

**DRAFT BOARD MINUTES 9-8-14**  
**Monday, September 8, 2014 7:00 PM**  
DRAFT Board Minutes 9-8-14, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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## **SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING – September 8, 2014**

**Members Present:** B. Devlin, D. Palmer, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger, J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt (left meeting at 7:47 p.m.), K. McLellan, M. Rockett (left meeting at 7:12 p.m.)

**Members Absent:**

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

**Staff Present:** J. Oliver, R. Rossetti, M. Mucci

**Citizens Present:**

**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 Dr. Suffredini, Superintendent of Schools, in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room prior to the BOE election of officers.

#### **2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **3.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Dr. Suffredini opened the floor for nominations for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary of the Board of Education. It was **MOVED (D. Palmer), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to elect B. Devlin as Chairman of the Board of Education. **PASSED 9-0.** It was **MOVED (B. Devlin), SECONDED (R. Lees)** to elect D. Palmer as Vice Chairman of the Board of Education. **PASSED 9-0.** It was **MOVED (D. Palmer), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to elect R. Lees as Secretary of the Board of Education. **PASSED 9-0.**

#### **4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 25, 2014 – It was **MOVED (J. Formeister), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to approve the August 25, 2014 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**

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

#### **6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

D. Palmer received a letter that he passed around to the Board members. A copy was provided to Dr. Suffredini.

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

It was **MOVED (D. Palmer), SECONDED (J. Formeister)** to add item 9.6: Designation of a Temporary, Three-Member Subcommittee of the Board as recommended by Dr. Suffredini. **PASSED 9-0.**

## **8.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **8.1. Approval of Bills**

It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to approve the 9/8/14 bills in the amount of \$373,088.11 as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**

## **9.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1. Letter of Resignation – C. Buttafuoco**

It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (M. Rockett) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Carol Ann Buttafuoco, Intervention Tutor at Somers High School, effective September 3, 2014. **PASSED 9-0.**

### **9.2. First Warning of DBS Code 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process**

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 9/22/14 BOE meeting agenda.

### **9.3. First Warning of DBS Code 5141.3 – Health Examination and Immunizations**

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 9/22/14 BOE meeting agenda.

### **9.4. First Warning of DBS Code 5131.911 – Bullying**

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 9/22/14 BOE meeting agenda.

### **9.5. First Warning of DBS Code 6111 – School Calendar**

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 9/22/14 BOE meeting agenda.

### **9.6. Designation of a Temporary, Three-Member Subcommittee of the Board**

It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to designate a temporary, three-member subcommittee of the Board to conduct a student accommodation hearing pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-186. **PASSED 9-0.**

## **10.0 OLD BUSINESS**

### **10.1. BOE Agenda Reporting Schedule 2014-2015**

It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to approve the Board of Education Agenda Reporting Schedule for the 2014-2015 year as presented. **PASSED 9-0.** The amended building goals were included in the motion. Dr. Suffredini reported that Board members may amend the sequence of the schedule.

## **11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **11.1. Summer School Update**

**Dr. D. Messina, Director of Pupil Services, J. Oliver, SES principal, and M. Mucci, SES Special Education Teacher, reported the following:**

- **The SLAM (Supporting Language Arts and Math) summer program was implemented for the second year offering enrichment for general education students for tuition and students who are entitled in their IEP.**
- **At SES, SLAM flyers are given to teachers to distribute to parents of students who may be struggling with reading and/or math and may participate by paying tuition.**
- **Summer school success kits were utilized in reading and math providing a weekly summer theme with positive feedback reported from teachers and students.**
- **Teachers were provided with information on each student to enable them to better understand each student's strengths and weaknesses.**
- **A handout was given to Board members providing comparative data between the 2013 and 2014 summer school program.**

**Dr. D. Messina reported that MBA and SHS tutoring services were offered in Language Arts and/or Math as a result of IEP needs as part of the ESY program. There was relatively the same number of students participating in the 2013 and 2014 tutoring services.**

**Mr. R. Rossetti, SHS Math Teacher, facilitated the SHS summer program and reported the following:**

- **SHS utilized the online Odysseyware program for summer school that resulted in positive feedback from students and parents.**
- **The Odysseyware program enables students to take a specific course they need at their own pace and focuses on the students' weaknesses in that course.**
- **16 courses were offered in the 2014 summer program.**
- **The program is used in the Alternative Education Program.**

### **11.2. Capital Projects Update**

**Mr. Bill Boutwell, Director of Business Services, presented the Capital Projects Update to the Board. A handout was given to the Board members. Mr. B. Boutwell reported that CIP met last spring and that the complete roof replacement at SES will be financed over 20 years at \$20,000/year.**

### **11.3. Professional Development Evaluation Committee Update**

**Kathleen Pezza, Director of Curriculum, updated the Board on the PDEC and distributed a handout listing the August Professional Development days involving the educator evaluation system, technology, and policies. Part A of the Educator Evaluation Data Collection of 2013-2014 was submitted on June 29th and Part B will be submitted prior to September 15th.**

**12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

**12.1. Budget – No report.**

**12.2. Curriculum – No report.**

**12.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that a meeting was held on 9/8/14. The committee is waiting for the next packet in November.**

**12.4. Salary & Negotiations – Chairman Devlin reported that the Administrators' negotiation dates are coming soon.**

**12.5. Planning – J. Formeister and D. Palmer reported that the committee will establish a date for a report at an upcoming Board meeting.**

**12.6. Other Committees – None.**

**13.0 OTHER**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED (S. Bollinger), SECONDED (K. McLellan) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:02 p.m. PASSED 7-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary  
Shannin Burns, Recording Secretary**

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