

BOE Meeting Template
Monday, April 8, 2013 7:00 PM

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

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 1. Curriculum Presentations - Technology Education & Library/Media
Kathleen Pezza, Director of Curriculum will do PowerPoint presentations on the Technology Education and Library/Media curricula. She will be available to answer any questions board members may have.
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 2. Retirement Notification (R. Riola)
Mr. Ralph Riola, SES Principal has submitted his retirement notification effective at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Riola has been employed by the district since 1975.
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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 Vision Boulevard

Somers, CT 06071

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – March 25, 2013

Members Present: D.Palmer, J.Formeister, R.Lees, A.Kirkpatrick, M.Cicciarella, S.Bollinger
Members Absent: B.Pellissier, B.Devlin
Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, K.Pezza, D.Messina,
Staff Present: K. Jones, L.Reilly, C.Meagher
Citizens Present: R.Schmidt, M.Splain, D.Stone, B.Capuano
Students Present: *Students present at this meeting but did not sign attendance sheet*
Others:

1.0 SPECIAL BOE MEETING

A special BOE meeting was held at 6:45 p.m. in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room to interview BOE candidate(s).

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

March 11, 2013 – It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to approve the March 11, 2013 Board of Education meeting minutes. PASSED 6-0

5.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

Karen Jones, SEA President, addressed the Board regarding item 9.3 under NEW BUSINESS, discussion and possible revision of the 2013-2014 school calendar by eliminating 2014 February recess based on the Superintendent's recommendation. Ms. Jones polled 143 certified staff members and 109 responded (76%). 78% voted not to eliminate February recess with 22% voting in favor of its' elimination. 98% voted to keep April vacation, with 2% voting to remove it. Ms. Jones discussed staff relying on the school calendar once it is voted and approved by the Board.

5.1 School Wellness Report

Carol Meagher, Head Nurse, provided an update on the status of the School Wellness Committee. Talking points included: new allergy policy and its' monitoring; school lunches changes lining up with the new USDA guidelines; snack items and possible elimination; increased costs of purchasing food which will impact the number of children who will purchase meals in cafeterias; and healthy food changes such as wheat rolls, more fruits and vegetables, and uses of low fat dairy products.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Kirkpatrick noted that she signed up for a Common Core workshop to take place on April 2nd.

7.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Approval of Bills 03/25/13 (\$380,523.91)

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (M.Cicciarella) to approve the 03/25/13 Bills in the amount of \$380,523.91 as presented. PASSED 6-0

8.2 Resignation (J. Brown)

Ms. Julie Brown, SES Nurse, has submitted her resignation effective 3/22/2013. Ms. Brown has been employed by the district since August 2012.

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (M.Cicciarella) to regretfully accept the resignation of Julie Brown, SES Nurse, effective 3/22/2013 as presented. PASSED 6-0

8.3 Retirement Notification (T. Burgess)

Mr. Thomas Burgess, SES Custodian, has submitted his retirement notification effective 4/26/2013. Mr. Burgess has been employed by the district since 1999.

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (M.Cicciarella) to regretfully accept the retirement notification of Mr. Thomas Burgess, SES Custodian, effective 4/26/2013 as presented. PASSED 6-0

8.4 Request for Child-Rearing Leave

Mrs. Stephanie Jodice, SES Speech Language Pathologist, is requesting child-rearing leave through approximately 11/1/2013 following her maternity leave in August.

It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (M.Cicciarella) to accept SES Speech Language Pathologist Mrs. Stephanie Jodice's request for child-rearing leave through approximately 11/1/2013, following maternity leave in August, as presented. PASSED 6-0

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Appointment of the new BOE Member to Fill Vacancy

A special meeting was held at 6:45 p.m. to interview candidate(s) to fill BOE vacancy, previously held by M.Maniscalco. An interview was held with Mr. Robert Schmidt, and a motion was made by the Board.

It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to approve the new appointment of Mr. Robert Schmidt as presented. PASSED 6-0

9.2 Nonrenewal Notices

Due to funding uncertainty, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maynard M. Suffredini Jr. has made the following recommendation for the following reasons, 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.

In my capacity as Superintendent of Schools, I recommend that the Board of Education nonrenew the teaching contracts of Amy Avery, Tracy Brastow, Daniel Brownell, Daniel Clement, Amy Cunningham, Laura DiScipio, Kimberly Doran, Bryan Hull, Kyle Kipfer, Charles Lewis, Sarah McNamee, Colleen Meier, Melissa Nadeau, Loretta Nelson, Jennifer Ohlund, Sandi Plocharczyk, Tammany Reynolds, David Rollinson, Robert Rossetti, Natalie Ryan, Alicia Santavenere, Alicia Simoes, Brianna Stronk, Joni Swarts, Michael Szafir, Sharon Yarrow at the end of the 2012-2013 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 (D.Palmer) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to nonrenew the teaching contracts of Amy Avery, Tracy Brastow, Daniel Brownell, Daniel Clement, Amy Cunningham, Laura DiScipio, Kimberly Doran, Bryan Hull, Kyle Kipfer, Charles Lewis, Sarah McNamee, Colleen Meier, Melissa Nadeau, Loretta Nelson, Jennifer Ohlund, Sandi Plocharczyk, Tammany Reynolds, David Rollinson, Robert Rossetti, Natalie Ryan, Alicia Santavenere, Alicia Simoes, Brianna Stronk, Joni Swarts, Michael Szafir, Sharon Yarrowsat the end of the 2012-2013 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 6-0

9.3 Review of the 2013-2014 School Calendar

With recent history of increased school cancellation, it is becoming more difficult to schedule the school year to accommodate the additional days. The Superintendent has recommended that the Board review the recently approved 2013-2014 school calendar and vote to eliminate the February 2014 recess in order to pick up additional school days. The Board discussed this possibility and other options. The Board is in agreement to keep the 2013-2014 school calendar as it was previously approved. The Board will discuss the possible elimination of February recess the following school year.

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Suffredini discussed with the Board a new program Dr. Messina, Director of Pupil Services, has been working on implementing at Somers Elementary School. The program, Fostering Adaptive Behavior (FAB), will establish goals and criteria for the accommodation and inclusion of students with behavioral challenges, exhausting efforts at keeping students in district with higher level supports in the least restrictive environment, as opposed to sending to out of district special education schools. There are many components of the program that Dr. Messina shared with the Board, and the process of developing adaptive behavior through higher-level supports were discussed.

12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

12.1 Budget – No Update

12.2 Curriculum – No Update

12.3 Policy – The next Policy Committee meeting will be April 1st at 7:00 p.m.

12.4 Salary & Negotiations – Mr. Case and Mr. Caso from the Pension Committee will be attending May 13th's BOE meeting.

12.5 Planning Committee – No Update

12.6 Other Committees
Technology Ad Hoc Committee – No Update

13.0 OTHER

The Board was invited to the Security Meeting taking place on Thursday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m. in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (M.Cicciarella) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:17 p.m. PASSED 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

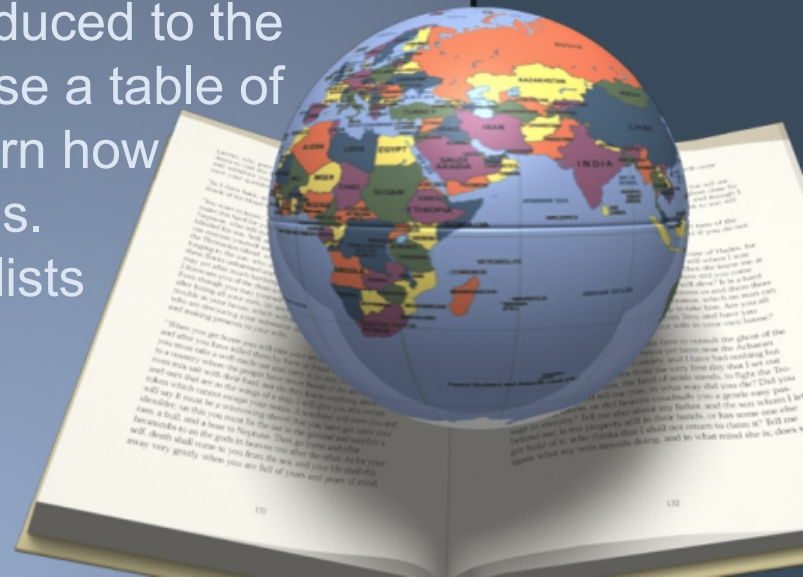
Library and Media Skills

Information Literacy and Technology



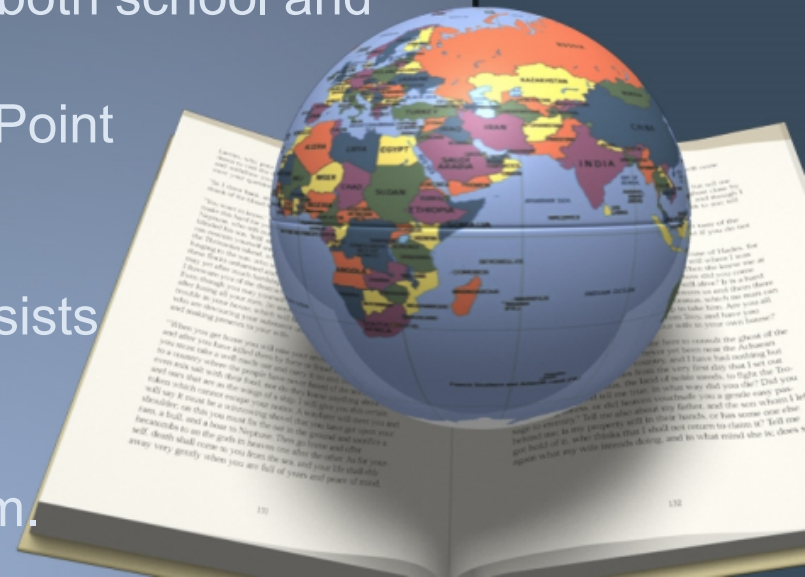
Library and Media Skills at SES

- Students in K-2 visit the Media Center on a regular basis to select “just right” reading books, which supplement those available in the classroom.
- In grade 3, students begin a formal Library-Media program. They learn how to use the on-line catalog to search for books and locate them in the Media Center.
- In grades 4 and 5, students are introduced to the Dewey Decimal system, learn how use a table of contents, glossary and index and learn how to use print based reference materials.
- The elementary library media specialists also provide instruction in computer skills, with a special emphasis on integrating iPads into the classroom this year.



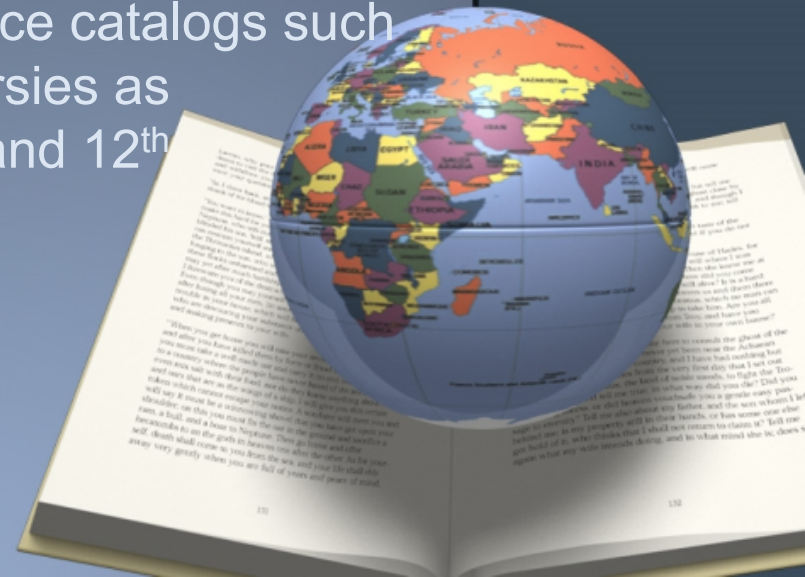
Library and Media Skills at MBA

- Students at the middle school learn a variety of Library Media skills, including:
 - Basic citations,
 - Determining the reliability of websites,
 - Accessing on-line databases,
 - Finding primary source materials, and
 - Using public access catalogs for both school and community libraries.
- They work with programs like PowerPoint as well as iPad/iPod apps to create projects and share work.
- The Library Media Specialist also assists students and teachers with the integration of iPads and mobile computing devices into the classroom.



Library and Media Skills at SHS

- The Library Media Specialist at the High School works extensively with the English, Social Studies and World Language departments to teach research and citation skills.
- Students learn about appropriate use and academic integrity through lessons on MLA, turnitin.com, and the newly acquired EasyBib school addition.
- Students learn to use on-line reference catalogs such as ICONN and Issues and Controversies as well as basic database skills in 11th and 12th grade.
- All library media skills are taught as integrated units with a content area teacher.



Technology Education

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Technology Education at MBA

- **Students in sixth grade learn about simple machines, photography, basic robotics, electricity and the design process.**
- **7th graders learn about basic drafting (CAD), mass production, architecture, flight and biotechnology. They use Lego kits to study the basic principles of robotic design.**



Technology Education at MBA

- **Students in eighth grade continue their exploration of drafting by designing and producing a simple woodworking project.**
- **They also study robotics, programming, video communications, scale model design and alternative power.**



Technology Education at MBA

- **MBA has a robotics club that meets after school.**
- **This year, their teams finished 2nd and 6th overall at their last competition. They were competing against 24 (mainly high school) teams from around the state.**



CURRENT TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING EDUCATION PROJECTS

Mr. Roy Slater

Mr. Mike Niziolek

Mr. Nick Kosloski



Technology Education at SHS

The technology courses available at SHS:

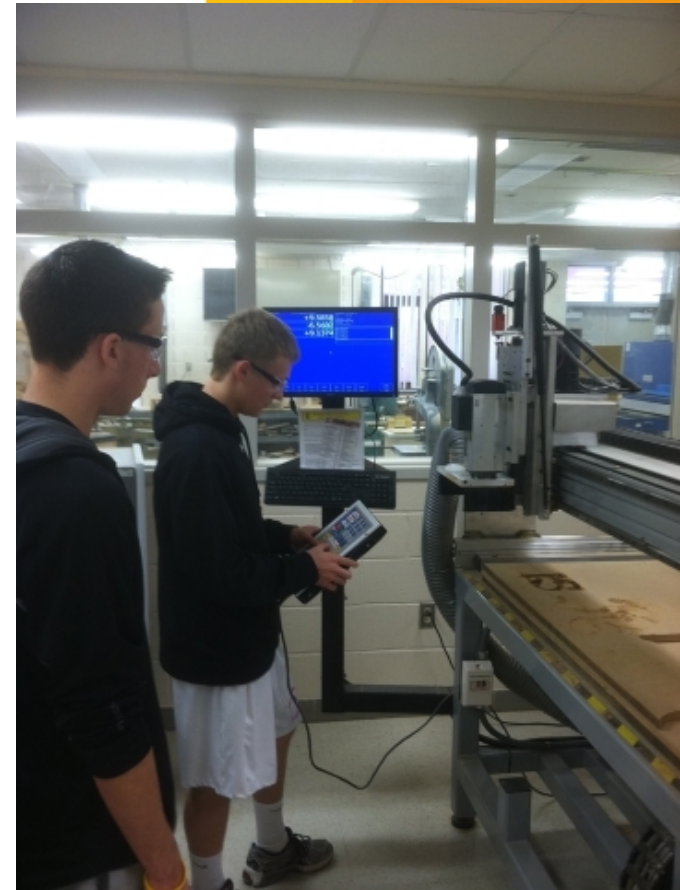
- World of Technology
- Engineering Graphics 1 and 2
- Architectural Design
- Graphic Design 1, 2 and 3
- Manufacturing 1, 2 and 3
- Scientific Principles of Technology
- Research and Development
- Welding
- Digital and Film Photography
- Robotics
- Technology Seminar



Engineering Graphics

Students use our C.N.C. machines to take the theoretical world of CADD to the practical world of creating physical parts.

As a result of collaboration with Asnuntuck Community College, Mr. Niziolek has been able to infuse additional C.N.C techniques into the second semester class, allowing students to produce more sophisticated products.



Graphic Design

In Graphic Design students explore multi-media design utilizing Adobe Flash CS5 and Dreamweaver. Students create interactive documents that combine images, audio, video, and animation.

At the higher levels, students study interface design and object oriented programming, both of which are the backbone of today's dynamic websites and games.



Research and Development

The R&D class is in the final stages of preparing their new vehicle for the Electrathon America Challenge that will take place on May 10th. This year's vehicle was designed and tested within the digital world, machined using our CNC equipment (Mill and Lathe), and fabricated totally out of aluminum, which required the use of our TIG welding system.

The program also provided our students the opportunity to work with Seymour High School Electrathon team as they enter this event for the first time.



Robotics

This year, the TIDE department offered a half credit Robotics course for the first time.

Students learned to build VEX robots and program them using Basic C language to compete in regional VEX competitions

Several students in this class also converted one of the old electric cars into a completely remote controlled vehicle.



New Projects

In a few weeks the TIDE program will begin its “Alternate Energy” plan with the arrival of a Solar Trainer from DBS Energy.

This trainer will eventually be able to move between buildings and support STEM understanding through real life monitoring of a solar unit.

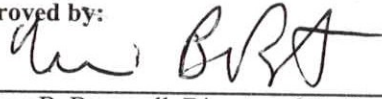
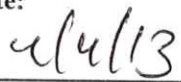
It will also be the first step in creating the Alternate Energy course to explore wind power, geothermal power, solar power, hydroponics and other green processes.



Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 22159

Check Batch: 7960
 Check Header: (N / A)
 Check Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Check Dates: (Earliest) - (Latest)
 Cash Account Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Bank Account Code: (N/A)
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 Minimum Check Amount: \$0.00
 Sorted By:
 Include Payable Information: No
 Include Payable Dist Information: No
 Include Authorization Information: Yes

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				<u>William B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services</u>		
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	5922	04/08/2013	E00096	Duffy, Margaret	0.00	31.38
	5923	04/08/2013	V60252	EAI Education	0.00	79.26
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	5925	04/08/2013	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	1,012.50

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	5959	04/08/2013	V00548	Somers Sanitation Service, Inc.	0.00	11,893.98
	5960	04/08/2013	V01591	Town of Somers	0.00	259.06
	5961	04/08/2013	V01307	Teacher's Discovery	0.00	4,675.00
	5962	04/08/2013	V60810	The Village for Families and Children		

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	5970	04/08/2013	V53413	W. B. Mason Co., Inc.	0.00	15.48
Totals:					0.00	\$298,677.77

65 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 22156
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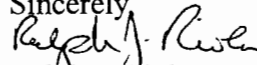
January 15, 2013

Dear Dr. Suffredini,

I have decided that the 2012-13 school year will be my last as an educator in the Somers Public Schools because I am planning to retire in June 2013. While the administrators' contract does not require early notification for retirement from the district, I know that the budget-building process is in full swing, and my severance package needs to be taken into consideration as you chart a course through what may prove to be a difficult year for the district's financial plans. So it seems only fair and prudent that I notify you well in advance of my plan to retire. I respectfully request that you keep this information confidential for as long as possible.

Because I have spent my entire professional career, both as teacher and administrator, in Somers, reaching this decision took much deliberation. It has been a privilege to serve the people of Somers, first as a teacher of teenagers and then, decades later, as principal to the offspring of many of those teenagers who were once my students. During the 38 years that I have been associated with the Somers Public Schools, I have seen the district move forward in a wide variety of ways. Most of these accomplishments were achieved because of the flexibility, dedication, and creativity of the many professionals who come together each day to serve the young people of Somers. I count myself fortunate to have served beside them.

Sincerely,



Ralph J. Riola
Principal

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – April 8, 2013

Members Present: D.Palmer, B.Devlin, R.Lees, B.Pellissier, R.Schmidt, J.Formeister, M.Cicciarella (arrived at 7:21 p.m.), A.Kirkpatrick (arrived at 7:58 p.m.)

Members Absent: S.Bollinger

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

Staff Present:

Citizens Present: B.Capuano

Students Present:

Others: M.Callahan (Reporter)

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

March 25, 2013 – It was MOVED (R.Lees) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to approve the March 25, 2013 Board of Education meeting minutes. PASSED 5-0 (R.Schmidt abstains)

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

Barb Capuano, Somers citizen and parent, discussed the iPad insurance policy for personal iPads and the possibility of correspondence going out to parents regarding offered insurance policy in order to promote personal iPads being brought to school for use in the classroom.

4.1 Curriculum Presentations – Technology Education & Library/Media Skills

K.Pezza, Director of Curriculum, presented to the Board on the Technology Education and Library and Media Skills programs in all three schools. Library and Media Skills focuses on information literacy and technology. At SES, students visit the media center regularly for reading books; learn how to use online catalogs; and are introduced to Dewey Decimal System. At MBA, students learn variety of media skills like citations, website reliability, primary source materials, and the utilization of iPads. At SHS, the media specialist works extensively with English, Social Studies, and World Language departments teaching research and citation skills in addition to helping prepare for college.

The Technology Education program at MBA is currently being revamped to revise curriculum for modern updates and change sequences in grade levels. MBA robotics club is currently working on the Vex platform. At SHS, there are a variety of technology courses currently being offered such as welding, world of technology, architectural design, graphic design, manufacturing, photography, research and development, robotics, and technology seminar. New projects include a solar trainer from DBS Energy, which focuses on an alternative energy plan and supports STEM.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a thank you card from J.Formeister.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Bills 04/08/13 (\$298,677.77)

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (R.Lees) to approve the 04/08/13 Bills in the amount of \$298,677.77 as presented. PASSED 7-0

7.2 Retirement Notification – R. Riola

Mr. Ralph Riola, SES Principal, has submitted his retirement notification effective at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Riola has been employed by the district since 1975.

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (R.Lees) to regrettfully accept Mr. Riola's retirement effective at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year as presented. PASSED 7-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

BOE Member R.Schmidt discussed the school calendar and length of school year; he noted that some districts have 182 days per school calendar and less professional development, which helps with unforeseen weather.

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Superintendent's Report

- The Superintendent updated the Board on the health insurance negotiations update. Current health insurance negotiations reflect around 10% increase as previously reported was a budget figure of 12.5%. A savings of 2.5% (approximately \$100K) in health insurance monies will be reflected in the re-voting of the 2012-2013 budget to take place at a future BOE meeting, and given back to the town.
- Somers Elementary School principal posting will be conducted through an interviewing committee set up by the Superintendent. The SES Principal candidacy will follow the district's past practice of administrator job posting.
- The Superintendent updated the Board on the security assessment meeting that took place with Administrative Council and Department of Corrections personnel. The DOC personnel presented their in-depth security assessment of the campus to administrative council with BOE members A.Kirkpatrick and S.Bollinger present. A meeting with faculty at each building is currently being scheduled.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

11.1 Budget – The Somers public budget hearing will take place on 4/22 at 7:00 p.m. at Somers Elementary School auditorium.

11.2 Curriculum – No Update

11.3 Policy – The Policy Committee will meet on 4/29 at 7:00 p.m.

11.4 Salary & Negotiations – The pension committee will be attending a BOE meeting in May to provide an update.

11.5 Planning Committee – No Update

11.6 Other Committees

Technology Ad Hoc Committee – J.Morrow will be update the board on the iPad rollout on the 5/6/13 BOE agenda.

12.0 OTHER

A.Kirkpatrick noted that she recently attended a Common Core workshop.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (R.Lees) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:11 p.m. PASSED 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary

Leah Cook, Recording Secretary

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