

Somers Board of Education Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmk1vpzcl6uVHjQcvtWcNNw>

Somers Board of Education Chambers, 1 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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The Board to approve the February 13, 2023 draft minutes.
4. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
 1. Superintendent Update 7
 2. 2023-2024 Budget Presentation
Superintendent Gagliarducci will present the proposed 2023-2024 SPS Budget for the Board to approve to move to public hearing.
5. **OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 1. Warrant of February 27, 2023 9
The Board to consent to the warrant of February 27, 2023.
 2. Retirement
Diane Czyzniak, SHS Math Intervention Teacher, will be retiring at the end of the school year after 22 years of service at SPS.
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. CHOICE Program Open Slots 15
The Board to review and approve the 20 slots on the Open Choice program. This is the same allocation as in the 2022-2023 school year.
 2. First Warning DBS Code 5118 - Students - Non-Resident Attendance 16
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9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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10. **CABE/CREC/State Dept. of Ed.**
11. **AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Somers Board of Education Meeting
Somers Board of Education Chambers
February 13, 2023
7 PM**

(The recorded livestream may be viewed on SPS' YouTube channel on school website)

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

Others: Dr. Paul Gagliarducci, Stephanie Levin, Caroline Hargraves, Tim Percoski, Lisa Horan, Caitlin Cooke, Brittany Dwyer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Kirkpatrick in the Board of Education Chambers.

Chair Kirkpatrick read a letter from Chris Thiesing. Effective today, Chris Thiesing is resigning from the Board of Education due to a family emergency. He notified the Republican Town Committee, and they will put forward a candidate until his official replacement in November 2023. The BOE accepted his resignation and thanked him for his time and service to the BOE. Chair Kirkpatrick stated that he is already missed and in their thoughts and prayers.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of January 30, 2023 Draft Minutes

Rationale: The Board to approve the draft minutes from January 30, 2023.

Motion to approve the January 30, 2023 draft minutes. This motion, made by Jan Martin and seconded by Carl Stebbins, Carried. **Yea: 8, Nay: 0**

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1. Superintendent Update

Discussion: Superintendent Gagliarducci updated the BOE on the HVAC project. Superintendent Gagliarducci stated that Mike Briggs has joined the "building committee" for the HVAC project along with himself and Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services. He stated that the BOF thought it was worthwhile to use some of the federal funds to begin a study of the three buildings in terms of air quality movement and air conditioning. A vendor was selected to begin the study and provide an estimate which was reported to the building committee. There was a meeting last week with Mrs. Levin, the first selectman, CFO, head of the DPW, and himself. The HVAC project was tentatively put on the town meeting warrant but may be withdrawn because the project is extensive.

The project would cost around \$24,000,000. There is a state grant that is \$150,000,000 for the entire state. SPS has applied, but he doesn't feel we have a chance at this time. The work would have to be done before December 2024, and this is estimated to be a three-year project. There may be a six-month wait for parts on a project like this, as well as the process of putting together bid documents, drawings, and the availability of HVAC companies. The plan is to take a step back and a recommendation made that some correspondence go back to the state representatives. Superintendent Gagliarducci stated that the committee feels like a project like this should be under the guidelines of the State Department of Education Building Authority and reimbursable. CES did a good job looking at each building and giving alternatives. SPS may have a better likelihood of receiving money in the future. SHS and SES would be the most expensive buildings to renovate.

4.2. Budget Presentation

Rationale: Superintendent Gagliarducci will present the 2023-2024 budget to the Board.

Discussion: Superintendent Gagliarducci updated the BOE on the most recent percentage for the proposed budget at 4.48%. New information was provided to the BOE with two sheets describing where the reductions are coming from in nine categories. A third sheet that was presented to the BOE at the previous meeting was a detailed sheet by date. BOE members liked the date sheet and asked for it to be included. The next Planning/Finance Committee meeting will be held on 2/22/23. The budget will be presented at the next BOE meeting on 2/27/23 and then at the BOF meeting on 2/28/23. The tentative budget will be brought to the Public Hearing on 3/13/23 in the BOE Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with a regular BOE meeting to follow at 7 p.m.

4.3. Somers Elementary Pre-School Program Awarded NAEYC Accreditation

Rationale: Superintendent Gagliarducci will update the Board on the Somers Elementary Pre-School Program's NAEYC Accreditation.

Discussion: Superintendent Gagliarducci congratulated the Somers Elementary School's Preschool Program who received a 97% accreditation score from NAEYC. He stated that it is a long process to go through accreditation and congratulated Melissa Mucci, SES Principal, and staff for a job well done.

4.4. Monthly Budget Report

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

Discussion: Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services, updated the BOE on the monthly budget report. She stated that not much has changed from last month. There have been some spring orders coming in, so there isn't a total freeze on the budget. By the end of February, she will have a much better idea of SPS' bottom line for the end of the year and will be able to make decisions at that point. There will be the first part of the Excess Cost Grant at the end of February where there may be more money given to districts. There will be four maternity

leaves starting soon through the spring with substitutes covering the positions. There will be a change in salary lines with these positions. Discussion ensued regarding nonspecial education tuition and textbooks.

5. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda. This motion, made by Mike Briggs and seconded by Ed DePeau, Carried. **Yea: 8, Nay: 0**

6.1. Warrant of February 13, 2023

Rationale: The Board to review and consent to the warrant of February 13, 2023.

6.2. Resignations

Rationale: The Board to approve the resignations of:

- Madison Hartman, SHS Business Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- Allison Nadeau, 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher, no later than March 3, 2023.
- Shannin Burns, BOE Recording Secretary, with final meeting February 27, 2023.

Discussion: Superintendent Gagliarducci recognized the resignations of Madison Hartman, SHS Business Teacher who will be leaving at the end of the year, and Ally Nadeau, MBA Language Arts Teacher who will be leaving mid-year, and wished them well. He recognized Shannin Burns for her nine years as BOE Recording Secretary.

6.3. Course Requirement Change

Rationale: There has been a change of wording for options for students under Policy 5127 and Policy 6146 under Personal Finance electives.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Washington, D.C. Trip Chaperones

Rationale: The BOE to review the number of chaperones for the Washington, D.C. trip per Superintendent Gagliarducci.

Discussion: Superintendent Gagliarducci stated that no action is needed by the BOE. There will be 5 chaperones attending the Washington, D.C. trip.

8.2. Change of Health Insurance Carrier

Rationale: The Board to vote to change the health insurance carrier.

Motion that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to exercise the Board's authority to change the health and dental insurance plans offered by the Board to the State Partnership Plan 2.0 for all unionized and non-unionized employees of

the Board, effective July 1, 2023, subject to the terms and conditions of the State Partnership Plan 2.0. Further, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to:

- engage in discussions and/or enter into agreements (if needed) with the various authorized collective bargaining representatives representing unionized employees to effectuate the change to the State Partnership Plan 2.0 in a manner consistent with the rights of employees under the Board's various collective bargaining agreements;
- make such changes to individual employment agreements for employees as may be necessary to effectuate the change to the State Partnership Plan 2.0; and
- take such other actions as the Superintendent determines, in his discretion, are appropriate to effectuate the change to the State Partnership Plan 2.0.

This motion, made by Kim Radziewicz and seconded by Carl Stebbins, Carried.

Yea: 8, Nay: 0

Discussion: Superintendent Gagliarducci stated that the change of the health insurance carrier will be effective July 1, 2023 for nonunion, certified and noncertified, contractual employees once voted by the BOE. He will be meeting with union representatives on Thursday, 2/16/23, and will notify them if the BOE moves forward with this change. There will be four informational sessions over two days via Zoom. The process of legal notification through the lawyer with the union representatives has begun. The reason for the change of health insurance carrier is due to the current estimated 30% increase in the current plan. In order to lessen the budget impact, SPS would likely lose staff to pay for the increase with the current plan. It is estimated that SPS will not pay as much as anticipated and save \$150,000-\$200,000. Superintendent Gagliarducci stated that the statewide plan is a popular plan and not to be looked at as a punishment or loss of benefits. This plan will protect SPS if there is a high-cost medical situation. Discussion ensued.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1. Curriculum

Discussion: Jan Martin stated that the committee will meet on 2/27/23 at 6 p.m. prior to the BOE meeting.

9.2. Policy

Discussion: Chair Kirkpatrick stated that the committee met this evening. There will be one policy to warn at the next BOE meeting.

9.3. Planning/Finance

Discussion: Kim Radziewicz stated that Paul presented what was discussed at the previous committee meeting to the BOE this evening. The next committee meeting will be on 2/22/23 at 5:30 p.m.



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Dr. Paul C. Gagliarducci
Superintendent of Schools

Somers BOE of Education
Superintendent's Report
Feb 27,2023

We are in full transition mode. Dr. Galloway has attended the Planning and Budget Sub-Committee meeting. He plans on attend the BOE meeting on the 27th and will also attend the BOF meeting on the 28th. I have scheduled a special leadership luncheon with our district administrative team on March 3rd which he will also attend. I hope to schedule some additional visit for Dr. Galloway in March. I have also begun to forward him emails regarding important matters that he will inherit. April 1st is fast approaching.

You will receive a budget packet via email and in hard copy. The Planning and Budget subcommittee has agreed to forward the proposed budget to the full BOE. I will make that presentation on Monday. Here are some brief facts:

- Requested amount= \$27,411,632
- Requested increase= 4.34%
- Requested increase= \$1,140,860
- Budget goals:
 - Main current programs
 - Curricular
 - Co-Curricular
 - Extra-Curricular
 - Be fiscally responsible
 - Maintain all needed staff positions as determined by district administrators
 - Compensate for previous year's federal funding
 - Adjust for Health Insurance increase
- Budget Realities:
 - No new programs
 - Two positions reallocated
 - Special Education (Mid-Year)
 - Funded by reduction of SES Teacher
 - SES STEM coach/teacher

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- Funded by reduction of SHS Social Worker
 - Two positions eliminated
 - -Virtual Ed. Facilitator-SHS
 - -Academic Tutor-SHS
 - Reduction in technology replacement plan
 - Delay of science textbooks at SHS
 - Change Health Insurance plans
- Considering integration of positions funded by expiring funds the actual budget increase = 1.77%

I will have a full explanation of the budget on Monday.

I want to recognize our high school students for their work this winter. As the season draws to a close our basketball teams, wrestlers, hockey players and our club indoor track students represented their school well. (Please note that if we receive enough interest, we will sponsor an indoor track team (boys and girls) next winter. [I have identified accounts for this to happen.] Currently, Stafford has graciously accepted our students into their practice program which has allowed our students the opportunity to participate. The girl's relay team did so well, they qualified to run at the New England meet.)

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Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 79093

Check Batch: 51757
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 Check Dates: (Earliest) - (Latest)
 Cash Account Numbers: (First) - (Last)
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 Check Authorization Code: AP GB
 Minimum Check Amount: \$0.00
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Approved by:  Date: 2/23/23
 Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services

51757	22745	02/27/2023	V62704	A&D Portable Rentals	0.00	95.00
	22746	02/27/2023	V62836	Adelbrook Inc	0.00	10,327.50
	22747	02/27/2023	V60790	Alternative Access Assistive Technology	0.00	4,815.00
	22748	02/27/2023	V52670	SYNCB/AMAZON	0.00	269.44
	22749	02/27/2023	V000035	Amsden, Laurie	0.00	75.00
	22750	02/27/2023	V00884	Avery Septic Service	0.00	100.00
	22751	02/27/2023	V01267	Blick Art Materials	0.00	28.87
	22752	02/27/2023	V60600	BSN Sports LLC	0.00	5,997.85
	22753	02/27/2023	V61550	CareerStaff Unlimited	0.00	351.00
	22754	02/27/2023	V00129	Carolina Biological Supply Co.	0.00	323.03
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	22756	02/27/2023	V61473	COX Business	0.00	816.57
	22757	02/27/2023	V60390	Cummins Sales and Service	0.00	1,799.73
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	22759	02/27/2023	V60966	Decker Equipment	0.00	162.15
	22760	02/27/2023	V000026	DeDominicis, Anthony	0.00	525.00
	22761	02/27/2023	R01014	Dennis, Chris	0.00	437.40
	22762	02/27/2023	V60416	DG Graphics	0.00	80.00
	22763	02/27/2023	V60181	Ellington HS Activity Fund	0.00	10,817.40
	22764	02/27/2023	V00159	Eversource Energy	0.00	47,650.21

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	22768	02/27/2023	V02758	Gengras Center	0.00	7,865.00
	22769	02/27/2023	V00511	Granger	0.00	94.06
	22770	02/27/2023	V53439	Group Dynamic	0.00	16.65
	22771	02/27/2023	V62833	Home Depot Pro, The	0.00	58.78
	22772	02/27/2023	V53228	Heff Jones Inc.	0.00	46.30
	22773	02/27/2023	V54063	HSABank	0.00	164.50
	22774	02/27/2023	V60548	Johnson Memorial Hospital	0.00	10,000.00
	22775	02/27/2023	V00438	Journal Inquirer	0.00	291.72
	22776	02/27/2023	V61604	Kelly Refrigeration & Freezer	0.00	100.00
	22777	02/27/2023	V02898	Magnakleen Services	0.00	217.22
	22778	02/27/2023	V60053	Microbac Laboratories, Inc	0.00	204.25
	22779	02/27/2023	V000005	Migliore, Joseph	0.00	100.00
	22780	02/27/2023	V54159	Minuteman Press	0.00	92.18
	22781	02/27/2023	V62729	Pioneer Athletics	0.00	221.72
	22782	02/27/2023	R01015	Provencher, Fred	0.00	437.40
	22783	02/27/2023	V60864	Pullman & Comley, LLC	0.00	603.00
	22784	02/27/2023	V52074	Really Good Stuff, Inc.	0.00	255.92
	22785	02/27/2023	A00509	Redman, Kade	0.00	62.94
	22786	02/27/2023	V61646	Riptide Technologies	0.00	6,555.03
	22787	02/27/2023	V01292	School Specialty, LLC	0.00	17.52
	22788	02/27/2023	V60067	Silktown Roofing	0.00	459.56
	22789	02/27/2023	V00886	Somers Lunch Program	0.00	200.00
	22790	02/27/2023	V02225	Staples	0.00	161.61
	22791	02/27/2023	V61292	State of Connecticut-Treasurer	0.00	2,205.00
	22792	02/27/2023	V61101	Stop&Shop Supermarket Company LLC, The	0.00	415.92
	22793	02/27/2023	V61537	Sunshine Tent Rentals LLC	0.00	1,075.00
	22794	02/27/2023	V53615	Thurston Foods, Inc.	0.00	956.74
	22795	02/27/2023	V21164	Unum Life Insurance Company	0.00	4,031.68
	22796	02/27/2023	V62828	Valley Educational Services	0.00	9,878.40
	22797	02/27/2023	V61140	Van Pool Transportation LLC	0.00	25,256.44
	22798	02/27/2023	V53413	W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	0.00	125.50
	22799	02/27/2023	V00039	NAPA	0.00	43.08
	22800	02/27/2023	V61441	Woodwind & Brasswind	0.00	477.95
Totals:					0.00	\$271,759.59

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56 Checks Listed.

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User-Entered Distributions					
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10-100-2-3-20-214-112-01-5-01706	MA - MUSIC INST COACHES			600.00	0.00
10-100-2-4-02-242-611-01-5-00165	HS - ART SUPPLIES			17.52	0.00
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10-100-8-3-66-910-730-01-5-00818	MA - CAPITAL OUTLAY			71.92	0.00
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10-212-2-4-46-242-611-02-5-00178	HS - GUIDANCE SUPPLY			43.63	0.00
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10-231-1-5-74-134-330-10-5-00045	B.O.E. - OTHER PROF. SERVICES		Yes	603.00	0.00
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Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

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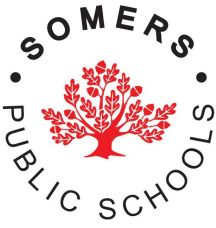
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10-260-5-2-64-642-530-04-5-00363		K-5 - TELEPHONE			394.14	0.00
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10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00422		K-5 - SEPTIC TANK		Yes	100.00	0.00
10-260-5-6-62-722-430-08-5-00431		MA - SEPTIC TANK			0.00	0.00
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10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00361		HS - ELECTRICITY		Yes	13,159.58	0.00
10-260-5-6-64-641-620-05-5-00362		MAINTENANCE - ELECTRICITY			193.72	0.00
10-260-6-4-66-722-440-08-5-00840		SW - TRAILER RENTAL		Yes	485.00	0.00
10-260-6-5-62-722-430-04-5-00452		SW - MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS			2,003.98	0.00
10-270-4-5-84-521-510-12-5-00325		TRANSPORTATION - ELEMENTARY			41,144.14	0.00
10-270-4-5-84-521-510-12-5-00326		TRANSPORTATION - SECONDARY			27,130.79	0.00
10-270-4-5-84-521-510-12-5-00328		ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION		Yes	14,850.21	0.00
10-270-9-9-84-522-112-12-5-00333		SP ED - TRANSPORTATION AIDE			3,145.21	0.00
10-270-9-9-84-522-510-12-5-00329		SP ED - VANS			41,347.84	0.00
10-270-9-9-84-522-510-12-5-00332		SP ED - ADDITIONAL MILEAGE			5,171.83	0.00
10-279-4-4-42-530-580-06-5-00337		HS - ATHLETIC TRIPS			3,005.62	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00509		SW - FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCT			16.65	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-00513		L.T.D.			4,031.68	0.00
10-280-6-5-82-820-200-13-5-01228		SW - HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT			164.50	0.00
10-320-7-4-42-860-590-06-5-01006		HS - ATHLETIC TRAINER			10,000.00	0.00

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 79092

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
51750	\$271,759.59	Posted	Ibergamini	02/21/2023	Ibergamini	02/23/2023
		10-320-7-4-42-880-112-06-5-01583			11,692.20	0.00
		10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-00595			5,490.79	0.00
		10-320-7-4-42-880-690-06-5-01220			570.00	0.00
		10-613-9-9-88-955-561-14-5-00673			26,303.40	0.00
		Total User-Entered Distributions			<u>\$271,953.53</u>	<u>\$271,953.53</u>
		Total for February, 2023			<u>\$595,170.64</u>	<u>\$595,170.64</u>
		Grand Total for Batch # 51750			<u>\$595,170.64</u>	<u>\$595,170.64</u>

206 Transactions Listed.



**Board of Education
Administrative Report**

Title of Report: CHOICE open Slots Approval

Board Meeting Date: February 27, 2023

Submitted by:

Dina M. Senecal & Paul Gagliarducci

Action

Report

Information

Discussion

Executive Summary

Annual approval of the 20 Open Choice slots.

Report

As part of Somers Public School participation on the Open Choice program, the Board of Education must approve all slots for the next school year. The Administration is recommending the Board approve 20 slots (same allocation as in the 2022-2023 school year).

Projected Enrollment (2022-2024)

SES		MBA		SHS	
Grade Level	# of Students	Grade Level	# of Students	Grade Level	# of Students
Kinder.	2 open seats	6	2 open seats (1)	9	(1)
1	2 open seats (1)	7	(1)	10	0
2	(1)	8	2 open seats (1)	11	(1)
3	2 open seats			12	0
4	2 open seats	Projected District Enrollment: 20 *Numbers in parenthesis indicate 23/24 grade levels of current students enrolled			
5	(1)				

Current Enrollment (2022-2023)

SES		MBA		SHS	
Grade Level	# of Students	Grade Level	# of Students	Grade Level	# of Students
Kinder.	1	6	1	9	0
1	1	7	1	10	1
2	0	8	1	11	0
3	0			12	1
4	1	Total enrollment district-wide: 9 students			
5	1				

STUDENTS

Nonresident Attendance:

Nonresident students may attend the Somers Public Schools based upon the following criteria set forth in this policy:

1. Attendance Criteria:

- a) When required by State law.
- b) When the nonresident student is part of a specialized program (e.g. Project Choice). The specialized program must be approved by the Somers Board of Education.
- c) Individual requests recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Somers Board of Education. Such individual requests may include a waiver, pro-ration, or ~~reduction of~~ tuition.
- d) When documentation is provided to the Superintendent that the student will become a resident of Somers within the school year. Parents of the student must produce verifiable documents that they have purchased a current residence or will have completed construction of a new residence within the school year. The Superintendent may waive or pro-rate any applicable tuition costs dependent on individual circumstances.
- e) When the student attends school as part of a recognized foreign exchange program.
- f) When the nonresident student is a child of a Somers Board of Education employee the child may be enrolled ~~subject to the following:~~ **if** there is classroom space and facilities available. This shall be in effect only at the time of the student's potential enrollment.

The Board of Education believes that permitting children of its non-resident employees to attend its schools may be advantageous in its recruitment efforts. This may be especially beneficial as the district competes for ~~certain~~ highly competitive teaching, administrative and support positions, and seeks a more diverse student population.

~~(ii) A tuition fee assessed at 50% of the rate as determined by Section 2 of this policy for all employees hired after March 1, 2001.~~

~~(NOTE: All current employees of the Somers Board of Education hired before March 1, 2001 shall be eligible to enroll students at 40% of the rate as determined by Section 2 of this policy.)~~

~~(iii) The reduced tuition rate is predicated on continuous, unbroken enrollment in the Somers Public Schools. Students forfeit their eligibility and will be subject to possible rate adjustment as determined by this policy if they leave the district and then wish to re-enroll. Recognized foreign exchange programs or extended illnesses are not subject to this forfeiture.~~

~~(iv). For the 2020-21 school year, the Superintendent may waive/modify tuition rates for current non-Somers resident employees of the Somers Board of Education due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Superintendent reserves the right to accept/deny non-resident students based on availability of seats in a classroom. The Superintendent will report back to the BOE on the acceptances of non-resident students.~~

~~2. Tuition Rate~~

~~The stipulated tuition rate will be based on the most current expenditure data as reported for Somers by the Connecticut State Department of Education. The following expenditure categories will be used in the calculation of the tuition: regular instruction; pupil support services; administration; fiscal and other support services; and operation/maintenance of plant.~~

2.3. Nonresident students attending Somers Public Schools will be governed by the same student discipline and behavior policies applicable to resident students.

3. 4. Any nonresident student accepted into the Somers Public Schools who requires special education services, or who after admission is considered to be a candidate for special education services, shall not be referred to a Somers planning and placement team, but shall be referred to the planning and placement team in the community where the student would otherwise be attending school for all special education decisions. The Somers Board of Education will not be responsible for any special education costs of nonresident students unless required by law.

4. 5. Any nonresident student enrolled in the Somers Public Schools, pursuant to this policy, may be entitled to transportation services within the Town of Somers. Upon acceptance for attendance, the parents or guardians should specify whether they will transport the child to and from school or whether they will transport the child to and from a mutually acceptable bus stop in Somers. The Board reserves the right to determine what constitutes an acceptable bus stop.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[4](#) 176e through 4 185 Uniform Administrative Procedure Act.

[10](#) 186 Duties of local and regional Boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state Board. Establishment of hearing board.

[10](#) 253 School privileges for students in certain placements and temporary shelters.

Adopted: March 10, 1986

Revised: May 9, 1994

May 8, 1995

June 14, 1999

Reviewed: May 10, 2000

Revised: October 10, 2000

February 26, 2001

July 9, 2009

August 28, 2017

March 26, 2018

August 24, 2020

STUDENTS:

Waiver of Tuition for Nonresident Students:

The Somers Board of Education recognizes that under certain conditions it is appropriate to waive tuition for nonresident students.

Below are set forth the conditions under which the Superintendent, in his sole discretion, may waive tuition for nonresident students. Any request for waivers under circumstances not included herein will be considered by the Board of Education upon written request of the parents or guardians to the Superintendent.

Any request for waiver of tuition which has been denied under this policy may be appealed in writing to the Board of Education for final determination.

Tuition for a nonresident student may be waived by the Superintendent under the following conditions:

1. When the parents or guardians of the student have made a firm commitment for moving into the community. After such commitment, residence must become effective within sixty (60) days. Under unusual conditions, as determined by the Superintendent, the time limit may be extended but under NO conditions shall the time be extended beyond the fiscal year.
2. When the parents or guardians of the child move from Somers prior to the end of the school year. The parents/guardian may request that their child be allowed to remain in Somers tuition free until the end of the school year.
3. When the nonresident student is a child of a Somers Board of Education employee. The child may be enrolled if there is classroom space and facilities available. This shall be in effect only at the time of the student's potential enrollment
4. When a student attends Somers High School as a bonafide exchange student, living with a resident of Somers and meets the following criteria:
 - a) A sponsoring agency must be accepted by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel as listed in their annual publication, Advisory List of International Educational Travel & Exchange Programs.
 - b) Notification of the intent to sponsor a student should be submitted in written form by March 15 and finalized with names of host families and, if possible, exchange students' names by June 1. The entire application process must be directed to the Guidance Department. Exceptions may only be granted by the high school administration.
 - c) The number of foreign exchange students cannot exceed 5% of the graduating class.

d) Each approved sponsoring agency must be a chartered nonprofit agency and be represented by a local representative who is not financially compensated in relationship to the number of particular placements completed at any school.

e) In all cases of student acceptance and placement, the decision of the high school administration is final.

~~e) All other conditions listed in DBS CODE 5118 shall also be considered when reviewing an application.~~

All conditions for accepting a nonresident student into the Somers Public Schools in Policy DBS Code 5118 will apply.

The Superintendent of Schools shall report annually the number of students affected by this policy.

Adopted: June 23, 1986

Revised: May 9, 1994

May 8, 1995