

DRAFT BOARD MINUTES

Monday, August 24, 2015 7:00 PM

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1. DRAFT BOE MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 24, 2015

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – AUGUST 24, 2015

Members Present: B. Devlin, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger (arrived at 7:38 p.m.), J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt, M. Rockett

Members Absent: D. Palmer, K. McLellan

Administrators Present: Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, Dr. D. Messina, J. Oliver, M. Mucci, C. Krevolin, R. Kapner, G. Cotzin, D. Carroll

Staff Present:

Citizens Present: L.L. LaCasse, B. Schmidt

Students Present:

Others:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Devlin in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 22, 2015 – It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to approve the June 22, 2015 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 6-0.**
- July 27, 2015 – It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (M. Rockett) to approve the July 27, 2015 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 6-0.**

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** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (R. Lees) to approve the 7/27/15 bills in the amount of \$208,698.79 as presented. **PASSED 6-0.**
- It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (R. Lees) to approve the 8/10/15 bills in the amount of \$386,142.73 as presented. **PASSED 6-0.**
- It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (R. Lees) to approve the 8/24/15 bills in the amount of \$90,570.27 as presented. **PASSED 6-0.**

7.1.1. Somers Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement, OSF State Project No. 129-0036

It was **MOVED (J. Formeister), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to approve the second payment application submitted by Hartford Restoration Services, Inc. in the amount of \$334,096.00 as presented. The application has been reviewed and certified for payment by our project architect, Silver/Petrucelli & Associates, Inc. **PASSED 6-0.**

7.1.2. Somers High School Partial Roof Replacement, OSF State Project No. 129-0037

It was **MOVED (J. Formeister), SECONDED (M. Rockett)** to approve the second payment application submitted by Silktown Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$419,444.00 as presented. The application has been reviewed and certified for payment by our project architect, Silver/Petrucelli & Associates, Inc. **PASSED 6-0.**

7.2. Letter of Resignation – R. Rossetti

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (J. Formeister)** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Robert Rossetti, Math Teacher at Somers High School, effective August 13, 2015. **PASSED 6-0.**

7.3. Letter of Resignation – K. Pezza

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (J. Formeister)** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kathleen Pezza, Director of Curriculum, effective August 21, 2015. **PASSED 6-0.**

7.4. Letter of Resignation – L. Baruzzi

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (J. Formeister)** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Lisa Baruzzi, Language Arts Tutor at Mabelle B. Avery Middle School. **PASSED 6-0.**

7.5. Request for Leave of Absence – D. Sudarsky

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (J. Formeister)** to approve a leave of absence for Dana Sudarsky for the 2015-2016 school year due to family medical reasons. **PASSED 6-0.**

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1. 2014-2015 Budget Transfers

It was **MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (M. Rockett)** to approve the proposed 2014-2015 Operating Budget Transfers as presented. **PASSED 6-0.**

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1. Back to School Update

Dr. Suffredini updated the Board on facilities, staff and programs for the start of the 2015-2016 school year:

- **New staff orientation will be held on 8/25/15 beginning at 8 a.m. in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room. There will be a full day of informational sessions. Board members were invited. Convocation of all staff will be held on Wednesday, 8/26/15, at 8:30 a.m. at Somers High School. Board members were invited.**

- Roof projects started and ended on time with some minor issues currently being managed. Summer programs in the Somers Elementary School and Somers High School were moved to Mabelle B. Avery Middle School during the construction period.
- Dr. Suffredini reported that the custodians have done a fine job with maintenance in each building.
- A major task that began in the late spring was hiring a number of people for the upcoming school year. Twenty new people were hired in the district, and candidates are being reviewed for the Director of Curriculum position.
- Dr. Suffredini reported that a lot of work has been done for security in the district including hiring School Resource Officer (SRO), Trooper Michael Hevey. Trooper Hevey will mitigate issues within the schools as well as act as a resource and support for administrators, staff, and families.

10.2. Activity Account Report

- Bill Boutwell, Director of Business Services, provided the Board with an activities account report stating that the activity fund account continuously rolls and is comprised of 115-120 different accounts with the majority being in the high school.
- Bill Boutwell also discussed the bus routes that will be posted on 8/25/15. The routes have been developed from an automated routing system this year. He emphasized that although the length of the routes will appear long, they will not actually be the length that is published due to high school students parking in the student lot as well as students at drop off/pick up.

10.3. Building Goals Presentation

A PowerPoint report was presented to the Board of Education regarding building goals. Dr Suffredini introduced the building administrators to the Board:

- **Somers Elementary School:** J. Oliver, SES Principal, and M. Mucci, interim SES Assistant Principal, reported that the administrators are awaiting the Smarter Balanced assessments. Students are evaluated in literacy, math, and reading intervention. In literacy, Fountas and Pinnell (grades K-5), DIBELS (grades K-2), and DAZE (grades 3-5) assessments are utilized to evaluate students' literacy. The goal is to increase each student's literacy by a year's growth or more. In math, Kindergarten and Grade 1 students are evaluated by the Test of Early Numeracy while Grades 2-5 students are evaluated by M-Comp. The goal for K-1 students is to reach the end-of-year level benchmark while Grades 2-5 reach or exceed the benchmark. In reading intervention, students will maintain or increase while students below grade level will increase by more than a year's growth as evaluated utilizing the Fountas and Pinnell and DIBELS benchmarks.
- **Mabelle B. Avery Middle School:** C. Krevolin, MBA Principal, and R. Kapner, MBA Assistant Principal, reported that the SBAC results have not yet been delivered to the school. The goal is that all students will improve in reading, writing, listening, research and inquiry and that 85% of students will meet or exceed Literacy Standards as measured by the Smarter Balanced Assessment. The administrators explained that 85% is where students have tested in past years and is a number to work with without having obtained the SBAC results. The administrators will use interim assessments to gauge that students are on task. For students receiving interventions, the administrators want to make sure the

interventions are working and that the students are making appropriate gains. A Reading Specialist will target students with literacy concerns. In math, Smarter Balanced Assessments will be utilized to establish baseline proficiency levels and to monitor students' progress to determine if interventions are warranted. There are two math tutors for Grades 6-8. A state-mandated Academic Advisory program, adopted by a small committee of teachers, will be revised and implemented for each grade. Students will meet with their advisor daily by homeroom.

- **Somers High School:** G. Cotzin, SHS Principal, and D. Carroll, SHS Assistant Principal, reported that goals made for the upcoming year are based on internal measurements from last year. SBAC testing was eliminated from Grade 11. It was only to be used for one year. The administrators are focusing on PSAT's and SAT's while emphasizing that the entire SAT program has changed. In literacy, the goal is for English, Social Studies, World Language, Business, Art, and Food Service students to improve by 50% overall on benchmarks by 5/1/16. Teachers will continue to utilize SLO's and IAGD's. In math, the goal is for Math, Science, and Tech Education students to improve by 50% overall on benchmarks by 5/1/16. There is an intervention tutoring program available. Graduation goals include 95% of freshman and sophomores earning the appropriate credits, 98% of juniors earning 15 credits, and 100% of seniors earning at least 22 credits by 6/10/16.
- **Technology:** Dr. Suffredini reported on the technology goals for the year. The Technology Department will continue to monitor, guide, and adjust the 1:1 iPad program and ensure all technology is reliable and meeting needs. There have been positive responses from teachers, students, and parents; a positive contribution to the learning process; an increased collaboration between teachers; and an increased level of comfort with technology.
- **Pupil Services:** Dr. D. Messina reviewed the student growth expectations for students in SES, MBA, and SHS on IEP's. 90% of students will demonstrate that they have made/maintained an average of at least one year's growth during their triennial reevaluation as measured by the Weschler Individual Achievement Test for reading and math. Dr. D. Messina reported that 90% of SES, MBA, and SHS students on IEP's for speech and/or language delays will have made/maintained an average of at least one year's growth during their triennial reevaluation as measured by the Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals (CELF) or other standardized speech and language evaluation.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

11.1. Budget – No report.

11.2. Curriculum – No report.

11.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the committee met prior to the evening's Board meeting on 8/24/15. They have received a new packet to review. They will not have anything ready for the next Board meeting. The next committee meeting will be on 9/14/15 at 6 p.m.

11.4. Salary & Negotiations – No report.

- 11.5. Planning – No report.**
- 11.6. Other Committees – None.**

12.0 OTHER

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (A. Kirkpatrick) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:12 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.