

**DRAFT BOE Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 27, 2014 7:00 PM**  
DRAFT BOE MEETING MINUTES, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. 1-27-14 BOE MEETING MINUTES

**SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING – January 27, 2014**

**Members Present:** B. Devlin, M. Marquardt, R. Lees, Jr., M. Rockett, S. Moynihan  
Bollinger, A. Kirkpatrick, J. Formeister, K. McLellan  
**Members Absent:** D. Palmer was attending a BOF meeting  
**Administrators Present:** M. Suffredini was attending a BOF meeting and arrived at 7:40 p.m.,  
B. Boutwell, K. Pezza, D. Messina, R. Wilson  
**Staff Present:** S. Burns  
**Citizens Present:** R. Schmidt, B. Capuano  
**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 Vice Chairman Devlin in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 13, 2014—It was MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (R. Lees) to approve the January 13, 2014 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. Motion made to amend minutes to the Executive Session and delete J. MacFeat who was absent from the session. It was MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (A. Kirkpatrick). PASSED 8-0.

**4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**

**5.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**7.1. Approval of Bills**

It was MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (R. Lees), PASSED 8-0.

**7.2. Maternity Leave for Jennifer Ohlund**

It was MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (R. Lees) to approve maternity leave for J. Ohlund through the end of the school year beginning on April 11, 2014 and returning for the 2014-2015 school year. Long-term substitute to be discussed with M. Suffredini. PASSED 8-0.

**7.3. Maternity Leave for Katie Buell**

It was MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (R. Lees) to approve maternity leave for K. Buell beginning on or around May 28, 2014 and returning for the 2014-2015 school year. PASSED 8-0.

**7.4. Maternity Leave for Melissa Shannon**

It was **MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (R. Lees)** to approve maternity leave for M. Shannon to begin on or around June 9, 2014 and returning to work for the 2014-2015 school year. **PASSED 8-0.**

## **8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1. Donation from Somers Community Health and Wellness Association**

The Board of Education discussed sending a letter of acceptance and thanking the Somers Community Health and Wellness Association for the donation of \$3,375. It was **MOVED (S. Bollinger), SECONDED (R. Lees), PASSED 8-0.**

### **8.2. First Warning of DBS Code 4112.6/4212.6-Certificated/Non-Certificated**

**Rationale:** The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABE for policy revisions and is presenting the revised policy for first warning to the board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 2/10/14 agenda.

### **8.3. First Warning of DBS Code 6146 – Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency**

**Rationale:** The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABE for policy revisions and is presenting the revised policy for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 2/10/14 agenda.

### **8.4. Educational Specs Information for Roof Project**

B. Boutwell presented an overview of the Educational Specifications drafted for the roof project for SES, SHS, and two maintenance buildings. The Board of Education was appointed to approve the Educational Specifications for the project. A formal vote by the Board of Education will be required in order to submit this application. This vote will be scheduled at the February 10, 2014 Board of Education meeting. The Board of Education will also decide whether or not to begin a committee for this project.

## **9.0 OLD BUSINESS**

### **9.1. 2014-2015 Budget**

Motion was made to approve the 2014-2015 Budget. It was **MOVED (J. Formeister), SECONDED (S. Bollinger), PASSED 8-0.** The budget is based upon needs with the number one priority being technology for students and teachers.

## **10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **10.1. Lease Agreement for Apple iPads**

Mr. Rob Wilson, Director of Technology and Information Services, gave an overview of the lease program with Apple. 860 more iPads are to be leased for a four-year period. It will be easier to cycle out older iPads. The iPads will not only be distributed to students but to the teachers as well. It was **MOVED (R. Lees), SECONDED (M. Marquardt), PASSED 8-0.**

## **11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

### **11.1. Budget**

### **11.2. Curriculum**

### **11.3. Policy – A meeting will be held on February 10, 2014 with more policies.**

**11.4. Salary & Negotiations – Investment Committee is to meet. Communication was received from the State to open negotiations for Custodian and Nurses Unions to begin at the end of February or the beginning of March. Regarding the teachers’ contracts, the communication/education program regarding the health plan is starting.**

**11.5. Planning Committee**

**11.6. Other Committees**

**12.0 OTHER**

**J. Formeister will email a letter regarding the Legislative Breakfast to be held in two weeks.**

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED (S. Bollinger), SECONDED (R. Lees) to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. PASSED 8-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary**

**Shannin Burns, Recording Secretary**

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