

**DRAFT BOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 23, 2015 7:00 PM**  
SES Auditorium, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes - 3-23-2015

**SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING – MARCH 23, 2015**

**Members Present:** B. Devlin, D. Palmer, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger (arrived at 7:13 p.m.), J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt, K. McLellan, M. Rockett

**Members Absent:**

**Administrators Present:** Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, K. Pezza, Dr. D. Messina, R. Wilson, R. Kapner, D. Senecal

**Staff Present:** K. Constant, M. McDonnell, L. Reilly

**Citizens Present:** K. Richard, J. Shewokis, S. Wyllie, T. Wyllie, A. Allen, J. Symington, M. Splain, G. Lund

**Students Present:**

**Others:**

- 1.0 BUDGET HEARING PUBLIC BUDGET PRESENTATION -- 6:30 P.M. -- SES AUDITORIUM (REGULAR BOE MEETING TO FOLLOW -- 7:00 P.M. -- SES AUDITORIUM)**
- 2.0 CALL TO ORDER**  
The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Chairman Devlin in the Somers Elementary School Auditorium.
- 3.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISTRICT SECURITY MEASURES AND PLANS**  
Rationale: An Executive Session will be called to review and discuss the district’s security measures and plans.  
It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to enter into Executive Session to review and discuss the district’s security measures and plans and to invite Dr. Suffredini, Superintendent of Schools, as well as Lt. Jose Claudio, Somers Police, at 7:15 p.m. **PASSED 7-2, OPPOSED 2** (A. Kirkpatrick, J. Formeister).  
  
The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.
- 4.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
March 9, 2015 – It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (J. Formeister) to approve the March 9, 2015 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**
- 6.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**
- 6.1. School Wellness Committee Report**  
Carol Meagher, Head Nurse, updated the Board on the status of the School Wellness Committee. The committee is continuing to monitor the allergy policy. The policy also covers other issues such as celiac disease, diabetes, and other allergies that are not life threatening. The committee is striving to seamlessly incorporate the students with allergies in all aspects of school. The staff is aware of the policy and aware of what

food is and is not allowed into the schools. The committee continues to comply with the United States Department of Agriculture guidelines regarding school lunches. Ms. Meagher reported that the committee is in the very early stages of exploring breakfast options due to many children not eating breakfast for various reasons.

#### 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Board members received an email that will be addressed in a future meeting.
- Chairman Devlin received an email from Asnuntuck.
- D. Palmer received a letter and presented it to Chairman Devlin.

#### 8.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (R. Lees) to add agenda item 10.5 – New Email Addresses For Board Members. **PASSED 9-0.**

#### 9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

##### 9.1. Approval of Bills

It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (M. Rockett) to approve the 3/23/15 bills in the amount of \$315,805.40 as presented. **PASSED 9-0.**

#### 10.0 NEW BUSINESS

##### 10.1. Interim Substitute Principal – SES

Dr. Suffredini reported that Mr. Peter Micari has been hired as the Interim Substitute Principal at Somers Elementary School during Principal Oliver's absence. He reported that Mr. Micari is familiar with the school system.

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (S. Bollinger) to consolidate agenda items 10.2, 10.3, and 10.4 (Resignations) to one vote. **PASSED 9-0.**

##### 10.2. Resignation Letter – L. Nelson

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (S. Bollinger) to accept the resignation of Loretta Nelson, Math/Science Teacher at Mabelle B. Avery Middle School, at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. **PASSED 9-0.**

##### 10.3. Resignation Letter – M. Nadeau

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (S. Bollinger) to accept the resignation of Melissa Nadeau, English Intervention Teacher at Somers High School, at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. **PASSED 9-0.**

##### 10.4. Letter of Resignation – K. Walker

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (S. Bollinger) to accept the resignation of Kaitlyn Walker, Grade 2 Teacher at Somers Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. **PASSED 9-0.**

##### 10.5. New Email Addresses For Board Members

A. Kirkpatrick ascertained that all Board members were using their new BOE school Gmail accounts.

**11.0 OLD BUSINESS****12.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS****13.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

**13.1. Budget – Dr. Suffredini reported that he gave Mr. Marinaccio from the Town Hall a couple of potential Monday dates for the Board to present to the BOF (3/30/15 or 4/6/15). The Town Hall will need to have everything ready for the BOF Public Hearing on 4/20/15. He will notify the Board when a date is set.**

**13.2. Curriculum – No report.**

**13.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the next meeting will be held on 4/13/15 at 6 p.m.**

**13.4. Salary & Negotiations – No report.**

**13.5. Planning – D. Palmer reported that a meeting will be set up to monitor the roofing activity progress. Dr. Suffredini reported that the roof project forms were going to be signed in Hartford on 3/24/15.**

**13.6. Other Committees – None.**

**14.0 OTHER****15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED (D. Palmer), SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:43 p.m. PASSED 9-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

**Minutes amended at the April 13, 2015 Board of Education meeting as follows:**

**3.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISTRICT SECURITY MEASURES AND PLANS****EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISTRICT SECURITY MEASURES AND PLANS**

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