

BOE Meeting Template

Monday, November 14, 2011 6:45 PM

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

1. SWEARING IN OF BOE MEMBERS
Ann Marie Logan, Town Clerk will be in the MBA Board Room at 6:45 p.m. to swear in the new board members prior to the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m..
2. CALL TO ORDER
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2
5. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS
 1. Recognition and Appreciation of BOE Members (M. Marquardt & T. Potrikus)
 2. Curriculum Presentations - Art/Music/Business 5
Kathleen Pezza, Director of Curriculum will do PowerPoint presentations on the Art, Music, and Business curricula. She will be available to answer any questions board members may have.
6. CORRESPONDENCE
7. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS
8. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Approval of Bills 19
 2. Request for Child-Rearing Leave (M. Beirn) 24
M. Beirn, SHS English teacher is requesting a child-rearing leave from approximately 4/24/12 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year following her maternity leave.
9. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Ratification of A.F.S.C.M.E. Contract
 2. Reconsideration of February 2012 Vacation
Due to the recent impact by the late October snowstorm which caused cancellation of school for one week, the superintendent is recommending the board vote to withdraw the February 2012 vacation and require a regular school schedule that week excluding Monday, 2/20/12 which is President's Day.
10. OLD BUSINESS
11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
 1. Transportation Update
Bill Boutwell will give a verbal report to the board regarding transportation services in Somers.
12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 1. Budget
 2. Curriculum
 3. Policy
 4. Salary & Negotiations
 5. Planning
 6. Other Committees
13. OTHER
14. ADJOURNMENT 25

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 Vision Boulevard

Somers, CT 06071

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – October 24, 2011

Members Present: D.Palmer, R.Lees, S.Bollinger, M.Cicciarella, B.Devlin, J.Formeister (arrived at 8:11 p.m.), T.Potrikus (attended the BOF meeting and arrived at 7:17 p.m.), A.Kirkpatrick (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), M.Marquardt (arrived at 7:01 p.m.)

Members Absent:

Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, B.Bunnell, K.Pezza, B.Boutwell (attended the BOF meeting and arrived at 7:17 p.m.), S.Muirhead, R.Kapner, R.Riola, G.Cotzin, J.Oliver (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), J.Morrow

Staff Present:

Citizens Present: R.Stone, D.Pinney, G.Crandall

Students Present: C.Maheux, K.McEwen, M.Grimes, T.Berube, A.Caraballo, K.Ricci, B.Keeney, R.DeAdder, Z.Szymko, N.Zachary, R.Nason, T.Raulukeitis, P.Chusid, T.Donovan, M.Marsters

Others:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 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 October 11, 2011 Meeting – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (R.Lees) to approve the October 11, 2011 Board of Education meeting minutes. PASSED 5-0

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

4.1 Building Goals Presentation

Dr. Suffredini stated that the administration from each school, along with the Director of Curriculum Ms. Pezza, the Director of Pupil Services Ms. Bunnell, and the Director of Technology and Information Services Mr. Morrow, would present their Building and Department Goals for the 2011-2012 school year.

Somers Elementary School's building goal for the 2011-2012 school year is the improvement of classroom performance on formative and summative assessments as well as performance on the Connecticut Mastery Test. CMT test scores indicate a need to improve students' performance in the area of reading. Action plans have been developed and are being implemented. Progress is being monitored by the building administrators, the Director of Curriculum and the Superintendent.

Mabelle B. Avery Middle School has two building goals for the 2011-2012 school year. Goal one is to improve target strand 3 of the Reading CMT known as reader/text connections for all grade levels. The second building goal is the improvement of target strands 15 and 16 of

the Math CMT known as customary and metric measurement. Action plans have been developed and are being implemented in listed areas.

Somers High School's building goal for the 2011-2012 school year is to improve academic performance across all content areas as measured by national, state, and departmental assessments. Each department has identified where there is a need for improvement and has developed goals and action plans to improve student performance in these areas.

The 2011-2012 goal for Technology and Information Services is to complete and successfully submit the SDE required three-year technology plan.

There are two Pupil Services department goals for 2011-2012. The first goal is to work with elementary administrators and preschool staff for the purpose of obtaining National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) re-accreditation. The second goal is to solidify sound practices surrounding transition planning and services.

There are two Curriculum department goals for 2011-2012. The first is the transition of the Mathematics and English-Language Arts curricula to the Common Core State Standards. The second goal is to support the roll out of the new anti-bullying regulations through the development of curricula and the provision of professional development.

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

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

- Chairman Palmer received an FOI request from Attorney O'Grady.
- Chairman Palmer also noted receiving the new BOE convention package.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Bills 10/24/2011 (\$86,859.76)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to approve the 10/24/11 Bills in the amount of \$86,859.76 as presented. PASSED 8-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Ratification of the U.F.C.W.U. Contract

The negotiations with the custodian's union have reached a tentative agreement and Dr. Suffredini noted that the contract was ratified by their membership last week.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to approve the ratification of the U.F.C.W.U. contract as presented. PASSED 7-0 (T.Potrikus abstains)

9.0 OLD BUSINESS - None

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Somers High School Senior Exit Survey

G.Cotzin, Somers High School Principal, presented comparative data from the exit survey that was completed by the 2010 graduating class. Mr. Cotzin noted the areas of improvement being: student safety within SHS, less students feeling bullied and/or harassed, student respect for each other increasing, perception of alcohol use decreasing, and student perception on drug issues decreasing immensely. Areas of decline include

academic dishonesty as this concern is being addressed via advisory, increased monitoring and parental communication.

Overall results reflect little change. Students seem very satisfied with their education, co-curricular activities and school environment.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

11.1 Budget – No Report

11.2 Curriculum – No Report

11.3 Policy

The Policy Committee has a meeting on Monday, November 7th at 7 p.m.

11.4 Salary & Negotiations

Mediation with the Nurse’s Union will start on Tuesday, November 8th at 5 p.m.

11.5 Planning Committee

The Planning Committee met at 6:00pm tonight to discuss the Long-Range Plan. The Long-Range Plan will be presented at the next meeting.

11.6 Other Committees

Technology Ad Hoc Committee – No Report

12.0 OTHER

Chairman Palmer noted that an election is coming up and members T.Potrikus and M.Marquardt will be leaving the Board. T.Potrikus thanked the Board as he served on it for eight years. Chairman Palmer thanked both T.Potrikus and M.Marquardt for their contribution of service serving on the Board and invited them to come down for cake and coffee after the election takes place and new members are sworn in.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (T.Potrikus) SECONDED (M.Marquardt) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:19 p.m. PASSED 9-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary

Leah Cook, Recording Secretary

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

Art



Art at Somers Elementary

- Students in Grades K-5 have the opportunity to learn about Art for one hour, once each six day cycle.
- Art instruction at this level involves learning the basics about the elements and principles of design as well as foundational skills in a variety of media.
- Art teachers integrate reading, social studies, science and mathematics into the art curriculum to help reinforce concepts learned in the grade level curricula.



Art at Mabelle Avery

- Students at the middle school have art every day for one trimester each year.
- Art instruction at the middle school reinforces their understanding of the elements and principles of design through the use of more complex media.
- Students at the middle school are in the midst of setting up an Art Club and an Anime Club to continue the study and work in the area of Art.

Art at Somers High

- Students at the high school can pick from a variety of course offerings including:
 - Introduction to Art
 - Ceramics I and II
 - Drawing and Painting I and II
 - Sculpture I and II
 - Computer Animation
 - Computer Art
 - Advanced Portfolio
 - Honors Art



Art at Somers High

- Students who are looking to pursue a career in the art field have the opportunity to specialize in 2-D or 3-D art and prepare a portfolio for application to a post-secondary art school.
- Some students exceed the current list of art offerings by taking independent study courses that allow them to hone their abilities in a particular area of art.
- The Art Department is currently considering a revision of their course sequence to make an AP Art option possible.

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Business

Business Courses at SHS

- The Business program at the high school is a series of nine courses covering areas such as Accounting, Business Law, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Computer Applications and Personal Finance.
- Student have the opportunity to take business courses in each of their four years at the high school.
- Students who take at least two courses in a sequence, for example, Accounting I and II, have the opportunity to take the NOCTI.



College Credit for Business Courses

- **Students who successfully complete Accounting II and Integrated Computer Applications qualify for college credit through the College Career Pathways program.**
- **Credit for Business courses at Somers High School is granted through Asnuntuck Community College.**



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Music

The Music Program at SES

- Students at SES participate in a general music program in grades K-5.
- Music classes meet for thirty minutes, twice each six day cycle.
- Students at this age learn basic rhythm, pitch, tempo and musical notation through both vocal and instrumental instruction.

The Music Program at SES

- Students in fourth and fifth grade have the opportunity to participate in an instrumental band program as well as a chorus program.
- Rehearsals for both programs happen after school, while instrumental lessons take place during the school day.
- Each group performs at the Winter and Spring Concerts as well as at various school assemblies throughout the year.

The Music Program at MBA and SHS

- Students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to take either Band or Chorus as an elective.
- Students in the instrumental music program also have the opportunity to participate in the marching band.
- Students at this level learn to perform more complex musical pieces, either vocally or instrumentally.

The Music Program at MBA

- Music students at MBA perform in a winter and spring concert, and a 7th/8th grade Mid-winter concert at MBA each March.
- The students in the vocal music program also perform at area nursing homes during the holiday season.
- Students in grade 6 have the opportunity to participate in instrumental lessons in small groups to build their proficiency.

The Music Program at SHS

- In addition to Band and Chorus, students at the High School can also take Music Theory and/or participate in Jazz Choir.
- Music students at the High School perform in both a winter and spring concert as well as a Pops concert each fall.
- SHS students also have the opportunity to compete for awards and positions in regional and state Bands/Choirs.

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 14459

Check Batch: 5204
 Check Header: (N / A)
 Check Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Check Dates: (Earliest) - (Latest)
 Cash Account Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Bank Account Code: (N/A)
 Check Authorization Code: AP GB
 Minimum Check Amount: \$0.00
 Sorted By:
 Include Payable Information: No
 Include Payable Dist Information: No
 Include Authorization Information: Yes

Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
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Approved by:  Date: 11/9/11
 William B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services

5204	3655	11/14/2011	V60015	Advanced Corporated Networking, Inc.	0.00	7,935.00
	3656	11/14/2011	V52670	Amazon	0.00	849.29
	3658	11/14/2011	V60041	Anthem BCBS	0.00	211,862.49
	3659	11/14/2011	V60040	Anthem Life Insurance Company	0.00	2,214.56
	3660	11/14/2011	V60362	Booksource Inc., The	0.00	503.81
	3661	11/14/2011	V60187	Brodhead-Garrett Co.	0.00	229.89
	3662	11/14/2011	E00030	Brown, Debra	0.00	200.00
	3663	11/14/2011	E00034	Bunnell, Brandy	0.00	40.71
	3664	11/14/2011	V00159	Connecticut Light & Power	0.00	7,746.11
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	3666	11/14/2011	V60119	Cooperative Educational Services	0.00	98.00
	3667	11/14/2011	V60205	CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Inc.	0.00	74.00
	3668	11/14/2011	V00204	CREC	0.00	10,412.44
	3669	11/14/2011	V60550	Devereux Glenholme	0.00	10,550.50
	3670	11/14/2011	V60089	Dime Oil Company	0.00	1,307.25
	3671	11/14/2011	V00242	Dinn Brothers, Inc.	0.00	118.25
	3672	11/14/2011	E00096	Duffy, Margaret	0.00	27.75
	3673	11/14/2011	V02309	ETA/Cuisenaire	0.00	78.29
	3674	11/14/2011	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	865.07
	3675	11/14/2011	V00314	Follett Library Resources	0.00	104.22

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	3679	11/14/2011	E00129	Gustafson, Cheryl	0.00	49.95
	3680	11/14/2011	V21177	Home Depot CRC	0.00	149.91
	3681	11/14/2011	V54063	HSABank	0.00	2.50
	3682	11/14/2011	V52848	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	0.00	7,055.40
	3683	11/14/2011	V00438	Journal Publishing Co.	0.00	117.62
	3684	11/14/2011	V02898	MagnaKleen Services	0.00	325.50
	3685	11/14/2011	E00234	Morrow, Jim	0.00	133.20
	3686	11/14/2011	V60102	Novel Tees	0.00	124.16
	3687	11/14/2011	E00247	Oliver, Jennifer	0.00	265.05
	3688	11/14/2011	V60186	PC Mall Gov	0.00	298.99
	3689	11/14/2011	V00206	NCS Pearson, Inc.	0.00	916.92
	3690	11/14/2011	V60568	Pediatric Services of America Inc	0.00	990.00
	3691	11/14/2011	V00978	Resources for Educators	0.00	217.00
	3692	11/14/2011	E00288	Roberts, Steven	0.00	37.21
	3693	11/14/2011	V51385	Rockwell Communications	0.00	1,029.85
	3694	11/14/2011	E00362	Scholes, Erin	0.00	209.97
	3695	11/14/2011	V01292	School Specialty, Inc.	0.00	86.29
	3696	11/14/2011	V53661	Scott's Sports Supplies	0.00	99.98
	3697	11/14/2011	V00886	Somers Lunch Program	0.00	10.50
	3698	11/14/2011	V60585	SP Controls, Inc.	0.00	94.00
	3699	11/14/2011	V60370	Sue's Shirt Creations, LLC	0.00	138.25
	3700	11/14/2011	V60593	Super Warehouse Business Products, Inc	0.00	292.99
	3701	11/14/2011	V53945	Transcanda Power Marketing LTD	0.00	12,752.55
	3702	11/14/2011	V60595	TTR Shipping	0.00	309.75
	3703	11/14/2011	V53987	U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance, Inc	0.00	1,663.67
	3704	11/14/2011	V00766	Valley Communications Systems, Inc.	0.00	417.00
	3705	11/14/2011	V54059	Verizon Wireless	0.00	483.99
	3706	11/14/2011	V53413	W. B. Mason	0.00	14.74
	3707	11/14/2011	E00342	Walker, Alan	0.00	289.19
	3708	11/14/2011	V60304	Wheeler Clinic	0.00	5,676.30
Totals:					0.00	\$292,009.44

53 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 14458
Batch: 5181
Transaction: N/A
Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
5181	\$292,009.44	Posted	lbergamini	11/07/2011	lbergamini	11/09/2011

General Ledger Distribution Summary						
Period, Fiscal Year	Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits
November, 2012						
Generated Distributions						
	10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			286,633.58	0.00
	10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-00000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	286,633.58
		Total Generated Distributions			\$286,633.58	\$286,633.58
User-Entered Distributions						
	10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	292,009.44
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	10-100-2-2-18-243-611-01-5-00238	K-5 - MATH WORKBOOKS			916.92	0.00
	10-100-2-2-26-220-641-01-5-00105	K-5 - LANGUAGE ARTS TEXTBOOK			503.81	0.00
	10-100-2-3-02-220-641-01-5-01641	SW - ART TEXTBOOKS			715.99	0.00
	10-100-2-3-12-242-611-01-5-00182	MA - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			200.83	0.00
	10-100-2-3-20-220-641-01-5-01579	SW - MUSIC			1,700.00	0.00
	10-100-2-4-12-242-611-01-5-00183	HS - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			229.89	0.00
	10-100-2-4-18-242-611-01-5-00191	HS - MATH SUPPLIES			78.29	0.00
	10-100-2-4-20-242-611-01-5-00168	HS - BAND SUPPLIES			442.10	0.00
	10-100-2-4-40-220-641-01-5-01068	HS - REPLACEMENT TEXTS			97.72	0.00
	10-100-2-4-48-242-611-01-5-00721	HS - HEALTH ED SUPPLIES			52.15	0.00
	10-100-2-4-66-730-730-01-5-00616	HS - TECH ED REPLACEMENT			323.28	0.00
	10-100-2-5-48-220-641-01-5-00966	SW - HEALTH TEXT			149.91	0.00
	10-120-9-9-98-241-611-01-5-00160	SP ED - GENERAL SUPPLIES			14.74	0.00
	10-120-9-9-98-251-580-05-5-00273	SP ED - DIRECTOR'S TRAVEL			40.71	0.00
	10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01142	SPED - CONSULTANT FEES		Yes	562.44	0.00
	10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01674	SP ED - CONTRACTED SERVICES			990.00	0.00
	10-212-2-3-46-242-611-02-5-00224	MA - GUIDANCE INSTRUCT. SUPPLY			217.00	0.00
	10-212-2-4-46-242-611-02-5-00178	HS - GUIDANCE SUPPLY			37.21	0.00
	10-219-1-5-50-134-690-05-5-00875	SW - PROF DEVELOPMENT SUPPLIES			9.97	0.00
	10-221-1-2-50-251-580-05-5-00259	K-5 - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			265.05	0.00
	10-221-1-3-50-251-580-05-5-00263	MA - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			200.00	0.00
	10-221-1-4-50-251-580-05-5-00267	HS - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			77.70	0.00
	10-221-2-5-50-214-111-05-5-00659	SW - PROF DEVELOPMENT/CEU			200.00	0.00
	10-222-2-4-52-231-590-03-5-00135	HS - REBINDING			104.22	0.00

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		HS - A.V. MATERIALS			18.39	0.00
		10-231-1-5-74-134-330-10-5-00045 B.O.E. - OTHER PROF. SERVICES		Yes	74.00	0.00
		10-231-1-5-74-134-590-10-5-00049 B.O.E. - PRINTING			118.25	0.00
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		10-240-6-4-66-830-440-04-5-00763 HS - COPIER RENTAL			518.92	0.00
		10-240-6-4-66-830-440-04-5-01014 HS - COPIER SUPPLIES			292.99	0.00
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		10-260-5-4-12-722-430-01-5-00395 HS - TECHNOLOGY ED MAINTENANCE			335.35	0.00
		10-260-5-4-64-642-530-04-5-00366 HS - TELEPHONE			103.73	0.00
		10-260-5-5-64-642-530-04-5-00367 CO - TELEPHONE		Yes	231.69	0.00
		10-260-5-6-44-722-430-03-5-00404 SW - A.V. MAINTENANCE			1,029.85	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-650-613-05-5-00377 SW - CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES			325.50	0.00
		10-260-5-6-62-722-430-01-5-01077 SW - COMPUTER MAINTENANCE			94.00	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-630-620-05-5-00357 MAINTENANCE - FUEL #2			678.11	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00358 K-5 - ELECTRICITY			3,577.88	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00360 MA - ELECTRICITY			6,332.23	0.00
		10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00361 HS - ELECTRICITY			10,588.55	0.00
		10-260-6-9-62-722-590-08-5-00453 SW - SOFTWARE MAINT CONTRACTS		Yes	7,935.00	0.00
		10-270-4-5-84-521-510-12-5-00328 ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION		Yes	865.07	0.00
		10-279-4-5-84-722-627-12-5-00341 SW - GASOLINE SCHOOL VEHICLES		Yes	629.14	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00509 SW - FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCT		Yes	144.30	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00510 DENTAL			11,767.17	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00512 LIFE AND AD&D INSURANCE		Yes	2,214.56	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01185 SW - HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORG.			54,281.30	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01186 SW - PREFERRED PROVIDER ORG.			142,947.38	0.00
		10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01228 SW - HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT			2,869.14	0.00
		10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00595 HS - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES			651.58	0.00
		10-613-9-9-88-955-561-14-5-00622 SPED - CREC RIVER STREET			9,523.20	0.00
		10-613-9-9-88-955-561-14-5-00673 SP ED - TUITION			23,282.20	0.00
Total User-Entered Distributions					\$292,009.44	\$292,009.44

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
5181	\$292,009.44	Posted	lbergamini	11/07/2011	lbergamini	11/09/2011
Total for November, 2012					\$578,643.02	\$578,643.02
Grand Total for Batch # 5181					<u>\$578,643.02</u>	<u>\$578,643.02</u>

184 Transactions Listed.

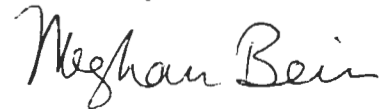
October 24, 2011

Dear Board of Education Members and Dr. Suffredini,

I am writing to request maternity leave during this school year 2011-2012. My projected due date is March 13, 2012. I intend to work through March and start my six (6) weeks of paid maternity leave on March 13, 2012 and ending on April 24, 2012. Additionally, I intend to take unpaid child rearing leave through the end of the 2011-2012 school year. I anticipate returning to the high school for the start of the new school year, August 2012.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meghan Beirn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Meghan B. Beirn
English Teacher
Somers High School

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – November 14, 2011

Members Present: D.Palmer, R.Lees, M.Cicciarella, B.Devlin, J.Formeister, A.Kirkpatrick, S.Bollinger (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), M.Maniscalco, D.Pinney

Members Absent:

Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, B.Bunnell, K.Pezza, B.Boutwell

Staff Present:

Citizens Present: R.Stone, C.Manning, T.Potrikus, L.Potrikus, J.Griger, M.Marquardt

Students Present:

Others:

1.0 SWEARING IN OF BOE MEMBERS

Somers Town Clerk, Ann Marie Logan, swore in new board members Mark Maniscalco and David Pinney at 6:45 p.m. in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

2.0 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.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 24, 2011 Meeting – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to approve the October 24, 2011 Board of Education meeting minutes. PASSED 6-0 (M.Maniscalco and D.Pinney abstain)

5.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

Citizens C.Manning and J.Griger addressed the Board showing their support towards Dr. Suffredini's recommendation of withdrawing February 2012 vacation.

5.1 Recognition and Appreciation of BOE Members

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Palmer recognized departing members M.Marquardt and T.Potrikus sincerely thanking them for their time served. Chairman Palmer presented cookies and coffee as a celebration and a five minute break was taken. Both members received plaques on behalf of the BOE. Dr. Suffredini also thanked M.Marquardt and T.Potrikus for their dedication and commitment to the district and community.

5.2 Curriculum Presentations – Art, Business, and Music

Director of Curriculum, K.Pezza, focused her presentation on areas of art, music, and business at Somers Elementary, Mabelle B. Avery, and Somers High.

Art at Somers Elementary takes place for one hour once each six-day cycle and emphasis is on the integration of art with social studies, reading, science and mathematics. Art classes at Mabelle B. Avery occur daily for one trimester each year by grade. Art at Somers High focuses on independent courses in order to further develop technique and specialization. The

art department at Somers High is currently reconsidering a revision of their course sequence to make AP Art an available option.

The business program at Somers High is a series of nine courses covering areas such as Accounting, Marketing, Business Law, Computer Applications, Personal Finance, and Entrepreneurship. Students who successfully complete Accounting II and Integrated Computer Applications qualify for college credit through the College Career Pathways program and credit is granted at Asnuntuck Community College.

The music program at Somers Elementary meets for thirty minutes twice per six day cycle as students K-5 learn basic rhythm, tempo, pitch, and musical notation through both vocal and instrumental instruction. Students in fourth and fifth grade have the opportunity to participate in the band or chorus programs. At Mabelle B. Avery and Somers High, students learn to perform more complex musical pieces, either vocally or instrumentally. Students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to take either Band or Chorus as electives. At Somers High, students can also take Music Theory and/or participate in Jazz Choir in addition to Band and Chorus.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

- Chairman Palmer received an email from a constituent regarding field maintenance.
- Dr. Suffredini received a letter from Jerry Stevens, present of CTEA (Connecticut Technology Education Association) stating that Somers High School Technology Education and Engineering program was selected as the 2012 Connecticut Technology Education High School Program of the Year. Somers High Technology Education and Engineering program will be presented and honored by the International Technology and Engineering Education Association (ITEEA) at their international conference in Long Beach, California on March 15, 2012. It will also be presented and recognized at the annual CTEA conference held at Central Connecticut State University on May 17, 2012.

Dr. Suffredini commended the Somers High Technology Education and Engineering program for their hard work and dedication, being quite an honor to be recognized and pronounced a “model program” by CTEA.

7.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Approval of Bills 11/14/2011 (\$292,009.44)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to approve the 11/14/11 Bills in the amount of \$292,009.44 as presented. PASSED 9-0

8.2 Request for Child-Rearing Leave (M. Beirn)

M. Beirn, a Somers High School English teacher, is requesting a child-rearing leave from approximately April 24, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year following her maternity leave.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to approve Somers High English teacher M. Beirn’s request for child-rearing leave as presented. PASSED 9-0

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Ratification of the A.F.S.C.M.E. Contract

The negotiation with the nurses’ union has reached a tentative agreement after mediation

took place last Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (M.Cicciarella) to approve the ratification of the A.F.S.C.M.E. contract as presented. PASSED 8-0 (M.Maniscalco abstains)

9.2 Reconsideration of February 2012 Vacation

Due to the recent impact by the late October winter storm that caused school cancellation for one week, the Superintendent recommended the Board vote to withdraw the February 2012 vacation and require a four-day school schedule that week, excluding Monday, February 20, 2012, which is President's day. The fifth make-up day will be added so that schools close on June 15, 2012 instead of the current end date of June 14, 2012. Dr. Suffredini expressed concern with winter weather patterns and relying on the last week of June as a buffer to make up any future days. He also expressed the district's open-minded flexibility with families and students regarding this withdrawal of vacation.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (D.Pinney) to approve Dr. Suffredini's recommendation to withdraw the February 2012 vacation and require a regular school schedule that week excluding President's Day on 2/20/12 as presented. PASSED 8-0 (J.Formeister abstains)

10.0 OLD BUSINESS - None

11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.1 Transportation Update

Director of Business Services, B.Boutwell, updated the Board on the number of buses currently being used to transport students and the ridership numbers for each bus run, including out-of-district transportation. He also noted a conversation with CREC regarding a First Student bus company transport bid.

Bus evacuation drills were postponed due to winter storm weather but rescheduling will take place. Thus far in the school year, no bus stop requests have been received.

12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

12.1 Budget – A timeline will be published at a future date regarding drafting a budget for the 2012-2013 school year.

12.2 Curriculum – No Report

12.3 Policy

The Policy Committee met on Monday, November 14 and a large bundle of polices per CABA will be coming at their next meeting.

12.4 Salary & Negotiations

SESA will be the next contract focused on for salary and negotiations.

12.5 Planning Committee

The Planning Committee will vote on the Long-Range Plan next meeting.

11.6 Other Committees

Technology Ad Hoc Committee – No Report

13.0 OTHER

Chairman Palmer noted that Board officers will be elected next meeting as well as future committee assignments. Chairman Palmer also noted new board member orientation is available on December 6th and to contact Su Selley regarding further information and attendance.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (D.Pinney) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:52 p.m. PASSED 9-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary
Leah Cook, Recording Secretary

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