25	
Med. History (3)	Drummey, Andrew	SS	10	25	
Philosophy (3)	Macaluso, Matt	SS	17	25	
Philosophy (3)	Macaluso, Matt	SS	16	25	
Psychology (3)	Angelica, Kristen	SS	25	25	
Psychology (3)	Dzicek, Marc	SS	22	25	
Psychology (3)	Macaluso, Matt	SS	25	25	
Psychology (3)	Dzicek, Marc	SS	21	25	
Sociology (3)	Angelica, Kristen	SS	23	25	
Trial Techniques (3)	Macaluso, Matt	SS	20	25	
US Hist./Civics 1 (3)	Angelica, Kristen	SS	25	25	
US Hist./Civics 1 (3)	Angelica, Kristen	SS	23	25	
US Hist./Civics 1 (3)	Goduti, Phil	SS	23	25	
US Hist./Civics 1 (3)	Macaluso, Matt	SS	25	25	
US Hist./Civics 1 (3)	Dzicek, Marc	SS	21	25	
US Hist./Civics 1 (3)	Dzicek, Marc	SS	25	25	
US Hist./Civics 2 (3)	Drummey, Andrew	SS	25	25	
US Hist./Civics 2 (3)	Drummey, Andrew	SS	23	25	
US Hist./Civics 2 (3)	Goduti, Phil	SS	25	25	
US Hist./Civics 2 (3)	Drummey, Andrew	SS	25	25	
World Between Wars (3)	Drummey, Andrew	SS	23	25	
World History (3)	Angelica, Kristen	SS	20	25	
World History (3)	Macaluso, Matt	SS	25	25	
World History (3)	Macaluso, Matt	SS	18	25	
World History (3)	Angelica, Kristen	SS	25	25	
World History (3)	Dzicek, Marc	SS	20	25	
World History (3)	Dzicek, Marc	SS	18	25	
Architectural Design (3)	Slater, Roy	Tech Ed	11	12	
Computer Animation (2)	Stone, Peter	Tech Ed	20	20	
Computer Art (2)	Stone, Peter	Tech Ed	20	20	
Current Affairs (2)	Stone, Peter	Tech Ed	23	25	
Current Affairs (2)	Stone, Peter	Tech Ed	25	25	
Digital Film and Photography (2)	Kosloski, Nicholas	Tech Ed	7	12	
Digital Film and Photography (2)	Kosloski, Nicholas	Tech Ed	12	12	
Digital Film and Photography (2)	Kosloski, Nicholas	Tech Ed	11	12	
Digital Film and Photography (2)	Kosloski, Nicholas	Tech Ed	12	12	

Course	Teacher	Dept.	Students	Max	Notes
Eng. Graph I w/Solidworks (2)	Kosloski, Nicholas	Tech Ed	12	12	
Eng. Graph I w/Solidworks (2)	Kosloski, Nicholas	Tech Ed	12	12	
Eng. Graph I w/Solidworks (2)	Kosloski, Nicholas	Tech Ed	10	12	
Eng. Graph II w/CAM (3)	Kosloski, Nicholas	Tech Ed	6	12	
Eng. Graph II w/CAM (3)	Kosloski, Nicholas	Tech Ed	8	12	
Food Service 1 (1)	Tracy, Lynn	Tech Ed	11	17	
Food Service 1 (1)	Tracy, Lynn	Tech Ed	17	17	
Food Service 2 (2)	Tracy, Lynn	Tech Ed	10	17	
Graphic Design I (3)	Slater, Roy	Tech Ed	14	14	
Graphic Design I (3)	Niziolek, Mike	Tech Ed	14	14	
Graphic Design I (3)	Slater, Roy	Tech Ed	14	14	
Graphic Design I (3)	Niziolek, Mike	Tech Ed	14	14	
Graphic Design I (3)	Slater, Roy	Tech Ed	14	14	
Graphic Design I (3)	Slater, Roy	Tech Ed	14	14	
Graphic Design I (3)	Kosloski, Nicholas	Tech Ed	14	14	
Graphic Design II (3)	Niziolek, Mike	Tech Ed	7	14	
Graphic Design II (3)	Niziolek, Mike	Tech Ed	12	14	
Graphic Design II (3)	Niziolek, Mike	Tech Ed	8	14	
Graphic Design III (3)	Niziolek, Mike	Tech Ed	9	12	
Manufacturing I (2)	Niziolek, Mike	Tech Ed	12	12	
Manufacturing I (2)	Niziolek, Mike	Tech Ed	12	12	
Manufacturing II (2)	Niziolek, Mike	Tech Ed	12	12	
Manufacturing III (3)	Niziolek, Mike	Tech Ed	8	12	
Res. and Dev. (4)	Slater, Roy	Tech Ed	14	14	
World of Technology (2)	Slater, Roy	Tech Ed	14	14	
World of Technology (2)	Slater, Roy	Tech Ed	12	14	
World of Technology (2)	Slater, Roy	Tech Ed	13	14	
French 1B (1)	Bray, Rachel	WL	19	25	
French 2 (2)	Gustafson, Cheryl	WL	14	25	
French 2 (2)	Gustafson, Cheryl	WL	15	25	
French 2 (2)	Gustafson, Cheryl	WL	25	25	
French 3 (3)	Bray, Rachel	WL	19	25	
French 3 (3)	Bray, Rachel	WL	23	25	
French 4 (4)	Gustafson, Cheryl	WL	24	30	
French 5 (4)	Gustafson, Cheryl	WL	7	30	
Spanish 1A (1)	Dunn, Ines	WL	7	30	#s will increase
Spanish 1B (1)	Bray, Rachel	WL	10	25	
Spanish 1B (1)	Bray, Rachel	WL	15	25	

Course	Teacher	Dept.	Students	Max	Notes
Spanish 2 (2)	Mezger, Carlos	WL	18	25	
Spanish 2 (2)	Mezger, Carlos	WL	23	25	
Spanish 2 (2)	Mezger, Carlos	WL	24	25	
Spanish 3 (3)	Dunn, Ines	WL	20	30	
Spanish 3 (3)	Dunn, Ines	WL	17	30	
Spanish 3 (3)	Dunn, Ines	WL	13	30	
Spanish 4 (4)	Mezger, Carlos	WL	17	25	
Spanish 4 (4)	Mezger, Carlos	WL	15	25	
Spanish 5 (4)	Dunn, Ines	WL	7	30	

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – March 28, 2011

Members Present: D.Palmer, J.Formeister, R.Lees, S. Bollinger (arrived at 7:19 p.m.), A.Kirkpatrick, B.Devlin, J.Taylor, M.Marquardt, T.Potrikus (attended the BOF meeting prior to the BOE meeting and arrived at 8:27)

Members Absent:

Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, P.Collin, K.Pezza, G.Cotzin, R.Kapner, R.Riola, B.Boutwell (attended the BOF meeting prior to the BOE meeting and arrived at 8:40 p.m.)

Staff Present: J.Carra

Citizens Present: M.Splain

Students Present: A.Geas, C.Vesce, E.Goodenow, A.Baumann, J.Colon, T.Mathewson, M.Gentile, J.Haynes

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 Board of Education meeting room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 14, 2011

March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to approve the March 14, 2011 Board of Education regular meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 7-0

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS – No Comments

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Palmer reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- A copy of a thank you letter from the Antonacci Family and Lindy Farms that was sent to Mark Maciolek and his sixth grade language arts class.
- A letter from Heidi and Martin Green regarding the non-renewal notices that were sent to teachers.
- An invitation from the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School SAVE Club to attend the King Arthur bread baking assembly on April 1st.
- Correspondence regarding scheduling negotiations with the bargaining units with contracts that are up for renewal.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Bills 3/28/11 – (\$264,985.95)

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (J.Taylor) to approve the 3/28/11 Bills in the amount of \$264,985.95 as presented. PASSED 7-0

7.2 Retirement/Resignation Notifications: (N.Mullaly, SHS Math/ C.Liucci, SHS Art/ J.Jaquith, BOE Recording Secretary

7.2.1 Retirement Notification (N.Mullaly – Somers High School Math Teacher

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Taylor) to accept, with regret, the intent to retire notification received from Nancy Mullaly effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. PASSED 7-0

7.2.2 Retirement Notification (C.Liucci – Somers High School Art Teacher

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Taylor) to accept, with regret, the intent to retire notification received from Carol Liucci effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. PASSED 7-0

7.2.3 Resignation – Board of Education Recording Secretary (J.Jaquith)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Taylor) to accept, with regret, the resignation from the position of Board of Education Recording Secretary received from Joan Jaquith effective June 30, 2011. PASSED 7-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Nonrenewal Notices

Due to funding uncertainty. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maynard M. Suffredini made the following recommendation for the following reasons, any one or all of which he considers to be a sufficient basis for the recommended action:(1) The elimination of the position or loss of position to another teacher; or (2) the failure to meet our minimum standards for continued employment.

In my capacity as Superintendent of Schools, I recommend that the Board of Education non-renew the teaching contracts of Kristin BaberRachel Bray, Kristina Carnevale, Jennifer Carra, Lora Cavallo, Daniel Clement, Amy Cunningham, Paul Dailey, Kimberly Doran, Marina Gates, Caitlin Heintz, Kelly Kimball, Nicholas Kosloski, Sarah McNamee, Melissa Mucci, Theresa Muska, Loretta Nelson, Maria Peterson, Stephanie Poole, Karen Regan, Aliicia Santavenere, Erin Scholes, Jaclynn Shea, Alicia Simoes, Brianna Stronk, Michael Szafir, Stanley Targonski, Joseph Tarpinian, Stephanie Toney, Sharon Yarrow at the end of the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, and that the Board authorize me to furnish written notice of the action. I also recommend that I be authorized and instructed to communicate notice of this action in writing to the affected teachers and to respond for the Board to any appropriate requests that may be forthcoming from each teacher or his/her representatives as provided in the Teacher Tenure Law.

Dr. Suffredini informed the Board that each teacher previously stated has been advised that he intended to make this recommendation. Each teacher has the right under Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151 to request the reasons for the board's action to non-renew his/her contract of employment. Further, depending upon those reasons, each teacher may be entitled to a due-process hearing to seek reconsideration of the board's decision to non-renew the contract of employment.

It was MOVED (J.Formeister) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to non-renew the teaching contracts of Kristin BaberRachel Bray, Kristina Carnevale, Jennifer Carra, Lora Cavallo, Daniel Clement, Amy Cunningham, Paul Dailey, Kimberly Doran, Marina Gates, Caitlin Heintz, Kelly Kimball, Nicholas Kosloski, Sarah

McNamee, Melissa Mucci, Theresa Muska, Loretta Nelson, Maria Peterson, Stephanie Poole, Karen Regan, Alicia Santavenere, Erin Scholes, Jaclynn Shea, Alicia Simoes, Brianna Stronk, Michael Szafir, Stanley Targonski, Joseph Tarpinian, Stephanie Toney, Sharon Yarrows at the end of the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, and to authorize the Superintendent to furnish written notice of the action.

It was further moved to authorize and instruct the Superintendent to communicate notice of this action in writing to the affected teachers and to respond for the Board to any appropriate requests that may be forthcoming from each teacher or his/her representatives as provided in the Teacher Tenure Law. PASSED 7-0

Notifications of nonrenewal are required to be distributed by April 1st.

8.2 Request for Child-Rearing Leave (S.Lyver)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (R.Lees) to approve the maternity and child-rearing leave requested by S.Lyver beginning the start of the 2011-2012 school year through the start of the fourth quarter in April of 2012. PASSED 7-0

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Regionalization

The Long-Range Plan Committee will start gathering and reviewing information regarding regionalization. Chairman Palmer suggested that the Board discuss this topic again in May and again at the Board's annual retreat. Dr. Suffredini is requesting information from the State Department of Education and CREC regarding the process.

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 SHS Scheduling/Class Size

Somers High School Principal, Gary Cotzin presented the Board with the most current report on course scheduling and class sizes for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Cotzin explained the scheduling process. Mr. Cotzin stated that the schedule would continue to be fine tuned to meet the needs of the students. The schedule and class sizes will be impacted if there are staffing cuts.

10.2 Dr. Suffredini reported that Director of Business Services, B.Boutwell, would be speaking to the Board of Finance this evening about supplemental funding from the town for snow removal.

10.3 Dr. Suffredini reported he received documentation from Ovation in regards to the cost savings we received from our health care provider, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. This information was sent to the Board of Finance.

10.4 Dr. Suffredini reported that Central Office has received sixteen Freedom of Information requests from Mr. George Schober. In addition, Mr. Schober has filed three formal complaints to the FOI Commission and one Intent to Sue against the Somers Public Schools. In addition, several special education hearings and two transportation hearings have been held. Responding to these requests and complaints has cost the district approximately \$40,000-\$45,000.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

11.1 Budget

11.1.1 Dr. Suffredini reported that he has met with the Administrative Council to discuss areas where cuts could be made, if needed.

S.Bollinger raised the question about exploring alternative funding sources. Several options were discussed.

It was the consensus of the Board to add a “Frequently Asked Questions” link to the district’s web page as a way to inform the public about the budget process; the purpose of various town meetings and hearings; and to respond to questions regarding action taken by the Board of Education. Board members will forward their “Questions and Answers” to Dr. Suffredini’s Administrative Assistant, Susan Selley.

Upon his return from the Board of Finance meeting, T.Potrikus reported that the Board of Finance cut the Board of Education’s proposed 2011-2012 level-funded budget by \$75,000.

11.2 Curriculum – No report

12.3 Policy – The Policy Committee will meet on March 31st at 6:00 p.m.

12.4 Salary & Negotiations

Notice has been received from the State Department of Labor regarding scheduling negotiations with the nurse’s union and the custodial union.

12.5 Planning Committee

12.6 Other Committees

12.6.1 Technology Ad Hoc Committee

Director of Technology, Jim Morrow will coordinate staff tech committee. This committee will work along with the BOE Technology Committee.

13.0 OTHER

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:40 p.m. PASSED 9-0

Respectfully submitted,

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

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