

DRAFT BOE Minutes 1-23-17
Monday, January 23, 2017 7:00 PM
Board Room, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. Draft of BOE Minutes 1-23-17

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – JANUARY 23, 2017

Members Present: B. Devlin, R. Lees, Jr., S. Moynihan Bollinger, J. Anderson (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), A. Kirkpatrick, M. Marquardt, K. McLellan, B. Capuano

Members Absent: D. Palmer

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

Staff Present:

Citizens Present: J. Formeister

Students Present:

Others: R. Caso (Mass Mutual), T. Suffish (St. Germain), M. Krementowski (J.I.)

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 PRESENTATION TO MRS. FORMEISTER

Mrs. J. Formeister was recognized by the Board of Education for her 19 years of service on the Somers Board of Education.

It was **MOVED** (M. Marquardt), **SECONDED** (A. Kirkpatrick) to move agenda item 10.0 – Pension Advisory Committee to agenda item 4.0. **PASSED** 7-0.

4.0 PENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. T. Suffish and Mr. R. Caso updated the Board on the District's SESA pension plan and performance of funds. Packets were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting for their review.

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 9, 2017 – It was **MOVED** (A. Kirkpatrick), **SECONDED** (M. Marquardt) to approve the revised January 9, 2017 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED** 8-0.

6.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1. Approval of Bills

It was **MOVED (R. Lees), SECONDED (S. Bollinger)** to approve the 1/23/17 bills in the amount of \$431,246.74 as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

9.2. Maternity Leave – Tracy L. Coro of Somers Elementary School

It was **MOVED (R. Lees), SECONDED (S. Bollinger)** to approve maternity leave for Mrs. T. Coro, SES FAB Teacher, to start around May 6, 2017. **PASSED 8-0.**

10.0 NEW BUSINESS**10.1. First Warning of DBS Code 4112.5 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Security Check/Fingerprinting****10.2. First Warning of DBS Code 4111/4211 – Personnel – Certified and Non-Certified: Recruitment and Selection****10.3. First Warning of DBS Code 4112.51 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Employment/Reference Checks****10.4. First Warning of DBS Code 4121 – Personnel – Certified: Substitute Teachers****10.5. First Warning of DBS Code 5113 – Students: Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal****11.0 OLD BUSINESS****11.1. 2017-2018 Calendar**

It was **MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (B. Capuano)** to approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

11.2. Second Warning – New Course Proposal at Somers High School Honors Biology

It was **MOVED (B. Capuano), SECONDED (J. Anderson)** to approve the new course, Honors Biology, at Somers High School. **PASSED 8-0.**

11.3. Second Warning – Curriculum – Honors Biology Course at SHS

It was **MOVED (S. Bollinger), SECONDED (R. Lees)** to approve the new curriculum, Honors Biology, at Somers High School. **PASSED 8-0.**

12.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**12.1. Superintendent Search Survey**

Chairman Devlin stated that he spoke with Dr. Suffredini who wanted to update the Board regarding the Superintendent Search Survey. Dr. Suffredini worked with Ms. M. Broderick to revise the survey of which 99 surveys have been collected to date. The deadline continues to be 1/27/17. There has been a wonderful turnout among focus groups. Dr. P. Salva from the Somers Education Foundation was also invited to participate in a focus group. Ms. M. Broderick will most likely be attending the next two meetings to review and accept the leadership profile, review applications, and select semi-finalists.

13.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

13.1. Budget – No report.

13.2. Curriculum – No report.

13.3. Policy – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the committee met prior to the Board meeting. They will need one to two more meetings to review different job descriptions as well as to come up with a recommendation. The next meeting will be held on 2/13/17 at 6 p.m.

13.4. Salary & Negotiations – Chairman Devlin reported that there have been initial discussions with the nurses. Custodian, secretary, and paraprofessional communications are imminent.

13.5. Planning – Chairman Devlin reported that Dr. Suffredini submitted materials to D. Palmer.

13.6. Other Committees – None.

14.0 OTHER

- **S. Bollinger reported that parents have commented on the new lunch card program. Mr. B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services, recommended that Board members direct questions to Mr. R. Wilson, Director of Technology and Information Services.**
- **Chairman Devlin reported that the field trip to Peru was cancelled.**

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (M. Marquardt), SECONDED (A. Kirkpatrick) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 7:40 p.m. PASSED 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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