

BOE Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2013 7:00 PM
BOE Meeting Room, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. DRAFT Board of Education Meeting Minutes - October 15, 2013

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – October 15, 2013

Members Present: R. Schmidt, M. Ciccarella, R. Lees, J. Formeister, B. Capuano
Members Absent: A. Kirkpatrick, D. Palmer, B. Devlin
Administrators Present: M. Suffredini, K. Pezza, J. Oliver, S. Muirhead, R. Kapner, D. Messina,
B. Boutwell, G. Cotzin, D. Carroll
Staff Present: C. Gustafson
Citizens Present: M. Rockett
Students Present:
Others:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Secretary R. Lees in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED (B. Capuano) SECONDED (R. Schmidt) to approve the September 23, 2013 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. PASSED 5-0

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

4.1 2013 CMT/CAPT Report

Administrators from all three schools presented student performance data for the CMT and CAPT testing. SHS students improved overall reaching over 90% proficient in each academic area. Intervention and tutoring strategies were credited for assisting some students in achieving increased performance. MBA administrators reported decreases in students at or below basic levels with an increase in proficiency with the greatest overall growth being demonstrated in the 7th grade scores. SES Principal reported overall growth in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades with a need to refocus on reading for 5th graders. In each group, students were in synch with or exceeded student performance statewide as well as in the economic group known as the DRG (District Reference Groups).

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was MOVED (M. Ciccarella) SECONDED (J. Formeister) to approve the Consent Agenda.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approval of the 2014 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

It was MOVED (B. Capuano) SECONDED (J. Formeister) to approve the 2014 Board of Education Meeting Schedule.

8.2 First Warning DBS Code 2120: Organization Table

Discussion only, no action taken.

8.3 SHS Field Trip Request to Quebec City

French teacher C. Gustafson presented the details of a trip to Quebec City for 11th and 12th grade students to be held January 31, 2014 through February 02, 2014. Students will travel with Jumpstreet Tours as they have successfully in years past.

It was MOVED (R. Schmidt) SECONDED (M. Ciccarella) to approve this trip.

PASSED 5-0

8.4 Extended Leave M. Cianci

It was MOVED (R. Schmidt) SECONDED (B. Capuano) to approve an extended leave for faculty member M. Cianci. PASSED 5-0

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 2014-2015 School Calendar

Superintendent Suffredini presented the 2014-2015 school calendar for the Board of Education's preview. Discussion only, no action taken.

10.2 October 1, 2013 Enrollment Report

Superintendent Suffredini presented the October 1, 2013 Enrollment Report. Discussion only, no action taken.

10.3 2014-2015 Budget Planning Calendar

Superintendent Suffredini presented the tentative planning dates for the 2014-2015 school budget. Discussion only, no action taken.

10.4 Dress Code

Superintendent Suffredini has asked the Administrative Council to meet and explore the consistency of enforcement of the dress code policies and will report back to the Board with the outcome of the meeting. Discussion only, no action taken

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

11.1 Budget –

11.2 Curriculum –

11.3 Policy –

11.4 Salary & Negotiations – Meetings are on going. An electronic exchange of proposals will occur on October 22, 2013 with a follow up meeting scheduled for October 30, 2013.

11.5 Planning Committee – A meeting was held to discuss a long range plan extending beyond five years.

11.6 Other Committees

Technology Ad Hoc Committee –

12.0 OTHER

J. Formeister asked if there was available information about construction the town has initiated near the athletic fields. Superintendent Suffredini confirmed that the town is updating access to parking and athletic fields that are on the school campus.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (J. Formeister) SECONDED (B. Capuano) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:20 p.m. PASSED 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary
Beth Ann Morhardt, Recording Secretary

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