

DRAFT BOARD MINUTES

Monday, March 28, 2016 7:00 PM

Draft Board Minutes 3/28/16, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2016

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – MARCH 28, 2016

Members Present: B. Devlin, R. Lees, Jr., J. Formeister, A. Kirkpatrick, K. McLellan
(arrived at 7:12 p.m.), B. Capuano

Members Absent: D. Palmer, S. Moynihan Bollinger, M. Marquardt

Administrators Present: Dr. D. Messina, Dr. I. Zytka

Staff Present: M. Curran, A. Mancuso

Citizens Present:

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

March 14, 2016 – It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to approve the March 14, 2016 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 5-0.**

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

4.1. Wellness Committee Report 2016

Amy Mancuso, Head Nurse, updated the Board on the status of the School Wellness Committee with emphasis on nutrition and physical activity. She reported that there is concern for students of SES who arrive to school without having had any breakfast. Although all SES classes have a designated morning snack time and students are able to obtain a light snack from the school nurse, the committee is working on trying to organize a breakfast program. The same applies for students at MBA. SHS has a breakfast program which runs from bus arrival time until 10 a.m. She would also like to incorporate parent/student education regarding healthy food choices and the importance of breakfast when school reconvenes in the fall. Regarding physical activity, all three schools have physical education. At SES, students receive 30 minutes of recess daily. The committee is working on implementing some physical activity on days that students are unable to go outside for recess due to inclement weather. The committee would like to add more or extend the length of afterschool activities at MBA and will be discussing this with school administrators and Mr. McCarthy. SHS has afterschool sports such as soccer, cross country, field hockey, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball as well as boys and girls lacrosse. There are community-run programs that children may participate in as well.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1. Approval of Bills

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to approve the 3/28/16 bills in the amount of \$49,000.85 as presented. **PASSED 6-0.**

7.2. Maternity Leave for Katie Buell

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to approve maternity leave for K. Buell beginning on or around May 27, 2016 and returning for the 2016-2017 school year. **PASSED 6-0.**

7.3. Retirement Letter – Susan Thorne

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept with regret the retirement of Susan Thorne, Paraprofessional at Somers Elementary School effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Susan has been employed by the district for 14 years. **PASSED 6-0.**

7.4. Resignation Letter – S. Plocharczyk

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the resignation of Sandi Plocharczyk, English Teacher at Somers High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. Sandi has been employed by the district for 4 years. **PASSED 6-0.**

7.5. Retirement Letter – S. Roberts

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (K. McLellan)** to accept the retirement of Steven Roberts, Guidance Counselor at Somers High School, effective April 15, 2016. Steve has been employed by the district for 31 years. **PASSED 6-0.**

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Second Warning/Adoption of Themes 1e Student Edition + Supersite Plus

It was **MOVED (K. McLellan), SECONDED (J. Formeister)** to approve the textbook, Themes 1e Student Edition + Supersite Plus as presented by the Curriculum Committee. **PASSED 6-0.**

8.2. SHS Field Trip – NYC Art Museums

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (B. Capuano)** to approve of an overnight field trip with 11 Honors Art students to New York City Art Museums as presented by Mary Curran, Art Teacher at Somers High School. **PASSED 6-0.**

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

11.1. Budget – No report.

11.2. Curriculum – J. Formeister reported that the next meeting will be held on Monday, 4/11/16, at 6 p.m. prior to the Board meeting.

11.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the committee met on 3/28/16 prior to the Board meeting. They will have one policy to warn for the next meeting, and two items will be covered in the curriculum meeting.

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 (J. Formeister), SECONDED (K. McLellan) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 7:22 p.m. PASSED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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