

**DRAFT BOARD MINUTES**

**Monday, November 23, 2015 7:00 PM**

DRAFT BOE Minutes - 11/23/15, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. DRAFT BOE Meeting Minutes

## SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING – NOVEMBER 23, 2015

**Members Present:** B. Devlin, D. Palmer, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger, J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt, B. Capuano

**Members Absent:** K. McLellan

**Administrators Present:** Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell

**Staff Present:** D. Carroll

**Citizens Present:** D. Robidoux, J. Robidoux

**Students Present:**

**Others:**

- 1.0 Ann Logan, Somers Town Clerk, was present to swear in B. Capuano, A. Kirkpatrick, and R. Lees to the Board of Education at 6:48 p.m. before the November 23, 2015 Board of Education meeting.**
- 2.0 CALL TO ORDER**  
The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dr. Maynard Suffredini, Superintendent of Schools, in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.
- 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
Dr. Suffredini opened the floor for nominations for Chairman on the Board of Education. It was **MOVED (R. Lees), SECONDED (D. Palmer)** to elect B. Devlin as Chairman of the Board of Education. **PASSED 8-0.** Chairman Devlin opened nominations for Vice Chairman and Secretary. It was **MOVED (J. Formeister), SECONDED (B. Devlin)** to elect D. Palmer as Vice Chairman of the Board. **PASSED 8-0.** It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (B. Devlin)** to elect R. Lees as Secretary of the Board. **PASSED 8-0.**
- 5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
November 9, 2015 – It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to approve the November 9, 2015 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**
- 6.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**
- 6.1. Guidance Annual Report**  
Mr. D. Carroll, Assistant Principal at SHS, updated the Board regarding the Guidance Program at SHS. Senior meetings began with counselors holding numerous drop-in sessions for seniors to help with the college application process. There has been a good transition for the 26 new students as well. The PSAT 8/9 was administered for the first time. All sophomores tested for the PSAT as well as many juniors. Testing included over 325 students. The College Fair included approximately 125 post-secondary representatives and was successful. The CCC (Counseling and Career Center) will be meeting with freshmen to administer the Learning Style Inventory. The CCC offers

career awareness experiences to help students explore their talents and interests, i.e. Women in Engineering Day at UCONN, Dymotek Corporation in Ellington, and the Journalism Career Day at Southern CT State University. Students have shadowed at locations such as the 4-Town Animal Hospital, Cox Communications, and with Dr. Paul Salva at Pediatric Pulmonology of Western New England. There are students interning in our schools and at Tecton Architects as part of the ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering) Mentoring Program. CCC hosted the Somers Fire Department to recruit volunteers for their EMT and fire programs. 70% of the student population have taken part in career exploration activities.

#### **6.2. Alternative Education Program Update**

Mr. D. Carroll, Assistant Principal at SHS, updated the Board on the Alternative Education Program. The program has been renamed ASPIRE. This is the seventh year the program has been operating. There are currently nine students enrolled in the program. Parents, students, and staff meet quarterly to discuss student achievement, expectations, etc. Students can earn credit in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and electives necessary to meet graduation requirements. The program runs both full day and half day. The online learning site, Odysseyware, provides a means for students to earn credits or to recover credits. S. Williams, school social worker, and Dr. Wald, school psychologist, offer therapeutic support and conduct a group session daily to focus on executive functioning, study skills, emotional intelligence, etc.

#### **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Kirkpatrick delivered correspondence to the Board of Selectmen.

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

- It was **MOVED (J. Formeister)**, **SECONDED (B. Devlin)** to add agenda item 10.5 – First Warning of SHS Curricula: Pre-Calculus and Honors Pre-Calculus. **PASSED 8-0.**
- A. Kirkpatrick reported that DBS Code 5113.2 – Truancy and DBS Code 6146.2 – Proficiency Testing were not included on the agenda and will be added to the next Board meeting agenda on 12/7/15.

#### **9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **9.1. Approval of Bills**

It was **MOVED (D. Palmer)**, **SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to approve the 11/23/15 bills in the amount of \$157,753.36 as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

#### **10.0 NEW BUSINESS**

##### **10.1. First Warning of Curricula: Art, Music, Business & Computers, Counseling 6-12, Food Service and Health**

The above curricula were discussed by the Curriculum Committee at their June 22, 2015 meeting and are being presented for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 12/7/15 agenda. (The above listed curricula are located on the Curriculum and Instruction page on the District website.)

##### **10.2. First Warning of DBS Code 4115 – Evaluation and Support Program**

The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CAFE for policy revisions

and is presenting the revised policy for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 12/7/15 agenda. Also attached is the current/old 4115 policy for your review.

- 10.3. First Warning of DBS Code 5144.1 – Physical Restraint(s)/Seclusion**  
The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABA for policy revisions and is presenting the revised policy for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 12/7/15 agenda.
- 10.4. First Warning of DBS Code 5142.4 – School Resource Officer**  
The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABA for a new policy and is presenting for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 12/7/15 agenda.
- 10.5. First Warning of Curricula: Pre-Calculus and Honors Pre-Calculus**  
The above curricula are being presented for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 12/7/15 agenda.

## **11.0 OLD BUSINESS**

## **12.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Dr. Suffredini reported on the following:**

- **Dr. Suffredini congratulated the Boys Varsity Soccer team who won the 2015 CIAC Class S State Soccer Championship.**
- **Dr. Suffredini reported on the new policy regarding the administration of medication, specifically, administering the EpiPen.**
- **Dr. Suffredini reported that Lunan’s Landscaping, LLC of Morris, CT generously will donate \$18,000 for the baseball infield. It was MOVED (B. Capuano), SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to accept the generous donation of \$18,000 from Lunan’s Landscaping, LLC. PASSED 8-0.**

### **12.1. Long-Range Plan Review**

**Dr. Suffredini and B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services, updated the Board on the long-range plan. An informational packet was provided for the Board members to peruse. Dr. Suffredini and B. Boutwell have been meeting with the administrators and drafting the 2016-17 budget. They will be meeting with the Long-Range Planning Committee.**

## **13.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.**

- 13.1. Budget – Dr. Suffredini reported that the budget is in good shape and that the 2016-2017 budget is currently being drafted.**
- 13.2. Curriculum – J. Formeister reported that there have been comments made by staff suggesting that Professional Development days change to half days instead of full days. It will be discussed further.**

**13.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick is waiting to hear back from the Board of Selectmen. She also reported that a new CABE packet arrived which will be discussed once a new Policy Committee is in place.**

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

**13.5. Planning – As stated above under agenda item 12.1.**

**13.6. Other Committees – None.**

**14.0 OTHER**

- **M. Marquardt reported that the Somers Fire Department escorted the SHS Varsity Boys Soccer team back to town after the championship game.**
- **A. Kirkpatrick reported that she attended the “sold out” CABE Convention which she reports had valuable discussions.**
- **Committee requests are to be sent to Chairman Devlin.**
- **B. Capuano and A. Kirkpatrick are attending the orientation for Board members on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in Rocky Hill from 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Dr. Suffredini invited the other Board members to attend and to contact his office if interested.**

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:00 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.**