

Draft Minutes from 9/11/2017 BOE Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2017 7:00 PM

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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Members Present: B. Devlin, D. Palmer, R. Lees, Jr., J. Anderson, S. Moynihan
Bollinger, A. Kirkpatrick, K. McLellan, B. Capuano
Members Absent: M. Marquardt
Administrators Present: B. Czapla, B. Boutwell, Dr. D. Messina, Dr. I. Zytka, C.
Krevolin, R. Kapner, G. Cotzin, D. Carroll
Staff Present: C. Gustafson
Citizens Present:
Students Present:
Others: 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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Draft Minutes of Board Meeting of 8/28/17

August 28, 2017 – It was **MOVED** (B. Capuano), **SECONDED** (K. McLellan) to approve the August 28, 2017 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

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 – Warrant of Bills 9/11/17

It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (J. Anderson) to approve the 9/11/17 bills in the amount of \$450,865.06 as presented. **PASSED 8-0.**

7.2. Resignation of Mr. Alan Reichle – MBA Alt. Ed. Teacher

It was **MOVED** (D. Palmer), **SECONDED** (J. Anderson) to accept the resignation of A. Reichle, MBA Alt. Ed. Teacher, effective 8/28/17. **PASSED 8-0.**

7.3. Leave of Absence Request – Ed Cunningham, SES Custodian

It was **MOVED (D. Palmer), SECONDED (J. Anderson)** to approve the one-year, unpaid leave-of absence request through September 1, 2018 for E. Cunningham. **PASSED 8-0.**

8.0. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. First Warning of DBS Code 6172 – Alternative Education Program
First Warning of DBS Code 6172 - Alternative Education Programs. The Policy Committee has reviewed this policy and is recommending the attached changes. Second warning/adoption will be included on the 9/25/17 agenda.

8.2. First Warning of DBS Code 5121 – Examinations/Grading/Rating
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8.3. First Warning 4131 – Staff Development
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8.4. First Warning of DBS Code 7230.2 – Indoor Air Quality
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8.5. Superintendent’s Evaluation Format
Superintendent Czapla discussed the evaluation format with the BOE. The mid-year evaluation deadline is 12/30/17. The final evaluation deadline is 6/30/18. The Board will provide a written evaluation based on the domains provided.

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

9.1. Second Warning of DBS Code 6145.10 – Curriculum – Extracurricular Activities
It was MOVED (B. Capuano), SECONDED (J. Anderson) to approve the removal of DB Code 6145.10 – Curriculum – Extracurricular Activities as presented.
PASSED 8-0.

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1. MBA Building Goals
Mr. C. Krevolin, Principal of Mabelle B. Avery Middle School, and Mr. R. Kapner, Assistant Principal of Mabelle B. Avery Middle School, presented the building goals related to Literacy and Mathematics:

- **Literacy**: All students will meet/exceed their individual MAP Projected Growth Goal in Reading and Language Usage. Interventions may be utilized if the students' projected mid-year growth is not met.
- **Mathematics**: All students will meet or exceed their individual MAP Projected Growth Goal in Mathematics.

Strategies to Achieve Goals include:

- Academic support where students will be closely monitored by the interdisciplinary team.
 - Provide teachers with student assessment data at the beginning of the year in order to begin interventions immediately.
 - Provide more parental communication regarding how the school utilizes MAP testing as well as sharing students' results with parents in order to demonstrate the students' learning potential and the correlation between SBAC testing and MAP testing. MAP testing has begun this week with students in either their Language Arts or Math classes.
 - The administrators would prioritize the addition of a remedial mathematics teacher in the 2018-19 budget provided the outcome of the State budget.
 - Individual student interventions will be targeted and continuously evaluated for effectiveness.
- **PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports)**: As measured by the System Wide Information Service (SWIS) data collection system, MBA students will show a 20% reduction in the Inappropriate Use of Technology and in Defiance compared to SWIS data collected during the same period of time during the 2016-17 school year. Objectives include improving school climate, universal approach to discipline, clear expectation of positive behaviors, and procedures for reinforcing behavioral expectations.

10.2. Somers High School NEASC Report

Mr. G. Cotzin, Principal of Somers High School, introduced C. Gustafson, SHS World Language Teacher, who shared the results of the NEASC Report with the Board. SHS accreditation was renewed with great accolades. A large portion of the visit was highlighted by students who represented different groups and different interests. Teachers participated in interviews, and two groups of parents met on two separate occasions to speak with the visiting committee. The welcoming reception was akin to a job fair and was completely run by the students. Commendations included a clear reflection of the Spartan Code with involvement of all student viewpoints and stakeholders in the creation of the Spartan Code; use of technology; intervention program; relations among students, staff, and administration; and, class sizes were complimented to support student learning. Recommendations included ensuring that work was guided by the Curriculum and the 21st century learning expectations and to continue to work and move forward. A follow-up committee will develop a plan to work on the recommendations. A two-year report is due 10/1/19 followed by a five-year report. Superintendent Czapl commended Cheryl Gustafson, Phil Goduti Gary Cotzin, and Dan Carroll for their hard work during this process.

10.3. Somers Summer Schools Report

Mr. G. Cotzin, SHS Principal, updated the Board on summer school. Five

students participated in five courses. Four of the students earned credit by completing the coursework. It was a four-week session, four days a week at \$250.00 per course.

Dr. D. Messina, Director of Pupil Services, updated the Board on the summer program:

- **ESY (Extended School Year) is determined annually by the PPT for students on an IEP and offered to students who meet the criteria for significant regression after separation from instruction. It is not mandatory.**
- **SLAM (Supporting Language Arts and Mathematics) is a summer program that integrates reading and written language/literacy/communication, math, and physical education. This program is offered to students for ESY on an IEP but also to the general education students for a tuition fee of \$190 per session. The 2017 program ran from 7/10-8/3/17, Monday-Thursday in two-week sessions for two-and-a-half hours. There were 51 total students who participated, grades 1-6. ESY themes included “Going on a Safari,” “Ocean Life,” “Rainforests,” and “Australia.” There was an executive functioning weekly focus throughout the program.**
- **ESY Middle School and High School tutoring focused on Language Arts and Mathematics located at the town library or central office. Three middle school students and 7 high school students participated.**
- **OOD (Out of District) Summer Placements encompassed seven sites. It ran from 6/26-8/11/17 for six-and-a half hours, five days per week. The tuition is set per site by a daily ESY/summer rate.**

10.4. Capital Projects Update

Mr. B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services updated the Board regarding Capital Projects from last year and this year.

10.5. Superintendent’s Goals for School Year 2017-2018

Superintendent Czapla discussed the 2017-2018 goals with the Board. He emphasized that his first year is about listening, learning, and getting to understand the needs of the district. Understanding the community is the first step in strategic planning. He would like to establish a strong, collaborative, and trusting relationship with the BOE as well as foster meaningful relations with staff and community via high visibility. He will work with the Director of Curriculum to evaluate and identify needs and professional development and, ultimately, effectively manage a budget.

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 – A. Kirkpatrick reported that the next meeting will be held on 9/25/17 at 6 p.m.

11.4. Salary & Negotiations – D. Palmer reported that the Administrators’ negotiations are coming up.

11.5. Planning – D. Palmer reported that projects need to be prioritized in order to maintain momentum. J. MacFeat is working on unquoted items.

11.6. Other Committees – None.

12.0 OTHER

Chairman Devlin reported that he has heard from several people regarding how pleased they are of Superintendent Czapla’s visibility. He quoted one teacher as describing Superintendent Czapla as a “rock star.” It has been meaningful to the teachers as well as the students. Superintendent Czapla would like to have a Student Advisory Committee at SHS.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (A. Kirkpatrick), SECONDED (S. Bollinger) to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:23 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.