

DRAFT BOARD MINUTES

Monday, September 12, 2016 7:00 AM

Draft Board Meeting Minutes 9/12/2016, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. Draft BOE Minutes 9/12/2016

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Members Present: B. Devlin, S. Moynihan Bollinger (arrived 7:13 p.m.), J. Formeister, M. Marquardt (arrived 7:32 p.m.), K. McLellan, B. Capuano

Members Absent: D. Palmer, R. Lees, Jr., A. Kirkpatrick

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

Staff Present: C. Gustafson

Citizens Present:

Students Present:

Others:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 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

August 22, 2016 – It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (S. Bollinger) to approve the August 22, 2016 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 5-0.**

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** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve the 9/12/16 bills in the amount of \$492,714.77 as presented. **PASSED 5-0.**

7.2. Resignation Letter – K. Brzezowski

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to accept the resignation of Karen Brzezowski, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, effective September 16, 2016. **PASSED 5-0.**

7.3. Resignation Letter – A. Apostol

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to accept the

resignation of Aldy Apostol, Custodian at Somers High School, effective September 12, 2016. PASSED 5-0.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1. SHS Field Trip Request to Quebec City

It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (J. Formeister) to approve a SHS field trip request to Quebec City on December 9-11, 2016 as presented by Ms. Cheryl Gustafson, SHS World Language Teacher. Fourteen French 4 and 5 students will visit historical landmarks and will be encouraged to use their language skills. Night security will be included. PASSED 5-0.

8.2. First Warning of DBS Code 3520.13 – Student Data Protection and Privacy/Cloud-Based Issues

The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABE and is recommending this new policy to replace the previous version to comply with new legislation. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 9/26/16 agenda.

8.3. First Warning of DBS Code 4111/4211 – Recruitment and Selection

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 9/26/16 agenda.

8.4. First Warning of DBS Code 5131.601 – Medical (Palliative) Use of Marijuana

The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABE for the attached policy and is presenting the new policy for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 9/26/16 agenda.

8.5. First Warning of DBS Code 5141.4 – Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault

The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABE and is presenting the revised policy for first warning to the Board. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 9/26/16 agenda.

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1. Summer School Update

- Dr. D. Messina, Director of Pupil Services, updated the Board on the Summer SLAM (Supporting Language Arts and Mathematics) Program which was held for two, two-week sessions at SES. L. Polis, SES Special Education Teacher, coordinated the program's fourth year. The program provided theme-based integrated instruction focusing on literacy and math skills. Themes included the Olympics, camping and outdoor activities, and countries around the world. Integrated movement was added to the SLAM program this summer. Summer Success Reading and Math Resource Kits aligned with Common Core were provided to the staff as supplemental materials. This year's sessions additionally included a focus on executive

functioning skills (i.e., task initiation, listening for information, self-monitoring, and flexible thinking). 37 students participated in the program. All students may participate in the program; however, there is tuition of \$190 per session. The program is free to students with significant regression on an IEP who qualify and are extended an invitation as mandated by the State. Three SHS students volunteered as needed. MBA and SHS provided tutoring services.

- **Dr. G. Cotzin, SHS Principal, updated the Board on SHS Summer School. The Odysseyware program was utilized for the third time and received positive feedback by parents and the 12 students who enrolled in the program. Students are able to work on the courses online at home but have to be monitored at the school when testing. It is strictly a credit recovery program. S. McNamee, SHS Math Teacher, supervised the program this year.**

10.2. Capital Projects Update

Mr. B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services, presented the Capital Projects Update to the Board. The SES roof membrane coating and SW utility van are projects currently funded through CIP in 2016-2017 with an available \$50,000 discretionary allocation for emergency needs.

10.3. Professional Development Evaluation Committee Update

Dr I. Zytka, Director of Curriculum, updated the Board on the PDEC. The Professional Development 2016-17 schedule will include new science standards training at SES as well as three days of science workshops for SES, MBA, and SHS involving CREC. SHS will be involved in preparation for NEASC while SES and MBA will meet for data team training. In November, PD will focus on generating reports and analyzing data. Staff will be able to use the data in order to discuss strategies and, ultimately, evaluate the results. This year teachers will have the opportunity to get together and propose a specific topic for PD. A proposal form would need to be submitted. Dr. Zytka will review the proposal to see if it meets the criteria. New teachers and interventionists will also be supported throughout the year.

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 – Dr. Suffredini reported that a meeting is scheduled for 9/27/16.

11.5. Planning – No report.

11.6. Other Committees – None.

12.0 OTHER

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (B. Capuano) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 7:49 p.m. PASSED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary

Shannin Burns, Recording Secretary

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.