

**DRAFT BOE Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 14, 2016 7:30 PM**

Somers Elementary School Media Center, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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**SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING – MARCH 14, 2016**

**Members Present:** B. Devlin, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger (left at 8:07 p.m.), J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt (arrived at 7:51 p.m.), K. McLellan, B. Capuano

**Members Absent:** D. Palmer

**Administrators Present:** Dr. M. Suffredini, B. Boutwell, Dr. D. Messina, R. Wilson, Dr. I. Zytka, G. Cotzin, D. Carroll

**Staff Present:**

**Citizens Present:** E. Hafford, J. Morton

**Students Present:**

**Others:**

**1.0 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

The Budget Public Hearing was held in the Somers Elementary School auditorium at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Board of Education meeting.

**2.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Devlin in the Somers Elementary School Media Center.

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to amend the 2/22/16 Board of Education meeting minutes as follows:

- It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (D. Palmer) to add to the agenda the Board's position on the Transportation Policy as stated in the Board of Education's letter to the Board of Selectmen dated November 16, 2015. **PASSED 6-0-2, ABSTAINED 2** (A. Kirkpatrick, S. Bollinger).
- It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (D. Palmer) for the Board to vote that the members never voted on the position regarding the Board's Transportation Policy. **PASSED 6-0-2, ABSTAINED 2** (A. Kirkpatrick, S. Bollinger).

**PASSED 7-0.**

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

J. Morton of 163 County Rd. addressed the Board regarding the letter and future transportation on County Rd.

**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**8.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**8.1. Approval of Bills**

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve the 3/14/16 bills in the amount of \$540, 025.42 as presented. **PASSED 7-0.**

**8.2. Maternity Leave – S. Jodice**

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve unpaid child-rearing leave at the request of Stephanie Jodice starting at the conclusion of FMLA leave with a return to work date for the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. **PASSED 7-0.**

**8.3. Resignation Letter – L. Lonczewski**

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to accept the resignation of Loren Lonczewski, Physics Teacher at Somers High School, at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. **PASSED 7-0.**

**9.0 NEW BUSINESS****9.1. 2016-2017 Choice Students**

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (S. Bollinger) to maintain 25 seats for the 2016-2017 Choice students and include additional seating for siblings of Choice students as recommended by Dr. Suffredini. **PASSED 7-0.**

It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to add agenda item 10.6 – First Warning/Adoption of a new “Themes” book. **PASSED 8-0.**

**10.0 OLD BUSINESS****10.1. Second Warning/Adoption of New Textbook, “Discovering World Geography” – Grades 6 & 7**

It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to approve the adoption of the new textbook, “Discovering World Geography,” for grades 6 and 7 as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

**10.2. Second Warning/Adoption of New World Language Textbook, “Bien Dit!” for MBA and SHS**

It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve the new World Language textbook, “Bien Dit!” for MBA and SHS as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

**10.3. Second Warning/Adoption of New World Language Textbook, “Avacemos!” for MBA and SHS**

It was **MOVED** (J. Formeister), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve the new World Language textbook, “Avacemos!” as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

**10.4. Clarification of the Board of Education’s Position on the Transportation Policy as stated in the Board of Education’s Letter to the Board of Selectman dated November 16, 2015**

The Board discussed the letter that was sent to the Board of Selectman dated 11/16/2015.

**10.5. Motion to Clarify the Board of Education’s Position on the Transportation Policy as stated in the Board of Education’s Letter to the Board of Selectman dated November 16, 2015**

It was **MOVED (R. Lees), SECONDED (J. Formeister)** that the Board had not voted that it was in violation of its transportation policies at any time before or after submitting a letter to the selectman. **PASSED 6-0-2, ABSTAINED 2 (A. Kirkpatrick, S. Bollinger).**

**10.6. First Warning/Adoption of new textbook, “Themes”**

The textbook, “Themes,” was discussed by the Curriculum Committee and is being presented for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 3/28/16 agenda.

**11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**11.1. Annual Scheduling – Class Size**

G. Cotzin, SHS Principal, and D. Carroll, SHS Assistant Principal, explained the scheduling process and updated the Board regarding information on the course tally for the 2016-2017 school year. The numbers are fairly consistent with past course tallies with reasonable class sizes. Small group instruction may be implemented for the intervention students. It is noted that there are less students signing up for French. Minimum class size is 10 with exception to AP courses. The finalized master schedule will be ready in less than two weeks.

**12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

**12.1. Budget – Dr. Suffredini reported on the budget in the public hearing held prior to the Board of Education meeting on 3/14/16.**

**12.2. Curriculum – No report.**

**12.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the next meeting will be held on 3/28/16 at 6 p.m. prior to the BOE meeting.**

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

**12.5. Planning – No report.**

**12.6. Other Committees – None.**

**13.0 OTHER**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

It was **MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:08 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.**