

DRAFT OF BOE Minutes 12-5-16
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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – DECEMBER 5, 2016

Members Present: B. Devlin, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger, J. Anderson, A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt (arrived for 7:00 p.m. meeting), K. McLellan (arrived for 7:00 p.m. meeting), B. Capuano

Members Absent: D. Palmer

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

Staff Present: K. Giannuzzi, K. Regan, L. Grenier

Citizens Present:

Students Present:

Others:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Chairman Devlin in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Board of Education meeting room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER'S REPLACEMENT DUE TO MRS. FORMEISTER'S RESIGNATION

It was **MOVED** (R. Lees), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to accept J. Formeister's replacement, Mr. J. Anderson, on the Board of Education. **PASSED 5-0.**

It was **MOVED** (R. Lees), **SECONDED** (S. Bollinger) to suspend the BOE meeting until 7:00 p.m. **PASSED 5-0.**

It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to resume the BOE meeting at 7:00 p.m. **PASSED 6-0** (S. Bollinger was out of the room).

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 14, 2016 – It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve the November 14, 2016 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 6-0** (S. Bollinger was out of the room).

5.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

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** (M. Marquardt) to approve the 11/28/16 bills in the amount of \$108,758.86 as presented. **PASSED 7-0.**
- 8.2. Approval of Bills**
It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to approve the 12/5/16 bills in the amount of \$195,458.52 as presented. **PASSED 7-0.**
- 8.3. Resignation Letter – Jaclyn Soderquist**
It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to accept the resignation of Jaclyn Soderquist, Speech and Language Pathology Assistant at Somers Elementary, effective 12/23/2016. **PASSED 7-0.**
- 8.4. Resignation/Retirement of Peter Stone**
It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to accept, with regret, the retirement of Peter Stone, Systemwide AV Specialist, effective December 31, 2016. **PASSED 7-0.**
- 9.0 NEW BUSINESS**
- 9.1. First Warning Curricula: New Course Proposal at Somers High School – Technology Design and Engineering**
The above curricula was discussed by the Curriculum Committee at their November 21, 2016 meeting and is being presented for first warning to the Board at this meeting.
- 9.2. First Warning of Curricula: New Progress Report Card for Pre-School**
The above curricula was discussed by the Curriculum Committee at their November 21, 2016 meeting and is being presented for first warning to the Board at this meeting.
- 9.3. First Warning of Curricula: New Book for Somers High School – The Road by Cormac McCarthy for College English 12**
The above book was discussed by the Curriculum Committee at their November 28, 2016 meeting and is being presented for the first warning to the Board at this meeting.
- 9.4. First Warning of DBS Code 5113.2 – Student Truancy**
The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABE at its meeting on 11/28/2016 and is recommending this new policy to replace the previous version to comply with new legislation. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 1/9/2017 agenda.
- 9.5. First Warning of DBS Code 5114 – Student Suspension**
The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABE at its meeting on 11/28/2016 and is recommending this new policy to replace the previous version to comply with new legislation. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 1/9/2017 agenda.
- 9.6. First Warning of DBS Code 5118.1 – Students – Resident Students**
The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABE at its meeting

on 11/28/2016 and is recommending this new policy to replace the previous version to comply with new legislation. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 1/9/2017 agenda.

9.7. First Warning of DBS Code 5145.14 – Student On-Campus Recruitment
The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABE at its meeting on 11/28/2016 and is recommending this new policy to replace the previous version to comply with new legislation. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 1/9/2017 agenda.

9.8. First Warning of DBS Code 5145.15 – Students Directory Information
The Policy Committee has reviewed recommendations by CABE at its meeting on 11/28/2016 and is recommending this new policy to replace the previous version to comply with new legislation. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 1/9/2017 agenda.

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.1. Update on Superintendent Search by CABE

Dr. Suffredini recognized the first meeting with the CABE consultant. Chairman Devlin reported that the Board discussed characteristics that they are seeking in the superintendent search as well as negatives and positives of the district. The consultant will be setting up a survey and focus groups consisting of teachers, administrators, elected officials, parents, citizens, police, fire, other boards, etc. that will most likely occur in January.

11.2. SHS Guidance Annual Report

Mr. G. Cotzin, SHS Principal, introduced K. Regan, L. Grenier, and K. Giannuzzi, SHS Counselors, to the Board. Ms. Giannuzzi handles the 9th grade and Ms. Grenier and Ms. Regan divide the 10th, 11th, and 12th graders.

The SHS counselors reported that 54.2% of seniors have applied to colleges thus far. The counselors encourage a range of applications to a broad spectrum of colleges. All families are encouraged to apply for financial aid. There have been an additional 20 new seniors. The counselors find it imperative to get to know the students academically as well as personally in order to help students identify colleges and write personalized letters for the application process. M. Duffy, SHS Career Specialist, also works with all students and encourages individuals to attend speaker forums, job shadows, tech schools, trade schools, military, etc. depending on the students' interests.

11.3. SHS Alternative Education Program “Aspire” Update

Mr. G. Cotzin, SHS Principal, and Mr. D. Carroll, SHS Assistant Principal, updated the Board on the Somers High School Aspire Program. This is the program's ninth year operating at the high school. There are five full-time students and seven part-time students enrolled in the program. Credit is offered for work experience. The administrators have the students' employer information. Students are either earning credit for initial coursework or

credit recovery using the online program, Odysseyware. The SHS social worker provides therapeutic support focusing on life skills such as executive functioning, time management, decision-making skills, etc. Progress is monitored with students, families, and support staff occurring once every academic term to review goals and make adjustments as needed.

11.4. Status Report on 2017-2018 Draft Budget

- Dr. Suffredini updated the Board on the 2017-18 draft budget. Dr. Suffredini met with the administrators and compiled a budget. The budget has not yet been finalized but will be presented to the Board in the New Year. Dr. Suffredini reported that the projected budget for next year will be impacted based on salary negotiations.
- Dr. Suffredini reported that progress has been made regarding the long-range plan, and information will be provided to the Board in the New Year. A meeting will be scheduled with the subcommittee.

12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

12.1. Budget – As stated above under agenda item 11.4.

12.2. Curriculum – K. McLellan has volunteered to replace J. Formeister as Committee Chair. J. Anderson will join the subcommittee.

12.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the next meeting will be held on 1/9/17 at 6 p.m. prior to the BOE meeting.

12.4. Salary & Negotiations – Dr. Suffredini reported that the mediation is scheduled for 12/15/16.

12.5. Planning – As stated above under agenda item 11.4.

12.6. Other Committees – None.

13.0 OTHER

S. Bollinger recommended a discussion reviewing the expectations of Board members, attendance at Board meetings, etc. at the beginning of the New Year as a review for the new BOE member.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 7:58 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.