

BOE Meeting Template
Monday, April 22, 2013 7:00 PM
SES Media Center, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:00 P.M. - SES AUDITORIUM (Regular BOE Meeting to follow in SES Media Center)
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As per DBS Code 4112.8/4212.8, the board must vote to approve the hiring of two members of the same family in the same school. Dolores Clow is presently a paraprofessional in SES and the superintendent is requesting to hire her daughter, Amy Mancuso as the SES nurse. Amy brings a great deal of experience to the position and would be a good fit.
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 1. Approval of SEED Educator Evaluation Instrument 12
Pursuant to changes in CT law, the Somers Public Schools has revised its educator evaluation document and is presenting it for approval by the board. Kathleen Pezza will explain the instrument and be available to answer any questions board members may have.
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 1. Transportation Update
Bill Boutwell, Director of Business Services, will give a brief update to the board regarding transportation. Board members will have the opportunity to ask any questions.
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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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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.

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
					0.00	425.66
	5994	04/22/2013	V60804	Granite City Electric Supply	0.00	41.25
	5995	04/22/2013	V00407	Hartford Courant	0.00	1,350.00
	5996	04/22/2013	V51232	Hartford Hospital	0.00	3,028.57
	5997	04/22/2013	V60090	High Grade Gas Service, Inc	0.00	129.00
	5998	04/22/2013	V60218	Innovative Learning Concepts	0.00	507.99
	5999	04/22/2013	V02625	K & S Distributors	0.00	526.21
	6000	04/22/2013	V60467	M-F Athletic	0.00	272.89
	6001	04/22/2013	V60361	Marlin Leasing Corp	0.00	116.68
	6002	04/22/2013	V60242	Monoprice, Inc.	0.00	344.67
	6003	04/22/2013	V01013	NASCO Fort Atkinson	0.00	567.00
	6004	04/22/2013	V60104	Nixon Company Inc., The	0.00	551.25
	6005	04/22/2013	V60568	Pediatric Services of America Inc	0.00	315.00
	6006	04/22/2013	V60053	Premier Laboratory, Inc	0.00	158.00
	6007	04/22/2013	V53356	ProCom Telecommunications Corp	0.00	443.88
	6008	04/22/2013	V60224	ProTuff	0.00	36.31
	6009	04/22/2013	V02014	Pyramid School Products	0.00	128.08
	6010	04/22/2013	V01779	S&S Worldwide	0.00	307.40
	6011	04/22/2013	V00615	Scholastic, Inc.	0.00	51.98
	6012	04/22/2013	E00311	Smith, Cathleen	0.00	450.00
	6013	04/22/2013	V60031	SNE Building Systems	0.00	144.22
	6014	04/22/2013	V01485	Social Studies School Services	0.00	354.10
	6015	04/22/2013	V02404	Somers Ace Hardware	0.00	10.50
	6016	04/22/2013	V00886	Somers Lunch Program	0.00	180.60
	6017	04/22/2013	V01591	Town of Somers	0.00	112.94
	6018	04/22/2013	V01307	Teacher's Discovery	0.00	178.75
	6019	04/22/2013	V01638	Tree House, The	0.00	703.00
	6020	04/22/2013	V53539	Triumph Learning, LLC	0.00	504.00
	6021	04/22/2013	M53099	Tull Brothers, Inc.	0.00	3,996.00
	6022	04/22/2013	V00616	Vernon Public Schools	0.00	169.98
	6023	04/22/2013	V53413	W. B. Mason Co., Inc.	0.00	645.13
	6024	04/22/2013	V52399	W.R. Robinson Lumber	0.00	142.78
	6025	04/22/2013	E00342	Walker, Alan	0.00	246.98
	6026	04/22/2013	V60808	Wayfair, LLC	0.00	
Totals:					<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$119,090.98</u>

53 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 22382
Batch: 8022
Transaction: N/A
Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
8022	\$119,090.98	Posted	lbergamini	04/15/2013	lbergamini	04/17/2013

General Ledger Distribution Summary						
Period, Fiscal Year	Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits
April, 2013						
Generated Distributions						
	10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			117,312.81	0.00
	10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-00000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	117,312.81
		Total Generated Distributions			\$117,312.81	\$117,312.81
User-Entered Distributions						
	10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			1.00	0.00
	10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	119,091.98
	10-100-2-2-18-242-611-01-5-00187	K-5 - MATH SUPPLIES			129.00	0.00
	10-100-2-2-22-242-611-01-5-00193	K-5 - PHYSICAL ED SUPPLIES			410.29	0.00
	10-100-2-3-12-242-611-01-5-00182	MA - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES		Yes	645.13	0.00
	10-100-2-3-14-220-641-01-5-01140	MA - REPLACEMENT TEXTS			493.00	0.00
	10-100-2-3-16-242-611-01-5-00184	MA - LANGUAGE ARTS SUPPLIES			307.40	0.00
	10-100-2-3-16-243-611-01-5-00246	MA - ENGLISH WORKBOOKS			210.00	0.00
	10-100-2-3-30-242-611-01-5-00210	MA - SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES			423.09	0.00
	10-100-2-3-30-243-611-01-5-01074	MA - SOCIAL STUDIES WORKBOOKS			81.05	0.00
	10-100-2-3-48-242-611-01-5-01218	MA - HEALTH & LIFE SKILLS			243.06	0.00
	10-100-2-4-08-243-611-01-5-01581	HS - WORLD LANGUAGE			0.00	0.00
	10-100-2-4-14-241-611-01-5-00159	HS - GENERAL SUPPLIES			304.34	0.00
	10-100-2-4-26-242-611-01-5-00186	HS - READING SUPPLIES			180.06	0.00
	10-100-2-4-30-242-611-01-5-01644	HS - SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES			55.94	0.00
	10-100-2-4-30-242-611-01-5-01644	HS - SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES			0.00	1.00
	10-100-2-4-48-242-611-01-5-00721	HS - HEALTH ED SUPPLIES			87.65	0.00
	10-100-2-5-14-241-611-01-5-00873	SW - GENERAL COMPUTER SUPPLIES			323.96	0.00
	10-120-9-4-98-242-611-01-5-01643	SP ED - SHS REBUILDING PROGRAM			248.60	0.00
	10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01142	SPED - CONSULTANT FEES		Yes	100.00	0.00
	10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01674	SP ED - CONTRACTED SERVICES		Yes	551.25	0.00
	10-212-2-4-46-242-611-02-5-00178	HS - GUIDANCE SUPPLY			23.10	0.00
	10-221-1-4-50-251-580-05-5-00267	HS - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			142.78	0.00
	10-221-1-4-52-231-690-05-5-00283	HS - PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY			41.25	0.00
	10-222-2-3-52-231-590-03-5-00134	MA - REBINDING			74.16	0.00
	10-222-2-5-14-233-611-03-5-00150	SW - COMPUTER SOFTWARE			125.00	0.00

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10-231-1-5-74-134-690-10-5-00047		B.O.E. - SUPPLIES			10.50	0.00
10-232-1-5-72-251-580-05-5-00271		CO - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE			51.98	0.00
10-232-1-5-72-258-690-04-5-00042		CO - OFFICE SUPPLIES			169.98	0.00
10-260-1-5-64-642-530-04-5-01217		SW - COMMUNICATION SUPPLIES		Yes	158.00	0.00
10-260-5-2-62-722-430-08-5-01141		K-5 BUILDING REPAIRS		Yes	1,027.80	0.00
10-260-5-2-64-642-530-04-5-00363		K-5 - TELEPHONE			39.51	0.00
10-260-5-4-38-722-430-01-5-00393		HS - QUANTITY FOODS MAINT.			153.68	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-650-613-05-5-00377		SW - CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES			496.79	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-01-5-01077		SW - COMPUTER MAINTENANCE			36.31	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00422		K-5 - SEPTIC TANK		Yes	100.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00430		MA - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		Yes	724.20	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00435		SW - THERMOSTAT/CONTROLS		Yes	48.94	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00438		HS - SEPTIC TANK			50.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00440		SW - EQUIPMENT REPAIR		Yes	37.94	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00445		SW - TOOL SUPPLY			71.45	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00447		SW - GENERAL REPAIR		Yes	329.85	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00467		SW - GENERAL PAINT		Yes	24.25	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00801		SW - EXTERMINATING		Yes	333.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00885		SW - ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES		Yes	109.21	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-630-620-05-5-00357		MAINTENANCE - FUEL #2			213.79	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00360		MA - ELECTRICITY			272.89	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-643-690-05-5-00369		K-5 - PROPANE GAS			1,873.11	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-643-690-05-5-00371		MA - PROPANE GAS			50.39	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-643-690-05-5-00372		HS - PROPANE GAS			1,105.07	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-722-690-05-5-00373		SW - WATER		Yes	5,152.87	0.00
10-260-6-5-62-722-430-04-5-00452		SW - MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS			315.00	0.00
10-260-6-9-62-722-590-08-5-00453		SW - SOFTWARE MAINT CONTRACTS			9.02	0.00
10-270-4-5-84-521-510-12-5-00325		TRANSPORTATION - ELEMENTARY			26,387.76	0.00
10-270-4-5-84-521-510-12-5-00326		TRANSPORTATION - SECONDARY			31,673.91	0.00
10-270-9-9-84-522-112-12-5-00333		SP ED - TRANSPORTATION AIDE			4,535.52	0.00
10-270-9-9-84-522-510-12-5-00329		SP ED - VANS			21,123.11	0.00
10-279-4-4-42-530-580-06-5-00337		HS - ATHLETIC TRIPS			1,383.75	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00517		UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE			620.00	0.00
10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00595		HS - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES			1,574.09	0.00
10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00601		HS - ATHLETIC AWARDS			620.20	0.00
10-611-6-5-88-950-560-14-5-00621		VO-AG - TUITION			3,996.00	0.00
10-611-6-5-88-960-560-14-5-00638		ENFIELD ADULT EDUCATION			7,662.00	0.00
10-613-9-9-88-955-561-14-5-00673		SP ED - TUITION			1,350.00	0.00

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8022	\$119,090.98	Posted	lbergamini	04/15/2013	lbergamini	04/17/2013	
					Total User-Entered Distributions	\$119,092.98	\$119,092.98
					Total for April, 2013	\$236,405.79	\$236,405.79
					Grand Total for Batch # 8022	\$236,405.79	\$236,405.79

249 Transactions Listed.

April 10,2013

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to inform you that I am tending my resignation. I have enjoyed my time working for the Somers School system. During my time here I have met many wonderful people and developed some close friendship, but I now feel it is time for me to move on.

I would like to thank everyone involved with my employment and wish you all the best.

LAST DAY OF WORK 4-26-13, THEN TAKING LAST 10 DAYS OF VACATION TIL 5-10-13,

Sincerely,

James Fazio

DBS CODE: 4112.8
4212.8

PERSONNEL - CERTIFICATED/NON-CERTIFICATED:

Appointment and Conditions of Employment:

Nepotism; Husband/Wife Employment:

Two members of the same family-husband and wife, parent and child, or domestic partner of a civil union, shall not be employed in the same school or in the same office, except upon majority vote of the entire board.

Legal Reference: PA 05-10 An Act Concerning Civil Unions

Adopted: April 27, 1981
Revised: November 14, 2005

Executive Summary of the Educator Evaluation System

Last year, the State Legislature and the State Board of Education approved new educator evaluation guidelines for teachers and administrators. At that time, the Somers Public Schools convened two evaluation committees, one to address teacher evaluation and one to address administrator evaluation. The administrator evaluation committee was composed of all district administrators current working under endorsement code 092 (building administrators and directors). The teacher evaluation committee was composed of one administrator and two teachers from each building, the President of the SEA, the Director of Curriculum and the Director of Pupil Services.

Throughout this year, each committee has met monthly to go through the various parts of the SEED document and modify it as necessary to meet the needs of the Somers school community. The resulting evaluation plan meets the requirements set by the State guidelines and includes four areas to be evaluated for both teachers and administrators. They are:

Teacher Evaluation Categories	Administrator Evaluation Categories
Observation of Performance and Practice – 40%	Administrator Practice – 40%
Parent or Peer Feedback – 10%	Stakeholder Feedback – 10%
Student Growth and Development – 45%	Student Learning – 45%
Whole School Student Learning – 5%	Teacher Effectiveness – 5%

Through the evaluation process, each certified staff member will earn a rating for each of the above categories and those scores will be combined to give a final rating. The final ratings will fall into one of four categories:

Score	Rating
4	Exemplary
3	Proficient
2	Developing
1	Below Standard

Staff who earn a rating of proficient or exemplary are considered effective teachers under the teacher tenure statute. Staff earning a rating of developing are considered probationary and have to demonstrate improvement over the course of the next evaluation cycle. Staff earning a rating of below standard are considered ineffective under the teacher tenure statute and may be subject to termination unless they are in the first two years of their career.

In order to implement this new evaluation system, the District will be purchasing an on-line system to manage the evaluation and observation data for both the teachers and the administrators. In

addition, we will be required to survey the teachers and the parents annually to set stakeholder and parent feedback goals.

To prepare the staff for the rollout of this new system, we will be dedicating all of our professional development time during the first three months of next year to the educator evaluation system. In August, teachers will get a basic overview of the system as well as an in depth look at the observation rubric, the process for setting student growth goals and the computer system that will manage these documents. Throughout the month of September, building principals will be providing follow-up support in faculty and team/grade level/department meetings to help teachers create their growth goals and submit their observation forms. On the morning of our October PD, we will provide teachers with additional time to create their growth goals, and receive support on any other aspect of the plan, prior to the date when all of the goals have to be finalized and the data collection must begin.

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Members Absent: J.Formeister

Administrators Present: M.Suffredini (arrived at 8:50 p.m.), K.Pezza, B.Boutwell (arrived at 8:52 p.m.)

Staff Present:

Citizens Present:

Students Present:

Others:

1.0 PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Public Budget Hearing was at 7:00 p.m. in the Somers Elementary School auditorium.

2.0 CALL TO ORDER

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3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 8, 2013 – It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to approve the April 8, 2013 Board of Education meeting minutes. PASSED 6-0

5.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received CABA awards correspondence.

7.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 Add Copier Contract Proposal under New Business, Item 9.2

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to add to the BOE agenda the copier proposal to be presented by The Director of Business Services under New Business, Item 9.2 as presented. PASSED 8-0

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Approval of SEED Educator Evaluation Instrument

Pursuant to changes in CT law, Somers Public Schools has revised its' educator and administrator evaluation document. Director of Curriculum, Kathleen Pezza, presented to the Board the new instrument and explained changes. For teachers' evaluation, Somers Public Schools has adopted the SEED model by making some small changes based on pilot districts' feedback and successes, as well as taking into consideration the size of the school district. For administrator evaluations, the SEED model will be adopted wholesale. Somers Public Schools will begin implementation of these two new evaluation models beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to approve the SEED Educator Evaluation Instrument as recommended by the Director of Curriculum as presented. PASSED 8-0

9.2 Copier Contract

Director of Business Services, Bill Boutwell, presented to the board regarding five copier contract bids that took place. Mr. Boutwell is recommending the bid sent by CBS, which is a 5-year lease and will result in 14 updated, brand new copiers district-wide. This copier contract will not impact/change the current budget as figures remain within the equipment rental budget item.

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to approve the copier proposal as recommended by the Director of Business Services as presented. PASSED 8-0

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.1 Transportation Update

- Director of Business Services, Bill Boutwell, reported an update on the district's transportation. The district is in its first year with the collaborative bus contract and things are working smoothly. With the potential for full day kindergarten and incoming daily registrations, Mr. Boutwell noted that bus routes will be evolving and may not be confirmed until August 29th.

11.1 Superintendent's Report

- The Superintendent updated the Board on the Route 190/Ninth District road construction project, which will take place from June 2013 to June 2014.
- RFPs are being processed for classroom modifications at SES for full day kindergarten. Once RFPs are completed, a formal action from the Board to move on with the project will be required.

12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings

12.1 Budget – The Somers public budget hearing took place prior to tonight’s BOE meeting. The Board of Finance is looking to push back the town meeting and referendum for a month.

12.2 Curriculum – The Curriculum Committee will meet on Monday, 4/29 in the afternoon.

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

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

12.5 Planning Committee – No Update

12.6 Other Committees

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

13.0 OTHER

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 9:33 p.m. PASSED 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

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

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