

**BOE Meeting Template**  
**Monday, March 26, 2012 7:00 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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4. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS
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6. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS
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  - 1. Approval of Bills 5
  - 2. Somers Wrestling Donation 11  
The Somers Youth Wrestling organization has made a donation of \$2,000.00 to the SHS wrestling team to cover some partial travel costs for this year and apparel for next season.
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. OLD BUSINESS
10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
  - 1. Recognition of SHS Technology Education Program  
Mr. Slater, Mr. Niziolek, and Mr. Kosloski have been invited to speak to the board regarding their recent awards received from the International Technology Engineering Education Association and CT Technology Educators Association. They have just returned from Long Beach, CA after having received the ITEEA award.
  - 2. Wellness Committee Update 12  
Carol Meagher, Head Nurse has provided an update for the board regarding the district Wellness Committee. Ms. Meagher will be available to answer any questions board members may have.
11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - 1. Budget
  - 2. Curriculum
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## SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 Vision Boulevard

Somers, CT 06071

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING – March 12, 2012

**Members Present:** D.Palmer, R.Lees, M.Cicciarella, B.Pellissier, A.Kirkpatrick, S.Bollinger, M.Maniscalco

**Members Absent:** J.Formeister, B.Devlin

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

**Staff Present:** S.Cormier

**Citizens Present:**

**Students Present:**

**Others:**

#### 1.0 BOE BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Board of Education presented the 2012-2013 Budget to the Board of Finance at 7:00 p.m. at Somers Town Hall.

#### 2.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Palmer in the Somers Town Hall meeting room.

#### 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 27, 2012 – It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (R.Lees) to approve the February 27, 2012 Board of Education meeting minutes. PASSED 7-0

#### 5.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

5.1 Susan Cormier, SHS Teacher, addressed the Board, thanking them for including Cooperative Sports in the 2012-2013 Budget. Ms. Cormier also spoke regarding her colleague's L.Cavallo's resignation. She noted that the department will be sad to see her leave.

#### 6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Chairman Palmer received forwarded correspondence from M+J Bus Company discussing the possibility of collaboration of transportation contracts for districts. Discussion with CREC regarding the collaboration is ongoing at this time.
- Chairman Palmer received an application from CREC Council looking for a Board of Directors.

#### 7.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

#### 8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Approval of Bills 03/12/12 (\$280,307.41)

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (M.Maniscalco) to approve the 03/12/12 Bills in the amount of \$280,307.41 as presented. PASSED 7-0

8.2 Request for Child-Rearing Leave – M. Staunton

Melissa Staunton, SES grade 1 Teacher, has requested a child-rearing leave through the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year following her maternity leave which is approximately May 9, 2012.

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (M.Maniscalco) to approve M.Staunton's request for child-rearing leave through the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year following her maternity leave which is approximately 5/9/12 as presented. PASSED 7-0

**8.3 Resignation – J. Carra**

Jennifer Carra, MBA Spanish Teacher (0.4 position), has submitted a letter of resignation effective June 30, 2012.

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (M.Maniscalco) to accept J. Carra's letter of resignation effective 6/30/12 as presented. PASSED 7-0

**8.4 Resignation – J. Posten**

June Posten, MBA Math Teacher, has submitted a letter of resignation effective June 30, 2012.

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (M.Maniscalco) to accept J. Posten's letter of resignation effective 6/30/12 as presented. PASSED 7-0

**8.5 Resignation – L. Cavallo**

Lora Cavallo, SHS Science and Intervention Teacher, has submitted a letter of resignation effective June 30, 2012.

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (M.Maniscalco) to accept L. Cavallo's letter of resignation effective 6/30/12 as presented. PASSED 7-0

**9.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 Approval of Students Supporting Students Field Trip**

Mr. Mooney, School Social Worker, has submitted his field trip request to the Board for the annual training retreat in Sharon, CT for Students Supporting Students (SSS). The trip will be from March 23 – March 25, 2012 at the Silver Lake Conference Center. Twenty-four students will be attending the field trip with three chaperones. The two-day trip serves as a training retreat for SSS, the high school's peer-helping group. Workshops may explore the following topics: listening skills, communication, healthy relationships, death and grief, diversity issues, anxiety and relaxation, mediating conflicts, problem-solving, resources for help, substance abuse issues, values clarification and teamwork and trust issues.

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to approve the annual training retreat to Sharon, CT for Students Supporting Students as presented. PASSED 7-0

**10.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Suffredini updated the Board as he received a packet from CREC regarding emergency protocols within school districts for handling suspicious mail. The emergency protocol and general precautions will be used in conjunction with the current Somers Public Schools protocols regarding suspicious mail and mail handling.

The Superintendent has also received an email from the Governor's office outlining the current reform and important points. Improving student performance and/or full day kindergarten programs for early childhood education are key aspects of his reform efforts.

Dr. Suffredini noted that Bruce Devlin, BOE member, is recovering well from his latest hip surgery.

**12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.**

**12.1** Budget – The BOE presented the 2012-2013 Budget to the BOF prior to the BOE meeting.

**12.2** Curriculum – No Update

**12.3** Policy – The Policy Committee will meet Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**12.4** Salary & Negotiations – Salary & Negotiations is currently looking over candidacy to serve on the Pension Advisory Board, as interviews and recommendations should be in place by the end of April.

**12.5** Planning Committee – No Update

**12.6** Other Committees  
Technology Ad Hoc Committee – No Update

**13.0 OTHER**

S.Bollinger discussed her interest in having a gifted and talented program in place at Mabelle. B Avery Middle School to bridge the gap between programs in place at Somers Elementary and Somers High School. Dr. Suffredini suggested having a discussion with the Curriculum subcommittee to explore further thought.

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED (S.Bollinger) SECONDED (R.Lees) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:30 p.m. PASSED 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

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

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



## Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 16691

Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
	4239	03/26/2012	V53280	Collins Sports Medicine	0.00	255.69
	4240	03/26/2012	V53949	Connecticut Lock & Safe Co.	0.00	820.60
	4241	03/26/2012	V02474	Connecticut Radio, Inc	0.00	350.00
	4242	03/26/2012	E00076	Cotzin, Gary	0.00	159.84
	4243	03/26/2012	V00204	CREC	0.00	36,076.00
	4244	03/26/2012	E00079	Cunningham, Ed	0.00	17.76
	4245	03/26/2012	V21146	Daigle's Diversified Welding Ser. LLC	0.00	349.89
	4246	03/26/2012	V60089	Dime Oil Company	0.00	21,790.07
	4247	03/26/2012	V60252	EAI Education	0.00	392.30
	4248	03/26/2012	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	4,862.00
	4249	03/26/2012	V02186	Flinn Scientific, Inc.	0.00	148.21
	4250	03/26/2012	V60035	Google, Inc.	0.00	2.58
	4251	03/26/2012	V54081	Graduate Pest Solutions, Inc.	0.00	158.00
	4252	03/26/2012	V00511	Grainger	0.00	104.22
	4253	03/26/2012	V51232	Hartford Hospital	0.00	4,950.00
	4254	03/26/2012	V21141	WRS Group LTD	0.00	410.90
	4255	03/26/2012	V53228	Herff Jones Inc.	0.00	13.48
	4256	03/26/2012	V60090	High Grade Gas Service, Inc	0.00	1,195.24
	4257	03/26/2012	V54063	HSABank	0.00	2.50
	4258	03/26/2012	V52848	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	0.00	3,453.60
	4259	03/26/2012	V60056	J.A. Sexauer	0.00	685.00
	4260	03/26/2012	V00999	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	0.00	116.34
	4261	03/26/2012	V00665	Kelly-Fradet Lumber	0.00	230.07
	4262	03/26/2012	V60467	M-F Athletic	0.00	953.00
	4263	03/26/2012	V52107	Major Electric Supply	0.00	1,193.23
	4264	03/26/2012	V60361	Marlin Leasing Corp	0.00	272.89
	4265	03/26/2012	V60242	Monoprice, Inc.	0.00	17.76
	4266	03/26/2012	V21005	MSC Industrial Supply Co.	0.00	346.41
	4267	03/26/2012	V01911	Natchaug Hospital	0.00	5,640.00
	4268	03/26/2012	V60287	New England Mechanical Services, Inc.	0.00	5,200.00
	4269	03/26/2012	E00239	Niziolek, Mike	0.00	57.60
	4270	03/26/2012	E00247	Oliver, Jennifer	0.00	47.73
	4271	03/26/2012	V02793	Parent Institute, The	0.00	84.00
	4272	03/26/2012	V60568	Pediatric Services of America Inc	0.00	1,192.50
	4273	03/26/2012	V53356	ProCom Telecommunications Corp	0.00	55.00
	4274	03/26/2012	E00288	Roberts, Steven	0.00	100.00
	4275	03/26/2012	V60002	Scholastic Library Publishing	0.00	239.00

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	4276	03/26/2012	V60538	School Outfitters	0.00	439.15
	4277	03/26/2012	V01292	School Specialty, Inc.	0.00	99.90
	4278	03/26/2012	V00729	SchoolMart, Inc.	0.00	188.24
	4279	03/26/2012	V53661	Scott's Sports Supplies	0.00	1,017.99
	4280	03/26/2012	V51324	Sherwin-Williams Co., The	0.00	54.68
	4281	03/26/2012	V01150	SHIFFLER EQUIPMENT SALES	0.00	219.86
	4282	03/26/2012	V60031	SNE Building Systems	0.00	1,105.00
	4283	03/26/2012	V01485	Social Studies School Services	0.00	107.41
	4284	03/26/2012	V02404	Somers Ace Hardware	0.00	576.29
	4285	03/26/2012	V60616	Somers Public Schools	0.00	538.82
	4286	03/26/2012	V02129	Sonitrol	0.00	521.19
	4287	03/26/2012	V00547	Sullivan, Schoen, Campane & Connon, LLC	0.00	18,803.50
	4288	03/26/2012	V60374	Tecta America New England LLC	0.00	782.60
	4289	03/26/2012	V01638	Tree House, The	0.00	187.00
	4290	03/26/2012	V60665	UniControl Inc.	0.00	112.25
	4291	03/26/2012	V21164	Unum Life Insurance Company of America	0.00	3,711.47
	4292	03/26/2012	V00051	Postmaster	0.00	270.00
	4293	03/26/2012	V00713	Valiant IMC - Bid	0.00	162.00
	4294	03/26/2012	V53413	W. B. Mason Co., Inc.	0.00	139.86
	4295	03/26/2012	V60012	Week Magazine, The	0.00	482.40
	4296	03/26/2012	V01445	Whalley Computer Associates	0.00	72.00
<b>Totals:</b>					0.00	\$184,255.85

78 Checks Listed.

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## General Ledger Distribution Summary

Period, Fiscal Year Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits
<b>March, 2012</b>					
<b>Generated Distributions</b>					
10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			176,334.69	0.00
10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-00000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	176,334.69
	Total Generated Distributions			<b>\$176,334.69</b>	<b>\$176,334.69</b>
<b>User-Entered Distributions</b>					
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			92.00	0.00
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	184,347.85
10-100-2-2-18-242-611-01-5-00187	K-5 - MATH SUPPLIES			392.30	0.00
10-100-2-3-20-242-611-01-5-00172	MA - MUSIC SUPPLIES			116.34	0.00
10-100-2-3-30-242-611-01-5-00210	MA - SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES			107.41	0.00
10-100-2-4-04-220-641-01-5-00850	HS - BUSINESS ED TEXT			439.15	0.00
10-100-2-4-12-242-611-01-5-00183	HS - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			561.37	0.00
10-100-2-4-14-241-611-01-5-00159	HS - GENERAL SUPPLIES			252.59	0.00
10-100-2-4-18-242-611-01-5-00191	HS - MATH SUPPLIES			188.24	0.00
10-100-2-4-30-242-611-01-5-01644	HS - SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES			482.40	0.00
10-100-2-4-30-243-611-01-5-00887	HS - SOCIAL STUDIES WORKBOOKS			0.00	0.00
10-100-2-5-14-241-611-01-5-00873	SW - GENERAL COMPUTER SUPPLIES			492.66	0.00
10-100-2-5-48-220-641-01-5-00966	SW - HEALTH TEXT			581.12	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-251-580-05-5-00273	SP ED - DIRECTOR'S TRAVEL			111.56	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-258-690-04-5-00307	SP ED - OFFICE SUPPLIES			77.90	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01117	SP ED-INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS			900.00	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01674	SP ED - CONTRACTED SERVICES	Yes		1,192.50	0.00
10-212-2-4-46-242-611-02-5-00178	HS - GUIDANCE SUPPLY			177.89	0.00
10-212-2-5-46-243-611-02-5-00252	SW - TESTING			400.00	0.00
10-221-1-2-50-251-580-05-5-00259	K-5 - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			275.51	0.00
10-221-1-2-50-251-580-05-5-00260	K-5 - PRINCIPAL'S TRAVEL			47.73	0.00
10-221-1-3-52-231-690-05-5-00282	MA - PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY			75.00	0.00
10-221-1-4-50-251-580-05-5-00269	HS - PRINCIPAL'S TRAVEL			159.84	0.00
10-222-2-3-44-233-611-03-5-01151	MA A.V. MATERIALS			50.00	0.00
10-222-2-3-52-231-590-03-5-00134	MA - REBINDING			14.00	0.00
10-222-2-3-52-231-690-03-5-00153	MA - OTHER LIBRARY SUPPLIES			100.00	0.00

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10-231-1-5-74-134-330-10-5-00045		B.O.E. - OTHER PROF. SERVICES		Yes	18,803.50	0.00
10-231-6-5-82-820-529-13-5-00521		SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL			1,823.00	0.00
10-232-1-5-72-251-580-05-5-00271		CO - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			45.51	0.00
10-232-1-5-72-258-690-04-5-00042		CO - OFFICE SUPPLIES			100.00	0.00
10-240-1-4-40-132-530-04-5-00038		HS - POSTAGE			270.00	0.00
10-240-2-5-40-830-440-01-5-00905		SW - COPIER SUPPLIES/MAINTEN.		Yes	606.58	0.00
10-240-2-5-40-830-440-01-5-00905		SW - COPIER SUPPLIES/MAINTEN.		Yes	0.00	92.00
10-240-7-4-54-880-690-07-5-00274		HS - GRADUATION			13.48	0.00
10-259-1-2-40-123-590-04-5-00015		K-5 - FORMS & PRINTING			145.96	0.00
10-260-1-5-64-642-530-04-5-01217		SW - COMMUNICATION SUPPLIES			405.00	0.00
10-260-5-2-62-722-430-08-5-01141		K-5 BUILDING REPAIRS		Yes	1,665.72	0.00
10-260-5-2-64-642-530-04-5-00363		K-5 - TELEPHONE		Yes	247.99	0.00
10-260-5-3-12-722-430-01-5-00387		MA - TECHNOLOGY ED MAINTENANCE			562.00	0.00
10-260-5-3-64-642-530-04-5-00365		MA - TELEPHONE		Yes	119.20	0.00
10-260-5-4-12-722-430-01-5-00395		HS - TECHNOLOGY ED MAINTENANCE		Yes	6,753.59	0.00
10-260-5-4-38-722-430-01-5-00393		HS - QUANTITY FOODS MAINT.			124.24	0.00
10-260-5-4-64-642-530-04-5-00366		HS - TELEPHONE			334.51	0.00
10-260-5-5-64-642-530-04-5-00367		CO - TELEPHONE		Yes	267.81	0.00
10-260-5-6-44-722-430-03-5-00404		SW - A.V. MAINTENANCE			162.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-01-5-01077		SW - COMPUTER MAINTENANCE			1,373.02	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00430		MA - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		Yes	5,948.13	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00435		SW - THERMOSTAT/CONTROLS			522.25	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00439		HS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		Yes	1,083.54	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00440		SW - EQUIPMENT REPAIR			20.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00443		SW - ROOF REPAIR			782.60	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00447		SW - GENERAL REPAIR		Yes	584.86	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00451		SW - MOWER MAINTENANCE			1,124.64	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00467		SW - GENERAL PAINT		Yes	106.38	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00801		SW - EXTERMINATING		Yes	158.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00885		SW - ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES			586.62	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00886		SW - PLUMBING SUPPLIES			685.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-630-620-05-5-00354		K-5 - FUEL #2			16,591.12	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-630-620-05-5-00356		HS - FUEL #2			4,897.34	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00358		K-5 - ELECTRICITY			3,100.03	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00360		MA - ELECTRICITY		Yes	272.89	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00361		HS - ELECTRICITY			4,620.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00362		MAINTENANCE - ELECTRICITY			172.76	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-643-690-05-5-00371		MA - PROPANE GAS		Yes	1,195.24	0.00

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10-260-6-5-62-722-430-04-5-00452		SW - MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS			521.19	0.00
10-260-6-5-82-820-520-13-5-00515		PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE			12,644.00	0.00
10-260-6-9-62-722-590-08-5-00453		SW - SOFTWARE MAINT CONTRACTS		Yes	2.58	0.00
10-270-4-5-84-521-510-12-5-00328		ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION		Yes	910.60	0.00
10-270-9-9-84-522-112-12-5-00333		SP ED - TRANSPORTATION AIDE			3,951.40	0.00
10-279-4-5-84-722-627-12-5-00341		SW - GASOLINE SCHOOL VEHICLES		Yes	301.61	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00513		L.T.D.		Yes	3,711.47	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00516		WORKER'S COMPENSATION		Yes	20,358.00	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00517		UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE			3,091.00	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01228		SW - HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT		Yes	2.50	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-520-13-5-00520		UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE			2,589.00	0.00
10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00595		HS - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES			2,721.68	0.00
10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00601		HS - ATHLETIC AWARDS			53.20	0.00
10-611-6-5-88-945-560-14-5-01231		TUITION-NON SPECIAL EDUCATION		Yes	35,976.00	0.00
10-613-9-9-88-955-561-14-5-00673		SP ED - TUITION			14,043.60	0.00
Total User-Entered Distributions					<b>\$184,439.85</b>	<b>\$184,439.85</b>
Total for March, 2012					<b>\$360,774.54</b>	<b>\$360,774.54</b>
<b>Grand Total for Batch # 5993</b>					<b>\$360,774.54</b>	<b>\$360,774.54</b>

268 Transactions Listed.

# *Somers Wrestling*

March 9, 2012

Somers High School Wrestling  
5 Vision Blvd  
Somers, CT 06071

Please accept this donation from Somers Youth Wrestling for the Somers High School Wrestling team.

The donation is for the balance of bus fees for the Class S State Championships 2012 in the amount of \$234.50 and \$1,765.50 for wrestling team apparel to be purchased for the beginning of the 2012-2013 season.

Congratulations on your 17 – 3 season.

Somers Youth Wrestling

## Wellness Committee

### 2011 - 2012

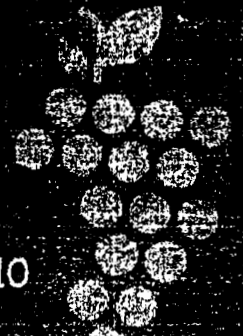
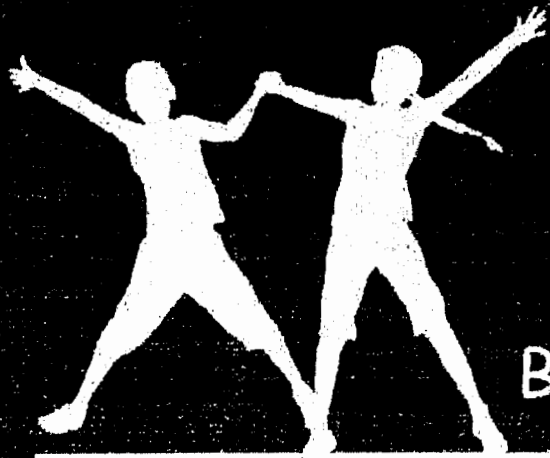
Monitoring the new allergy policy to see how things are working and will make adjustments if necessary.

Looking at the school lunches in order to bring them in line with the new United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines that will be phased in over 3 years starting with the 2012 - 2013. The changes will:

- Ensure that students are offered both fruit and vegetables every day of the week.
- Increase offerings of whole grain-rich foods.
- Offering only fat-free or low-fat milk varieties.
- Limiting calories based on the age of children being served to ensure proper portion size.
- Increase the focus on reducing the amounts of saturated fat, trans fats and sodium.

The biggest factor in the changes will be its impact on cost in terms of purchasing food to cost per meal for students. This can ultimately have an effect on the number of children who will purchase meals in the cafeterias.

An example of sample menus was given to L. Gengenbach and K Smith. They will give an estimate the cost of the new menu. We will then explore it further on changes that can be done.



HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT OF 2010

Before/After Elementary School Lunch Menu

Monday

BEFORE

Bean and cheese burrito (5.3 oz)  
with mozzarella cheese (1 oz)  
Applesauce (1/4 cup)  
Orange Juice (4 oz)  
2% Milk (8 oz)

AFTER

Submarine Sandwich  
(1 oz turkey, .5 oz low-fat cheese)  
on Whole Wheat Roll  
Refried Beans (1/2 cup)  
Jicama (1/4 cup)  
Green Pepper Strips (1/4 cup)  
Cantaloupe wedges, raw (1/2 cup)  
Skim Milk (8 oz)  
Mustard (9 grams)  
Reduced fat mayonnaise (1 oz)  
Low Fat Ranch Dip (1 oz)

Tuesday

BEFORE

Hot dog on bun (3 oz)  
with ketchup (4 T)  
Canned Peas (1/4 cup)  
Raw Celery and Carrots  
(1/8 cup each)  
with ranch dressing (1.75 T)  
Low-fat (1%) Chocolate Milk (8 oz)

AFTER

Whole Wheat Spaghetti  
with Meat Sauce (1/2 cup)  
and Whole Wheat Roll  
Green Beans, cooked (1/2 cup)  
Broccoli (1/2 cup)  
Cauliflower (1/2 cup)  
Kiwi Halves, raw (1/2 cup)  
Low-fat (1%) Milk (8 oz)  
Low Fat Ranch Dip (1 oz)  
Soft Margarine (5 g)

Wednesday

BEFORE

Pizza sticks (3.8 oz)  
with marinara sauce (1.4 cup)  
Banana  
Raisins (1 oz)  
Whole Milk (8 oz)

AFTER

Chef Salad  
(1 cup romaine, .5 oz low-fat mozzarella,  
1.5 oz grilled chicken) with Whole Wheat  
Soft Pretzel (2.5 oz)  
Corn, cooked (1/2 cup)  
Baby Carrots, raw (1/4 cup)  
Banana  
Skim Chocolate Milk (8 oz)  
Low Fat Ranch Dressing (1.5 oz)  
Low Fat Italian Dressing (1.5 oz)

Thursday

BEFORE

Breaded beef patty (1 oz)  
with ketchup (2 T)  
Wheat roll (2 oz)  
Frozen Fruit Juice Bar (2.4 oz)  
2% Milk (8 oz)

AFTER

Oven-Baked Fish nuggets (2 oz)  
with Whole Wheat Roll  
Mashed Potatoes (1/2 cup)  
Steamed Broccoli (1/2 cup)  
Peaches  
(canned, packed in juice - 1/2 cup)  
Skim Milk (8 oz)  
Tartar Sauce (1.5 oz)  
Soft Margarine (5 g)

Friday

BEFORE

Cheese pizza (4.8 oz)  
Canned Pineapple (1/4 cup)  
Tater Tots (1/2 cup)  
with ketchup (2 T)  
Low-fat (1%) Chocolate Milk (8 oz)

AFTER

Whole Wheat Cheese Pizza  
(1 slice)  
Baked Sweet Potato Fries  
(1/2 cup)  
Grape tomatoes, raw (1/4 cup)  
Applesauce (1/2 cup)  
Low-fat (1%) Milk (8 oz)  
Low Fat Ranch Dip (1 oz)



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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING – March 26, 2012

**Members Present:** J.Formeister, R.Lees, B.Pellissier, A.Kirkpatrick, S.Bollinger (arrived at 7:18 p.m.) *(all official votes took place after the quorum was established)*

**Members Absent:** D.Palmer, B.Devlin, M.Cicciarella, M.Maniscalco

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

**Staff Present:** M.Niziolek, R.Slater, C.Meagher

**Citizens Present:** P.Palmer, G.Crandall

**Students Present:** A.Astone, B.Coraballo, K.Phiden, S.Sullivan, S.Palmer, P.Chusid

**Others:**

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 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

March 12, 2012 – It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to approve the March 12, 2012 Board of Education meeting minutes. PASSED 5-0

#### 4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

#### 5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- The Board of Education received a Thank You Note from Mr. Devlin, thanking them for the flowers sent and get well wishes.

#### 6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

#### 7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

##### 7.1 Approval of Bills 03/26/12 (\$184,255.85)

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to approve the 03/26/12 Bills in the amount of \$184,255.85 as presented. PASSED 5-0

##### 7.2 Somers Wrestling Donation

The Somers Youth Wrestling organization has made a donation of \$2,000.00 to the Somers High School Wrestling team to cover some partial travel costs for this year and apparel for next season. The Board thanked the Somers Youth Wrestling Organization for their generous contribution as Somers has had great success with the wrestling program.

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to approve the Somers Youth Wrestling organization donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 toward SHS Wrestling team to cover partial travel costs and next season's apparel as presented. PASSED 5-0

#### 8.0 NEW BUSINESS

## **9.0 OLD BUSINESS**

### **10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **10.1 Recognition of SHS Technology Education Program**

Mr. Roy Slater and Mr. Mike Niziolek presented to the Board on behalf of the SHS Tech Ed program. Mr. Slater, Mr. Kosloski and Mr. Niziolek were in Long Beach, California on March 15, 2012 as the SHS Technology Education and Engineering Program was presented and honored by the International Technology and Engineering Education Association (ITEEA) at their international conference. Mr. Slater and Mr. Niziolek noted that the international recognition was rewarding, fulfilling and informative on many levels. The conference was split into workshops and it was noted that STEM was highlighted, incorporating the concepts of engineering, math, and technology.

Mr. Slater and Mr. Niziolek thank the Board on behalf of the SHS Tech Ed program for their continuous support and gave an overview of their trip. The SHS Tech Ed program was able to meet the Darien High School Tech program and they discussed similarities and possible collaborations in the future. Mr. Kosloski was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to his participation the previous night in Connecticut's CTEA Vex State Championship (presented by CCSU) in New Britain, Connecticut. SHS Tech Ed program received the Judge's Award, and the Alliance Factor award – teams may join alliances as Somers joined an alliance that made it to the end and received the tournament championship trophy.

Dr. Suffredini thanked Mr. Slater, Mr. Kosloski and Mr. Niziolek for making the SHS Technology Education and Engineering program as successful as it is. He remarked on their outstanding teaching and assistance with keeping the program on the cutting edge.

#### **10.2 Wellness Committee Update**

Mrs. Meagher, MBA Nurse and Chair of the District's Wellness Committee, presented to the Board an update on the Wellness Committee. They are monitoring the new allergy policy to see how things are working and will make the necessary adjustments. Changes will be implemented regarding school lunches in order to bring them in line with the new United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines that will be phased in over a 3-year period, starting in 2012-2013. Changes include: offered fruit and vegetables every day of the week, whole grain-rich foods, low-fat or fat-free milk varieties, calories and portion size based on the age of children, and reducing amounts of saturated fat, trans fats, and sodium.

An example of the new Elementary School Lunch menu for one day is as follows: whole-wheat spaghetti with ½ cup of meat sauce, whole-wheat roll, ½ cup of green beans, ½ cup of broccoli, ½ cup of cauliflower, ½ cup of raw kiwi halves, 8oz of 1% milk, low fat ranch dip, and soft margarine.

### **11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.**

**11.1 Budget – No Update**

**12.2 Curriculum – No Update**

**12.3 Policy – The Policy Committee will meet Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. before the regular BOE meeting.**

**12.4** Salary & Negotiations – No Update

**12.5** Planning Committee – No Update

**12.6** Other Committees  
Technology Ad Hoc Committee – No Update

**13.0 OTHER**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:25 p.m. PASSED 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

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

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