

**DRAFT of BOE Minutes of 1-9-17 Meeting**

**Monday, January 9, 2017 7:00 PM**

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**SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2017**

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

**Members Absent:**

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

**Staff Present:**

**Citizens Present:**

**Students Present:**

**Others:**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00PM 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**

**3.1. Draft of BOE Minutes from 12/5/16**

December 5, 2016 – It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (B. Capuano) to approve the December 5, 2016 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 9-0**

**4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**

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

It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to add item 9.2 Discussion of survey draft to the agenda **PASSED 9-0**

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (D. Palmer) to add item 7.3 First warning of new course proposal High School Honors Biology **PASSED 9-0**

It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to add item 7.4 First warning High School Course Leveling **PASSED 9-0**

**6.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**6.1. Approval of Bills**

It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to approve the 12/22/16 bills in the amount of \$347,858.95 as presented. **PASSED 9-0**

**6.2. Approval of Bills**

It was **MOVED (B. Capuano), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to approve the 1/9/17 bills in the amount of \$257,367.38 as presented. **PASSED 9-0**

**6.3. Retirement – Jane Malone**

It was **MOVED (B. Capuano), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to accept, with regret, the retirement of Jane Malone, Speech Pathologist at MBA and SHS, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Jane has been employed at Somers Public Schools for 26 years. **PASSED 9-0**

**6.4. Retirement – Pat Kmon**

It was **MOVED (B. Capuano), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to accept, with regret, the retirement of Pat Kmon, Grade 8 English Teacher at MBA, effective at the end of the 2016- 2017 school year. Pat will be completing 50 years with the district. **PASSED 9-0**

**6.5. Maternity Leave – Jackie Shea of SES**

It was **MOVED (B. Capuano), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to approve maternity leave for Jackie Shea, PreSchool Teacher at SES, starting around May 25, 2017. **PASSED 9-0**

**6.6. Child-Rearing Leave – Jackie Shea – PreSchool Teacher at SES**

It was **MOVED (B. Capuano), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to approve one-year child-rearing leave for Jackie Shea, PreSchool Teacher at SES, for the 2017-2018 year. **PASSED 9-0**

**6.7. Resignation – L. Horsfield, World Language Teacher, Grade 6**

It was **MOVED (B. Capuano), SECONDED (M. Marquardt)** to accept the resignation of Lauren Horsfield, Grade 6 Language Teacher, effective 1/13/17. **PASSED 9-0**

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS****7.1. Presenting the School Department Budget 2017-2018 DRAFT**

B. Boutwell was available to answer any questions about the newly proposed budget

**7.2. FIELD TRIP – Somers High School April 2017 Washington, D.C. Request**

It was **MOVED (D. Palmer), SECONDED (B. Capuano)** to approve the field trip involving 34 Somers High students and 4 chaperones to Washington, D.C. from April 28 - April 30, 2017. Students will visit the historic site in and around the Capitol. **PASSED 9-0**

**7.3. First Warning – New Course Proposal at Somers High School Honors Biology****7.4. First Warning – High School Course Leveling**

## 8.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 8.1. Second Warning/Adoption—New Course Proposal at Somers High School Technology Design and Engineering**  
It was **MOVED** (K. McLellan), **SECONDED** (S. Bollinger) to approve the new course approval at SHS of Technology Design and Engineering as was discussed by the Curriculum Committee at their 11/21/16 meeting. **PASSED 9-0**
- 8.2. Second Warning of Curricula: New Progress Report Card for Pre-School**  
It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to approve the new progress report card for Pre-School as was discussed by the Curriculum Committee at their 11/21/16 meeting. **PASSED 9-0**
- 8.3. Second Warning of Curricula: New Book for Somers High School – The Road by Cormac McCarthy for College English 12**  
It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (S. Bollinger) to approve a new book for SHS – The Road by Cormac McCarthy for College English 12 as was discussed by the Curriculum Committee at their 11/28/16 meeting. **PASSED 9-0**
- 8.4. Second Warning of DBS Code 5113.2 – Student Truancy**  
It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (S. Bollinger) to approve the new policy of DBS Code 5113.2 to replace the previous version to comply with new legislation. **PASSED 9-0**
- 8.5. Second Warning of DBS Code 5114 – Student Suspension**  
It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to approve the new policy of DBS Code 5114 – Student Suspension to replace the previous version to comply with new legislation. **PASSED 9-0**
- 8.6. Second Warning of DBS Code 5118.1 – Students – Resident Students**  
It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to approve the new policy of DBS Code 5118.1 – Students – Resident Students to replace the previous version to comply with new legislation. **PASSED 9-0**
- 8.7. Second Warning of DBS Code 5145.14 – Student On-Campus Recruitment**  
It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to approve the new policy of DBS Code 5145.14 – Student On-Campus Recruitment to replace the previous version to comply with new legislation. **PASSED 9-0**
- 8.8. Second Warning of DBS Code 5145.15 – Students Directory Information**  
It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to approve the new policy of DBS Code 5145.15 – Students Directory Information to replace the previous version to comply with new legislation. **PASSED 9-0**

## 9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Suffredini gave an update regarding an ECS cut by the state in the amount of \$60,000, this is the same as last year. There is no further news positive or negative on any further cuts. The district wide point of sale card system is going live in the district on January 17<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Suffredini praised the hard work by all involved.

**9.1. SEA Contract Update**  
**Dr. Suffredini updated the Board on the SEA contract.**

**9.2. Survey Update**  
**A discussion was held regarding the content of the Superintendent search survey. After the discussion, it was recommended that any proposed changes will be sent to Chairman Devlin to be forwarded for possible inclusion in the survey**

**10.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**10.1. Budget –**

**10.2. Curriculum –**

**10.3. Policy – Next Meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM**

**10.4. Salary & Negotiations –**

**10.5. Planning –**

**10.6. Other Committees –**

**11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION: SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS MID-YEAR EVALUATION**

**The Board will go into Executive Session to do the Mid-Year Evaluation of the Superintendent. Dr. Suffredini is invited to this session.**

**It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (B. Capuano) to enter into Executive Session at 8:23 PM to do the Mid-Year Evaluation of the Superintendent and to invite Dr. Suffredini to this session. PASSED 9-0**

**The Board exited Executive Session at 8:25 PM**

**11.1. Executive Session: Board to Vote on SEA Contract**

**The Board will vote on SEA Contract. Dr. Suffredini and Mr. Boutwell are both invited into the Executive Session for informational purposes.**

**It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (B. Capuano) to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 PM for the Board to review the SEA Contract. Dr. Suffredini and Mr. Boutwell were Invited into Executive Session for discussion purposes. PASSED 9-0**

**The Board exited Executive Session at 8:20 PM**

**It was MOVED (M. Marquardt) SECONDED (D. Palmer) to ratify the SEA contract as presented PASSED 8-0 1 Abstain (B. Devlin)**

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:26 P.M.. PASSED 9-0**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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

