

Somers Board of Education Meeting
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Monday, January 30, 2023 7:00 PM
Somers Board of Education Chambers, 1 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
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12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board to enter into Executive Session and invite Superintendent Gagliarducci to discuss Administrator's contract.
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Somers Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board of Education Chambers
January 9, 2023
7:00 PM**

(The recorded livestream may be viewed on the Somers Public School's YouTube Channel on school website)

Present BOE Members: Anne Kirkpatrick, Kim Radziewicz, Krista Cherry, Carl Stebbins, Mike Briggs, Jan Martin, Chris Thiesing, Dr. Ed DePeau, Marissa Marks

Others: Dr. Paul Gagliarducci, Dr. Samuel Galloway, Stephanie Levin, Dina Senecal, Donna Kibbe, Jim Barile, Lisa Horan, Tenley Stoltz, Tom Chilicki, Michael Clarity

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Kirkpatrick in the Board of Education Chambers.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of the December 12, 2022 Draft Minutes

Rationale: The Board to review and approve the December 12, 2022 draft minutes.

Motion to approve the December 12, 2022 draft minutes. This motion, made by Ed DePeau and seconded by Chris Thiesing, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

3.2. Approval of the December 21, 2022 BOE Special Meeting Draft Minutes

Rationale: The Board to review and approve the December 21, 2022 Special Meeting draft minutes.

Motion to approve the December 21, 2022 Special Meeting draft minutes. This motion, made by Marissa Marks and seconded by Kim Radziewicz, Carried.

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1. Introduction of New Superintendent

Rationale: Superintendent Gagliarducci will formally introduce Dr. Samuel Galloway as the Superintendent of Somers Public Schools effective April 1, 2023.

Discussion: Superintendent Gagliarducci publicly introduced Dr. Samuel Galloway as Superintendent of Somers Public Schools effective April 1, 2023.

He is confident that the people of Somers will enjoy working with him. Dr. Galloway is thankful for the opportunity to partner with the Board, parents, teachers, etc. He is highly motivated to support the best education possible and

will be very visible among the schools. He thanked the BOE and was presented with a gift.

Chair Kirkpatrick publicly thanked the Board of Education members for their accomplishments in the search for a new Superintendent. She explained that the search process was not short as they decided in June to take a pause to look further for the right candidate while continuing their normal business. She publicly thanked each Board of Education member for their dedication and commitment. The minutes reflect a unanimous decision to hire Dr. Galloway, however, the minutes could not reflect the excitement. The BOE is looking forward to April 1, 2023.

4.2. Superintendent Update

Discussion: Superintendent Gagliarducci is looking forward to the revisions made by Mrs. Senecal, Director of Curriculum, and the group recommendations for the high school courses. The BOE will be provided the courses once completed.

Capstone presentations will occur on 1/10/23 at the high school. Superintendent Gagliarducci introduced Tenley Stoltz, SHS Media Specialist, to present the Capstone project to the BOE. Mrs. Stoltz reported that the Capstone project is a new graduation requirement from the state. This project encompasses a student's journey to becoming a 21st century learner. Project examples include a 5K run in March; Domestic Violence Awareness Week; students starting their own businesses; students researching what they want to do in college or for a career; and, passion projects including learning to play the guitar, drums, helping animal shelters, etc. A Capstone pamphlet was provided to the BOE. There are three teachers who teach the Capstone class. A more in-depth report will be provided to the BOE in February or March.

4.3. Monthly Budget Report

Rationale: Mrs. Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services, will update the BOE on the monthly budget.

Discussion: Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services, provided an update to the BOE regarding the budget through the end of December. She reported that there are some changes coming that are not reflected in the report. The Teachers line was adjusted slightly for a teacher's maternity leave. The other large change is in the insurance line. The HSA BOE contribution went out at the end of December. Under the Utilities category, the fuel cost was originally anticipated as \$188,000. The first fuel delivery around Thanksgiving was approximately \$3.36 per gallon. SPS is in discussions regarding a fuel contract. Fuel deliveries are expected at the end of February, possibly March, and at the end of June/July. There will be two potential Special Education students coming in from Birth to Three. The cost associated with these students is unknown. Discussion ensued regarding electricity in which SPS is locked into a supply contract (delivery charges are not under contract); air handling unit loans; anticipating events

happening at the end of the year; grant applications (SPS has not heard back from the state but hope to hear from them in February); and the power purchase agreement for solar panels to mitigate electrical cost.

4.4. Whitsons Culinary Group Update

Rationale: Whitsons Culinary Group representatives will update the Board on the school year.

The Whitsons Culinary Group update will be held at the January 30, 2023 BOE meeting. The representative from Whitsons was unavailable for this meeting.

5. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Jan Martin and seconded by Carl Stebbins, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

6.1. Warrant of January 9, 2023

Rationale: The Board will review and consent to the warrant of January 9, 2023.

6.2. Change of BOE Meeting from January 23, 2023 to January 30, 2023

Rationale: The BOE to formally change the January 23, 2023 BOE meeting to January 30, 2023.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. First Warning of 2023-2024 Somers Public Schools Calendar

Discussion: Superintendent Gagliarducci introduced the 2023-2024 Somers Public Schools calendar to the BOE. He explained that the calendar has gone through an extensive process through the administration and PDEC. He explained the constraints of the start of school per the teachers' contract. The goal was to keep as many of the months undisturbed as possible. Parent-Teacher Conferences vary in what each school needs but are grouped together. Professional Development days are placed where families could have long weekends. There is more color coding on this calendar to better aid descriptions. The April vacation naturally aligns itself with Massachusetts schools, which doesn't happen consistently. There is not enough data to analyze the Friday Professional Development days and attendance. The 2023-2024 SPS calendar will be voted on at the next BOE meeting on 1/30/23.

8.2. BOE Retreat

Rationale: The Board to discuss dates in February and March for the BOE retreat.

Discussion: Superintendent Gagliarducci would like to go forward with the BOE retreat. Dr. Galloway has agreed to join when he can. Three meetings should

happen within a month. The first meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6 p.m. These meetings will help the BOE set goals for 2023-2024. Meetings will be warned.

8.3. Budget Dates for BOE Review

Rationale: The Board to discuss budget dates for total BOE review in February.

Discussion: There will be a budget meeting on January 18, 2023 at 6 p.m. The budget will then be brought to the BOE at the first meeting in February and voted on in the second meeting in February. Superintendent Gagliarducci attended the last BOF meeting. Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services, will attend the next BOF meeting.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1. Curriculum

Discussion: Jan Martin reported that the committee met prior to the BOE meeting this evening. She stated that the committee discussed the fact that the teacher evaluation digital platform will not exist as of 7/1/23. They will be looking for a new platform and a new evaluation from the state. Tim Percoski, STEM Instructional Leader, met with the juniors to discuss scores for the PSAT, SAT, and Khan Academy. There will be an article in the next SHS newsletter. The committee discussed the science of reading, and the K-3 reading initiative update is still in limbo. The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2023 at 6 p.m.

9.2. Policy

Discussion: Chair Kirkpatrick reported that the committee is on hold.

9.3. Planning/Finance

Discussion: Kim Radziewicz reported that the committee met last Wednesday to further update the budget. Superintendent Gagliarducci and Stephanie Levin showed an updated format that was well received and will present it to the BOE and the public. The next meeting will be held on 1/18/23 at 6 p.m.

9.4. Salary & Negotiations

Discussion: Carl Stebbins reported that the committee is on hold.

10. CABA/CREC/State Dept. of Ed.

Discussion:

- CREC: Chris Thiesing stated that there will be a meeting next week.
- CABA: Chair Kirkpatrick stated that the Legislative Breakfast will be held on 1/20/23 at Coventry High School at 7:30 a.m. Chair Kirkpatrick and Jan Martin will be attending. Interested parties may email Shannin Burns for registration.

Superintendent's Report
January 30, 2023

We have an interesting agenda for this meeting. There will be reports, some annual decision-making (calendar), first peak at the budget and a few other things to decide. I wanted to highlight two of the items prior to the meeting.

1. On December 23rd, we had a unique weather situation that required a decision to cancel the day for our elementary students. I have contacted the State and we do need to make the day up. I have spoken with the SEA and administration. There are some options but the one that seems the least disruptive for parents and students is to have the last day of school for grades 6-12 as scheduled and have the 6-12 teachers report the next day for in-building PD as planned. The elementary teachers and students will report on the "PD" for a ½ day of school and after the early release of students, the elementary teachers will have a ½ day of PD. I will credit them for a ½ on 12/23 for they were told to work on school-based plans. This plan closes school for everyone as planned. Please remember that the last day of school has not been officially designated because we are only partially through our winter months. February tends to be a very snowy time of the year.
2. The draft FY24 budget will be presented at this meeting. The budget is not finished since the sub-committee has not fully endorsed it and we still have work to do! The reason why we are providing you with the budget now is to explain some budget format changes that I have introduced and to highlight some of the decisions that have been made since the time our administrators made their requests. Stephanie Levin and I will provide you with some initial explanations. The BOF has asked that we review our budget schedule so that they will have sufficient time to review our budget and prepare for town meeting. I am sure I will be joining Dr. Galloway during the month of April as I anticipate the BOF will hold several meetings before Town Meeting.
3. On a personal note, I want to thank the Board for allowing me to take some time off. I have stayed in contact with the district on nearly a daily basis (no flight days) and have responded to requests and questions. A superintendent rarely "leaves" his/her district during the school year when attending out of state meetings or planned vacations. I appreciate that I was given some time away.

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 78527

Check Batch: 51529
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 Check Dates: (Earliest) - (Latest)
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Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
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Approved by: Stephanie Penn Date: 1/26/2023
 Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services

51529	22605	01/30/2023	V62704	A&D Portable Rentals	0.00	285.00
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	22607	01/30/2023	V60028	Airex Filter Corporation	0.00	400.96
	22608	01/30/2023	V60790	Alternative Access Assistive Technology	0.00	1,940.50
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	22614	01/30/2023	V52478	Bart Truck Equipment LLC.	0.00	26.22
	22615	01/30/2023	E00570	Boutwell, Holly	0.00	22.65
	22616	01/30/2023	V62830	Brady/Mechanical Services	0.00	2,328.00
	22617	01/30/2023	V61601	Brown Small Engine Repair	0.00	219.99
	22618	01/30/2023	V60600	BSN Sports LLC	0.00	7,822.08
	22619	01/30/2023	V61550	CareerStaff Unlimited	0.00	216.00
	22620	01/30/2023	V61551	Cleaning Stuff	0.00	39.78
	22621	01/30/2023	V60574	CLG Electric LLC	0.00	150.00
	22622	01/30/2023	V01740	College Board, The	0.00	3,870.00
	22623	01/30/2023	V51942	Connecticut Business System LLC	0.00	596.00
	22624	01/30/2023	V02474	Connecticut Radio, Inc	0.00	700.00
	22625	01/30/2023	V02198	The Connecticut Water Company	0.00	4,659.31
	22626	01/30/2023	V61473	COX Business	0.00	898.37

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22631		01/30/2023	V60089	Dime Oil Company LLC	0.00	48,978.46
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22638		01/30/2023	V61236	Gateway Enterprise Corporation	0.00	240.00
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22643		01/30/2023	V62781	Great Minds PBC	0.00	12,082.65
22644		01/30/2023	V53439	Group Dynamic	0.00	16.65
22645		01/30/2023	V62863	Half-Pint Readers	0.00	3,801.60
22646		01/30/2023	V62838	Hartford HealthCare-Natchaug Hospital	0.00	14,110.00
22647		01/30/2023	V53228	Herff Jones Inc.	0.00	1,007.65
22648		01/30/2023	V60090	High Grade Gas Service, Inc	0.00	727.53
22649		01/30/2023	V21177	Home Depot CRC	0.00	95.76
22650		01/30/2023	V54063	HSABank	0.00	180.25
22651		01/30/2023	V52848	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	0.00	12,042.46
22652		01/30/2023	V00999	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	0.00	207.99
22653		01/30/2023	V61604	Kelly Refrigeration & Freezer	0.00	300.00
22654		01/30/2023	V62785	MAB Plumbing and Heating	0.00	1,697.50
22655		01/30/2023	V02898	Magnakleen Services	0.00	210.12
22656		01/30/2023	V60419	MakerBot Industries	0.00	260.40
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	22669	01/30/2023	V60067	Silktown Roofing	0.00	872.71
	22670	01/30/2023	V00886	Somers Lunch Program	0.00	550.00
	22671	01/30/2023	V61373	Somers Star Hardware	0.00	289.10
	22672	01/30/2023	V02225	Staples	0.00	5,404.50
	22673	01/30/2023	V60634	Suburban Stationers	0.00	48.01
	22674	01/30/2023	V53615	Thurston Foods, Inc.	0.00	633.68
	22675	01/30/2023	V01000	Town of Somers BOE	0.00	15,256.91
	22676	01/30/2023	V60819	Turf Products	0.00	172.90
	22677	01/30/2023	V53987	U.S. Bank Equipment Finance, Inc	0.00	2,592.91
	22678	01/30/2023	V21164	Unum Life Insurance Company	0.00	7,912.16
	22679	01/30/2023	V00548	USA Waste and Recycling	0.00	1,594.54
	22680	01/30/2023	V54059	Verizon Wireless	0.00	406.11
	22681	01/30/2023	V61281	Vernier Software & Technology	0.00	138.44
	22682	01/30/2023	V53413	W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	0.00	2,159.29
	22683	01/30/2023	V00039	NAPA	0.00	110.76
	22684	01/30/2023	V61445	Willie Ross School of the Deaf, The	0.00	730.25
Totals:					<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$365,394.87</u>

77 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

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General Ledger Distribution Summary

Period, Fiscal Year Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits
January, 2023					
Generated Distributions					
10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			343,721.66	0.00
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	Total Generated Distributions			\$343,721.66	\$343,721.66
User-Entered Distributions					
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10-260-5-2-62-722-430-08-5-01141		K-5 - BUILDING REPAIRS			1,163.75	0.00
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10-260-5-3-64-642-530-04-5-00365		MA - TELEPHONE			366.43	0.00
10-260-5-4-12-722-430-01-5-00395		HS - TECHNOLOGY ED MAINTENANCE			78.02	0.00
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Report # 78526

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10-260-6-4-66-722-440-08-5-00840		SW - TRAILER RENTAL		Yes	300.00	0.00
10-260-6-5-62-722-430-04-5-00452		SW - MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS			3,893.70	0.00
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10-270-9-9-84-522-510-12-5-00339		SP ED - ADDITIONAL MILEAGE			4,759.80	0.00
10-279-4-4-42-530-580-06-5-00337		HS - ATHLETIC TRIPS			4,509.80	0.00
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10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00513		L.T.D.			7,912.16	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01228		SW - HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT			1,953.78	0.00
10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00595		HS - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES			959.00	0.00
10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-01220		HS - ATHLETIC UNIFORMS			6,863.08	0.00
10-613-9-9-88-955-561-14-5-00673		SP ED - TUITION		Yes	34,478.20	0.00

Total User-Entered Distributions **\$365,438.87**
 Total for January, 2023 **\$709,160.53**

Grand Total for Batch # 51505 **\$709,160.53** **\$709,160.53**

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362 Transactions Listed.

**Proposed Job Share
2023-2024 School Year
Fourth Grade
Nicole Dzicek and Melissa Shannon**

Proposed Job Share For Nicole Dzicek and Melissa Shannon

The following is our plan for the division of responsibilities for a job sharing position. Realizing that scheduling of meetings for the 2023-2024 school year has not been finalized, we expect there may be minor changes made to this plan.

1. Work Schedule:

We will each work two and one-half days a week. Melissa Shannon will work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Nicole Dzicek will work Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.

2. Parent Conferences/PPT's/SST's

Both teachers shall participate in November conferences. March conferences will be split evenly amongst the two of us unless otherwise requested by the parents.

The person who is scheduled to work at the time of a PPT/SST will attend the meeting. We will both discuss information that we would like to include in the PPT/SST.

3. Record Keeping:

Progress reports will be divided equally between us.

Work folders will include students' work samples from all subject areas.

4. Bulletin Boards:

All bulletin boards will be planned collaboratively and split evenly between us on a monthly basis.

5. A. Half -days:

The number of half days we work will be divided evenly.

B. Shortened days:

A shortened day, such as a weather related early dismissal or late opening, will not alter our teaching schedule.

6. Program Planning:

Program planning will be done as a collaborating team.

7. Communications:

Communication with parents, students, other teachers and specialists can be taken care of by the individual teacher involved and documented in writing in order to keep up on the important information. We will also communicate via email and phone as necessary. We will do all of our planning on google documents. A written letter will be sent out to parents at the beginning of the school year. Parents will be welcomed to contact either or both of us. Specific team meeting times will be needed to discuss students, plans, PPT's, SST's, etc.

8. Duties

We will split duties evenly.

9. Teaching Assignment:

Both teachers will be responsible for teaching all subject matter. Both teachers will integrate the various curricular areas into their instruction when appropriate.

10. Meetings:

The person who is scheduled to work at the time will attend the meetings. This person will inform the other of the agenda items.

11. Discipline:

Teachers will discuss discipline issues prior to the start of school in order to establish a positive and consistent classroom environment for the children. Specific discipline issues that arise during the year will be documented in writing (email, notes, etc) to ensure consistency and community in the children's day.

12. Field Trips:

Field trips will be divided equally.

We hope you will accept our proposal for a job share next year.
If there is any additional information you need or there are any
questions about the proposal please contact either of us.

Sincerely,

Nicole Dzuca
Nicole Dzuca

Melissa B Shannon

Melissa Shannon

2023-2024 SOMERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

AUGUST '23						
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25, 28-30 Full Day PD
31 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

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16 Full Day PD
19 Presidents' Day
20 Full Day PD

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4 Labor Day
15 Early Release - PD

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7, 8 SES Early Release – PC
22 Early Release - PD
29 [Good Friday](#)

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6 Early Release - PD
9 [Columbus Day](#)

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12 Early Release - PD
15-19 [Spring](#) Vacation

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1-3 SES Early Release - PC
7, 9 MBA Early Release - PC
8 SHS Early Release - PC
10 Veterans Day
22 Early Release
23-24 Thanksgiving

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10 Early Release - PD
24 Early Release - PD
27 [Memorial's Day](#)

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22 Early Release
25-29 Winter Vacation

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6 **Early Release:**
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
(tentative)
7 Full Day PD
19 Juneteenth

JANUARY '24						
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1 Holiday NY Day
12 Early Release - PD
15 [M.L. King Day](#)
26 Early Release - PD

Yellow Shade = No School
Green Shade = Early Release/Half-Day PD
Orange Shade = Early Release/ (PC) Parent Conferences
Blue Shade = Full-Day PD (Professional Development)
Pink Shade = Early Release

NOTE: Early release days may be canceled if school is on a delayed opening. Schools will have their normal dismissals.

BOE Approval:

DRAFT - 1/13/23 - 12:47PM

School Hours

Somers Elementary School Ph. 860-749-2270 press 3 for SES press 1 for Attendance press 2 for the Nurse press 3 for the Office	Regular School Day	Grades K - 5 : 8:40 - 3:10 AM Preschool : 8:40-11:30 PM Preschool : 12:30-3:10
	Early Release for PD *Lunches are NOT served	Grades K - 5 : 8:40 - 12:00 AM Preschool : 8:40 - 10:30 PM Preschool : 10:30 - 12:00
	2 Hour Delay due to Inclement Weather *Lunches are served	No AM Preschool Grades K-5 10:40 - 3:10 PM Preschool 12:30 - 3:10
	Early Release Due to Inclement Weather *Lunches are served	NO PM Preschool Grades K-5 dismissed at 12:00 AM Preschool dismissed at 10:30
Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Ph. 860-749-2270 press 4 for MBA press 1 for attendance press 2 for the Nurse press 3 for the Office	Regular School Day	7:35-2:20
	Early Release for PD *Lunches are NOT served	7:35-11:00
	2 Hour Delay due to Inclement Weather *Lunches are served	9:35-2:20
	Early Release Due to Inclement Weather *Lunches are served	Dismissal at 11:00
Somers High School Ph. 860-749-2270 press 5 for SHS press 1 for Attendance press 2 for the Nurse press 3 for the CCC press 4 for the Office press 5 for Athletics	Regular School Day	7:40-2:15
	Early Release for PD *Lunches are NOT served	7:40-11:00
	2 Hour Delay due to Inclement Weather *Lunches are served	9:40-2:15
	Early Release Due to Inclement Weather *Lunches are served	Dismissal at 11:00

Scheduled Early Release Days

Somers Elementary School	9/15, 10/6, 11/1, 11/2, 11/3, 11/22, 12/22, 1/12, 1/26, 3/7, 3/8, 3/22, 4/12, 5/10, 5/24 6/6 (Last Day of School)
Mabelle B. Avery Middle School	9/15, 10/6, 11/7, 11/9, 11/22, 12/22, 1/12, 1/26, 3/22, 4/12, 5/10, 5/24 (6/6) Last Day of School
Somers High School	9/15, 10/6, 11/8, 11/22, 12/22, 1/12, 1/26, 3/22, 4/12, 5/10, 5/24 Mid-Term Exam Early Release Days TBD 6/6 (Last Day of School)

2022-23 SOMERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

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25-31 Full Day PD

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20 Presidents' Day
21. Full Day PD

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1 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
5 Labor Day
30 Early Release - PD

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9, 10 SES Early Release – PC
24 Early Release - PD

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10 Columbus Day
28 Early Release - PD

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07 Good Friday
10-14 Spring Vacation
28 Early Release - PD

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3 SHS Early Release - PC
8,10 MBA Early Release - PC
11 Veterans Day
23 Early Release
24-25 Thanksgiving

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19 Early Release – PD
29 Memorial's Day

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7-9 SES Early Release – PC
23 Early Release
26-30 Winter Vacation

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7 **Early Release:**
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
(tentative)
8 Full Day PD

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2 Holiday NY Day
13 Early Release - PD
16 M.L. King Day
27 Early Release - PD

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Orange Shade = Parent Conf.
(Early Release)
PD = Professional Development
PC = Parent Conferences

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BOE Approval: 2/14/2022
BOE Amended: 9/12/2022



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Chris Thiesing
Board of Education

January 18, 2023

Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) Summary Report

Below are the highlights of both the CREC Legislative Agenda Meeting and the CREC Council meeting held on January 18th, 2023.

CREC LEGISLATIVE AGENDA MEETING 1030-1130 AM

Briefing by Debra Borrero CREC Legislative Priorities

- **Legislative Education Forum** originally slated for February 23, 2023 has been moved up to February 16, 2023 from 800 – 1000 a.m
- Location Capitol
 - Note, historically this has been a breakfast with legislators but the cafeteria at the Capitol currently isn't up and running...so for those planning to attend, bring your own coffee

CREC Priorities

- *2023 House Bill 5003: An Act Concerning Education Funding in Connecticut* is being developed to tackle long term funding challenges for CREC schools
- <https://www.crec.org/about/legislative-priorities.php>
- Discussion of a change to the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula in different bills
 - Currently requesting 8% grant increase for magnet school funding
 - Flat funding of CREC from state since 2019 has already created an ECS increase to the towns/cities of 18%
 - The per pupil expenditure passed on to the towns will increase if funding for CREC doesn't increase from the 2019 levels
 - Looking at the following increases if the 8% funding isn't passed in the 2-year state budget
 - \$900 per pupil increase this year (2022-2023)
 - if the proposed bill passes this year then the pupil increases for this year would not occur

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- \$800 per pupil on top of that for school year 2023-2024
- \$600 per pupil school year 2024-2025
- Total expected increase if 8% funding to CREC isn't passed is expected to be \$2,300 increase over current tuition between now and 2025
- **CREC is Pushing hard for Eventually getting to the point where the state funds the bill, including student tuition, for all of CREC.**
 - Enact a State Obligation to fund CREC schools and not leave the burden on the towns/cities in the CREC region (with caveat that if the state stops paying, towns/cities would be on the hook for paying student tuition after 2 years of no reimbursements by the state)
 - SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS
 - IF State takes over paying for all of the tuition for students that attend the schools, districts that send children with special needs, the town will still be required to pay for those special needs

Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs) Alliance Priorities

- Background on RESCs for those not familiar
 - RESCs are nonprofit, fee for-service, public education agencies with a mission to provide quality, cost-effective education resources, programs, and services to the state's public schools. 6 total RESCs in Connecticut and Somers belongs to the CREC RESC
- Priorities
 - 8% increase for CREC schools & Magnet schools outside of CREC (Non-Sheff Magnet schools i.e. Vo Ag/Technical Schools not funded under Sheff settlement)
 - Increase **CT Teacher Residency Program** Funding from the state
 - Objective to increase diversity in the teacher workforce within the state
 - Goal will be for towns to pay for 50% and state pay 50%
 - Doesn't require home grown applicant (can be from any town in CT to apply)
 - Requirement for program entry – have a bachelor's degree & be a person of color
 - <https://www.crec.org/foundation/trp.php>

CREC COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING (Immediately following Legislative Agenda Meeting)

Review of CREC Financials' FY2022

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- https://www.crec.org/docs/12343/FINAL_FY2022_PDF_CRE_CREC_Financial_Statements_Printable_version_12_22_22.pdf
 - Page 82 Special Funding – grants/programs that offset the CREC budget
 - **DISTRICT EXPEDITURES PER TOWN Page 121 – Town by town comparison of costs per pupil and historical enrollment**
 - Somers’ Per Pupil Expenditure \$19,087 for each student (2022-2023)

Legislative Review

Recap of Legislative Agenda meeting held previously

- It is likely that the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is not in support of increasing Magnet/CREC funding at this time – this lack of funding for increased CREC costs will be passed on to towns/cities unless the budget is adjusted. (See numbers above). That said, while the governor’s budget likely won’t have this funding, there appears to be support of this funding within the legislature
- <https://schoolstatefinance.org>
 - The above link is one website that analyzes the impact of legislative funding changes through legislation on town budgets

Discussion on the CT Teacher Residency Program

- <https://www.crec.org/foundation/trp.php>
- I recommended that this program also be advocated for in conjunction with veteran’s programs in order to boost support at the legislator level and broaden the pool of applicants by increasing its reach

Next CREC Council Meeting – February 15, 2023 1130 a.m.

Please check out the hyperlinks as they have a great deal of information about CREC and legislative priorities. Please send any questions you have to me via email chris.thiesing@somers.k12.ct.us

V/r,

Chris

Chris Thiesing
CREC Council Representative
Somers Board of Education

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