

**DRAFT BOARD MINUTES**

**Monday, November 9, 2015 7:00 PM**

DRAFT BOARD MINUTES - 11-9-15, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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## SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING – November 9, 2015

**Members Present:** B. Devlin, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger,  
K. McLellan, M. Rockett, M. Marquardt (arrived 7:20), A. Kirkpatrick,  
J. Formeister

**Members Absent:** D. Palmer

**Administrators Present:** Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, Dr. D. Messina, Dr. I. Zytka,

**Staff Present:**

**Citizens Present:** B. Capuano, J. Morton,

**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

October 26, 2015 – It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (M. Rockett) to approve the October 26, 2015 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 7-0.**

#### 4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

- J. Morton of 163 County Rd. addressed the Board with concerns and frustrations on the handling of the bus situation on County Rd.

#### 4.1. CURRICULUM PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Irene H. Zytka, Director of Curriculum, presented an update on art/music and business curricula.

#### 5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Board members received a letter from a citizen, and R. Lees received an email from a member of the Lions Club.

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

It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to add item 8.3 First Warning to Review 5 Additional Curriculum Areas. Details may be found on the school website. **PASSED 8-0.**

It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (S. Moynihan Bollinger) to add item 9.14 Transportation Issues Discussion. **PASSED 8-0.**

## **7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **7.1. Approval of Bills**

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (M. Rockett)** to approve the 11/9/15 bills in the amount of \$270,900.41 as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

## **8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1. First Warning of DBS Code 5113.2 - Truancy**

**Public attachment - 5113.2 Truancy REVISED 11.1.15**

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 11/23/15 agenda.

### **8.2. First Warning of DBS Code 6146.2 - Proficiency Testing**

**Public attachment - 6146.2 Somers REV Proficiency testing Revised 5-26-2015**

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 11/23/15 agenda.

**8.3. First Warning Review of 5 curriculum areas, additional info may be found on the school website. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 11/23/15 agenda.**

## **9.0 OLD BUSINESS**

### **9.1. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 1120 - Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings**

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the policy as presented. **Passed 8-0.**

### **9.2. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 5114 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process**

It was **MOVED (K. McLellan), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to accept the policy as presented. **Passed 8-0.**

### **9.3. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 5141.28 - First Aid/Emergency Medical Care - Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention**

It was **MOVED (R. Lees, Jr), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the policy as presented. **Passed 8-0.**

### **9.4. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 3171.1 - Non-Lapsing Education Fund**

A motion was made for discussion. The motion was removed until the board of education could discuss this policy further with the board of finance.

### **9.5. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 9270 - Conflict of Interest**

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the policy as presented. **Passed 8-0.**

**9.6. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 2120: Organization Table**

It was **MOVED (R. Lees, Jr), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the policy as presented. Passed 8-0.

**9.7. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 1331.1 - Smoke Free Environment**

It was **MOVED (K. McLellan), SECONDED (B. Devlin)** to accept the policy as presented. Passed 8-0.

**9.8. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 4112.2 - Certification**

It was **MOVED (S. Moynihan Bollinger), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the policy as presented. Passed 8-0.

**9.9. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 4131 - Staff Development**

It was **MOVED (R. Lees, Jr), SECONDED (A. Kirkpatrick)** to accept the policy as presented. Passed 8-0.

**9.10. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 5113 - Attendance and Excuses**

It was **MOVED (M. Rockett), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the policy as presented. Passed 8-0.

**9.11. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 5131.6 - Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco**

It was **MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the policy as presented. Passed 8-0.

**9.12. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 5141.3 - Health Examination and Immunizations**

It was **MOVED (S. Moynihan Bollinger), SECONDED (A. Kirkpatrick)** to accept the policy as presented. Passed 8-0.

**9.13. Second Warning/Adoption of DBS Code 5141.21 - Administering Medication**

It was **MOVED (S. Moynihan Bollinger) SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the policy as presented. Passed 8-0.

**9.14. Transportation Issues Discussion.**

After discussion regarding the transportation issues involving the bus route on County Road, it was **MOVED (M. Rockett), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to have the board send a formal letter to the Board of Selectman expressing the Board's concern for the safety of the students who are now required to go to a different stop than they have in the past. The Board would like to ask them to consider installation of a guardrail that would potentially allow the bus to go back to its old route. If this is not possible, the Board would like to know the reasons it would not be possible and what are their other proposed solutions to resolve this issue.

**10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS****10.1 The Superintendent updated the Board on several points:**

- Dan Clement was attending a teacher of the year award ceremony in Hartford
- Beebe Landscaping was donating approximately \$ 5,700.00 worth of work on the MBA Fields
- This will be the last year the school will be closed on Veterans Day as the district will be adopting the regional calendar next year

- The district realized a substantial savings on the roof projects.

**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 – No Report**

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

**11.5. Planning – No Report**

**11.6. Other Committees – None.**

**12.0 OTHER**

S. Moynihan Bollinger commented on how good the POPS Concert was.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (S. Moynihan Bollinger) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:10 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.**