

Somers Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2023 7:00 PM

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Approval of the May 8, 2023 BOE Draft Minutes 2
The Board to review and approve the draft minutes from the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.
4. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
 1. Superintendent Update
5. **OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 1. Warrant of May 22, 2023 6
The Board to review and consent to the warrant of May 22, 2023.
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. First Warning of new text, "GoOpenCT Model Science Curriculum," for grades 6, 7, and 8 Science (<https://goopenct.org>)
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 1. Curriculum
 2. Policy
 3. Planning/Finance
 4. Salary & Negotiations
10. **CABE/CREC/State Dept. of Ed.**
11. **AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**
12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board will go into Executive Session to discuss the Non-Union staff wage adjustments for the 23-24 school year. The Board will invite the Superintendent into Executive Session.
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Somers Board of Education Regular Meeting
Somers Board of Education Chambers
May 8, 2023
7:00 PM

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

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

Others: Dr. Sam Galloway, Stephanie Levin, Dina Senecal, Margot Martello, Gary Cotzin, Dorothy Ruggiero, Lisa Horan, The Root Family, The Lessard Family, The Ferro Family, The Breton Family

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

3.1. 2023 CABE Student Leadership Awards

Rationale:

- Margot Martello, MBA Principal, will present the MBA CABE Student Leadership Awards to Jayden Root and Luke Lessard.
- Gary Cotzin, SHS Principal, will present the SHS CABE Student Leadership Awards to Rylee Ferro and Jake Breton.

Discussion: Ms. Martello introduced the MBA students nominated for the CABE Leadership Award. This award is given by individual Boards of Education in Connecticut to students who exhibit characteristics of quality leadership. Ms. Martello introduced Jayden Root, an 8th grader at MBA, who leads through example with a humble approach. Eighth grader, Luke Lessard, also received the CABE award. Luke takes on the full role of a leader in his presence and approach. Ms. Martello shared words from both students' teachers exemplifying their outstanding leadership skills.

Mr. Cotzin introduced two SHS students who received the CABE Award. Rylee Ferro is an involved member of the school community. He noted her positive attitude and willingness to go out of her way to welcome other students. She has a genuine and intuitive ability to make others feel welcome and accepted. Jake Breton was introduced. Jake is Vice President of the Class of 2025. He is involved in school meetings and events to stay connected to the school community. Jake balances a rigorous academic schedule with various extracurricular and volunteer opportunities.

All four CABA Award recipients were presented with a certificate and gift on behalf of the Board of Education.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Approval of the April 24, 2023 BOE Meeting Draft Minutes

Rationale: The Board to review and approve the draft minutes from the Board meeting on April 24, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2023 regular BOE Meeting. This motion, made by Jan Martin and seconded by Shane Manning, Carried. **Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain 2 (Mike Briggs, Kim Radziewicz)**

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

5.1. Superintendent Update

Discussion: Superintendent Galloway reported that the proposed budget will go to referendum on 5/16/23. No questions have been posed to the Board of Education at this time.

Superintendent Galloway met with all certified and non-certified staff members at SES, and is beginning his meetings with staff at MBA. The purpose of each meeting is to understand the perspectives of every staff member to help plan strategically for the future, and to ensure a smooth opening for the 2023-2024 school year.

Superintendent Galloway met with the current Senior class on May 5, 2023 to encourage students to pursue their paths after graduation and express his support of each student.

The report by CSS regarding the HVAC proposal discussed on 4/24/23 will be completed by the end of June. This meets the Board of Finance's requested deadline to have the report by the end of July. No issues meeting this deadline are expected.

Superintendent Galloway met with SROs. The district and the SROs are aligned regarding safety protocols and security posture for the district.

Superintendent Galloway attended the Somers Education Foundation Fundraiser on 4/29/23. He was brought up to speed on the origin of the foundation and will continue to partner with the foundation.

5.2. Monthly Budget Report

Rationale: Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services, will update the Board on the April budget.

Discussion: Stephanie Levin reviewed the April budget, noting a slight change in the salary category of the budget due to staff resignations and leaves of absence. Resignations also affected insurance and benefits. The tuition excess cost percentage was adjusted from 88% to 76% and is generally reimbursed by the end of May. The transportation budget is adjusted due to changing fuel costs. Credits for transportation are applied monthly and are reflected in the budget. The instructional resources category increased due to end-of-year expenditures, which included Special Education adaptive equipment, elementary science materials, and high school technology education equipment replacement. The remaining accounts reflect no significant changes; however, they will be reviewed weekly to consider end-of-year needs.

6. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to add an Executive Session as item number 13 for discussion concerning an attorney client privileged communication related to an employment agreement with a school administrator. This motion, made by Kim Radziewicz and seconded by Carl Stebbins, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

7.1. Warrant of May 8, 2023

Rationale: The Board to review and consent to the warrant of May 8, 2023.

7.2. Resignation

Rationale: Amanda Ciccirella, SES Paraeducator, resigned effective 4/28/23. Amanda worked at SES for 10years.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1. Curriculum

Discussion: Jan Martin reported that the curriculum committee met on 5/8/23. The next meeting is scheduled for 6/12/23 and will include the first warning of the new middle school science curriculum.

10.2. Policy

Discussion: No report.

10.3. Planning/Finance

Discussion: No report.

10.4. Salary & Negotiations

Discussion: No report.

11. CABE/CREC/State Dept. of Ed.

Discussion: Two members of the BOE plan to attend a workshop focused on collective bargaining on 5/9/23. Chair Kirkpatrick informed the Board of a webinar on 5/10/23 regarding how to navigate the CT Assembly website. A calendar of upcoming events that might be of interest to the BOE was shared.

The most recent CREC meeting focused on House Bill 5003 on student centered funding. Following the meeting, the appropriations committee did not fund the bill.

The annual CREC meeting will be held on 5/17/23.

12. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rationale: The Board to enter into Executive Session and invite Superintendent Galloway to discuss an attorney client privileged communication related to an employment agreement with a school administrator

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for discussion concerning an attorney client privileged communication related to an employment agreement with a school administrator and to invite Superintendent Galloway into Executive Session.

The BOE exited Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

Motion that the Board hereby approve the employment agreement between the administration and a school administrator and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute that agreement on behalf of the Somers Board of Education. This motion, made by Kim Radziewicz and seconded by Krista Cherry, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the BOE meeting at 7:50p.m. This motion, made by Krista Cherry and seconded by Jan Martin, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

Krista Cherry, BOE Secretary Date

Jenna McDermott, BOE Recording Secretary

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 80566

Check Batch: 52435
 Check Header: (N / A)
 Check Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Check Dates: (Earliest) - (Latest)
 Cash Account Numbers: (First) - (Last)
 Bank Account Code: (N/A)
 Check Authorization Code: AP GB
 Minimum Check Amount: \$0.00
 Sorted By:
 Include Payable Information: No
 Include Payable Dist Information: No
 Include Authorization Information: Yes

Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
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Approved by: Stephanie Levin Date: 5/17/23
 Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services

52435	23051	05/22/2023	V62836	Adelbrook Inc	0.00	22,558.75
	23052	05/22/2023	V02129	Alarm New England/Sonitrol	0.00	990.00
	23053	05/22/2023	V60790	Alternative Access Assistive Technology	0.00	3,789.00
	23054	05/22/2023	V52670	Amazon Capital Services	0.00	2,586.07
	23055	05/22/2023	V000035	Amsden, Laurie	0.00	75.00
	23056	05/22/2023	V02141	Apple Inc.	0.00	999.00
	23057	05/22/2023	V00884	Avery Septic Service	0.00	100.00
	23058	05/22/2023	V60784	Bloomfield Board of Education	0.00	1,502.18
	23059	05/22/2023	V60600	BSN Sports LLC	0.00	170.00
	23060	05/22/2023	V61550	CareerStaff Unlimited	0.00	567.00
	23061	05/22/2023	V00129	Carolina Biological Supply Co.	0.00	279.88
	23062	05/22/2023	V00204	CREC	0.00	14,981.71
	23063	05/22/2023	V60709	DBS Financial Services LLC	0.00	2,740.55
	23064	05/22/2023	V00159	Eversource Energy	0.00	26,185.08
	23065	05/22/2023	V54168	First Student, Inc	0.00	106,279.39
	23067	05/22/2023	V61017	Frontier Communications	0.00	509.44
	23068	05/22/2023	V61015	Frontline Technologies Group, LLC	0.00	2,557.40
	23069	05/22/2023	V60920	Global Industrial	0.00	3,513.36
	23070	05/22/2023	V54081	Graduate Pest Solutions, Inc.	0.00	544.00
	23071	05/22/2023	V00511	Granger	0.00	215.42

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Batch #	Check #	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Electronic Amount	Check Amount
	23072	05/22/2023	V60852	Grassmere Country Club	0.00	2,700.00
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	23074	05/22/2023	V62838	Hartford HealthCare Corporation SBO	0.00	12,450.00
	23075	05/22/2023	V60090	High Grade Gas Service, Inc	0.00	1,666.89
	23076	05/22/2023	V54063	HSABank	0.00	166.25
	23077	05/22/2023	V61527	InsectLore	0.00	192.88
	23078	05/22/2023	V52848	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	0.00	12,829.64
	23079	05/22/2023	V60043	IVEY Industries	0.00	278.23
	23080	05/22/2023	V00999	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	0.00	118.78
	23081	05/22/2023	E00166	Kelleher, Michelle	0.00	12.99
	23082	05/22/2023	V61534	LearnWell	0.00	516.75
	23083	05/22/2023	V02898	Magnakleen Services	0.00	108.61
	23084	05/22/2023	R00217	Nadler, Georgia	0.00	395.00
	23085	05/22/2023	V60983	OMNI Group, The	0.00	16.00
	23086	05/22/2023	V60979	Shanahan, Jim	0.00	300.00
	23087	05/22/2023	V51324	Sherwin-Williams Co., The	0.00	30.57
	23088	05/22/2023	V00886	Somers Lunch Program	0.00	250.00
	23089	05/22/2023	V61373	Somers Star Hardware	0.00	464.44
	23090	05/22/2023	V60266	Stafford High School	0.00	1,400.00
	23091	05/22/2023	V60731	Supertech	0.00	49.75
	23092	05/22/2023	E01050	Tanguay, Mary Kate	0.00	58.95
	23093	05/22/2023	V00306	University of Connecticut, The	0.00	1,200.00
	23094	05/22/2023	V00548	USA Waste and Recycling	0.00	1,594.54
	23095	05/22/2023	V62828	Valley Educational Services	0.00	6,791.40
	23096	05/22/2023	V61140	Van Pool Transportation LLC	0.00	11,805.08
	23097	05/22/2023	V61445	Willie Ross School of the Deaf, The	0.00	444.50
	23098	05/22/2023	V60943	Zoro Tools Inc	0.00	937.21
Totals:					<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$247,938.34</u>

47 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 80575
Batch: 52414
Transaction: N/A
Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch # 52414	Control Total \$247,938.34	Status Posted	Created By Ibergamini	Created On 05/15/2023	Last Updated By Ibergamini	Last Updated On 05/17/2023
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General Ledger Distribution Summary

Period, Fiscal Year Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits
May, 2023					
Generated Distributions					
10-000-0000-710-00-0-00000-000-0-00	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			231,280.64	0.00
10-000-0000-720-00-0-00000-000-0-00	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	231,280.64
	Total Generated Distributions			\$231,280.64	\$231,280.64
User-Entered Distributions					
10-000-0000-241-00-0-00000-000-0-00	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			1,149.68	0.00
10-000-0000-241-00-0-00000-000-0-00	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	249,088.02
10-120-1000-611-40-5-00183-242-2-01	HS - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			354.11	0.00
10-120-2600-430-40-5-00395-722-5-01	HS - TECHNOLOGY ED MAINTENANCE			1,110.47	0.00
10-140-1000-611-20-5-00652-242-2-01	K-5 - KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES			192.88	0.00
10-140-1000-611-20-5-00771-242-2-01	K-5 - FIRST GRADE SUPPLIES			279.88	0.00
10-200-1000-112-30-5-01706-214-2-01	MA - MUSIC INST COACHES			75.00	0.00
10-200-1000-611-30-5-00172-242-2-01	MA - MUSIC SUPPLIES			11.99	0.00
10-200-1000-611-40-5-00168-242-2-01	HS - BAND SUPPLIES		Yes	106.79	0.00
10-200-2600-430-40-5-00396-722-5-01	HS - MUSIC MAINTENANCE			300.00	0.00
10-280-1000-611-40-5-00206-242-2-01	HS - SCIENCE SUPPLIES			12.99	0.00
10-320-2100-611-50-5-01681-242-2-01	SW - PBIS SUPPLIES			695.24	0.00
10-420-2790-580-40-5-00337-530-4-06	HS - ATHLETIC TRIPS			5,090.26	0.00
10-420-3200-112-40-5-01583-880-7-06	HS - CO-OP SPORTS			4,100.00	0.00
10-420-3200-690-40-5-00595-880-7-06	HS - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES			170.00	0.00
10-480-2130-112-50-5-00319-412-3-02	SW - NURSE SUBSTITUTE		Yes	567.00	0.00
10-500-2190-690-50-5-00875-134-1-05	SW - PROF DEVELOPMENT SUPPLIES		Yes	200.00	0.00
10-500-2210-322-50-5-00297-251-1-05	CO - ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP			50.00	0.00
10-500-2210-322-50-5-01689-251-2-01	SW - TECH PROF DEV			1,200.00	0.00
10-540-2400-690-40-5-00274-880-7-07	HS - GRADUATION			395.00	0.00
10-620-2600-430-60-5-00422-722-5-08	K-5 - SEPTIC TANK		Yes	100.00	0.00
10-620-2600-430-60-5-00431-722-5-08	MA - SEPTIC TANK			0.00	0.00
10-620-2600-430-60-5-00435-722-5-08	SW - THERMOSTAT/CONTROLS			448.17	0.00
10-620-2600-430-60-5-00438-722-5-08	HS - SEPTIC TANK			0.00	0.00
10-620-2600-430-60-5-00439-722-5-08	HS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		Yes	49.75	0.00
10-620-2600-430-60-5-00444-722-5-08	SW - RUBBISH REMOVAL		Yes	1,594.54	0.00

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10-620-2600-430-60-5-00447-722-5-08	231.34	SW - GENERAL REPAIR				0.00
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10-620-2600-430-60-5-01646-722-5-08	990.00	SW - SECURITY				0.00
10-620-2600-590-90-5-00453-722-6-08	2,557.40	SW - SOFTWARE MAINT CONTRACTS				0.00
10-620-2600-613-60-5-00377-650-5-05	3,621.97	SW - CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES				0.00
10-640-2600-530-40-5-00366-642-5-04	412.63	HS - TELEPHONE				0.00
10-640-2600-530-50-5-00367-642-5-04	96.81	CO - TELEPHONE				0.00
10-640-2600-620-60-5-00358-641-5-05	5,964.73	K-5 - ELECTRICITY				0.00
10-640-2600-620-60-5-00360-641-5-05	10,594.28	MA - ELECTRICITY				0.00
10-640-2600-620-60-5-00361-641-5-05	12,197.81	HS - ELECTRICITY				0.00
10-640-2600-620-60-5-00362-641-5-05	168.81	MAINTENANCE - ELECTRICITY				0.00
10-660-1000-730-40-5-00607-910-8-01	1,666.89	K-5 - PROPANE GAS				0.00
10-660-1000-730-50-5-00843-910-8-01	99.98	HS - CAPITAL OUTLAY				0.00
10-660-2600-730-50-5-00472-730-2-01	999.00	SW - CAPITAL OUTLAY TECHNOLOGY				0.00
10-720-2320-690-50-5-00042-258-1-04	593.78	SW - A.V. EQUIP REPLACEMENT				0.00
10-740-2310-330-50-5-00045-134-1-10	151.08	CO - OFFICE SUPPLIES				0.00
10-820-2800-200-50-5-00509-820-6-13	16.00	B.O.E. - OTHER PROF. SERVICES				0.00
10-820-2800-200-50-5-01228-820-6-13	16.65	SW - FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCT				0.00
10-840-2700-112-90-5-00333-522-9-12	166.25	SW - HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT				0.00
10-840-2700-510-50-5-00325-521-4-12	2,077.21	SP ED - TRANSPORTATION AIDE				0.00
10-840-2700-510-50-5-00325-521-4-12	46,176.10	TRANSPORTATION - ELEMENTARY				0.00
10-840-2700-510-50-5-00326-521-4-12	0.00	TRANSPORTATION - SECONDARY				1,130.86
10-840-2700-510-50-5-00328-521-4-12	24,774.70	ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION				0.00
10-840-2700-510-90-5-00329-522-9-12	9,942.76	SP ED - VANS				0.00
10-840-2700-510-90-5-00332-522-9-12	28,216.08	SP ED - ADDITIONAL MILEAGE				0.00
10-880-1200-500-90-5-01707-955-9-14	2,938.22	SP ED - OOD SPEECHLGE SERV				0.00
10-880-1200-500-90-5-01708-955-9-14	5,647.14	SP ED - OOD OCC THERAPY SERV				0.00
10-880-1200-500-90-5-01709-955-9-14	3,838.26	SP ED - OOD PHY THERAPY SERV				0.00
10-880-1200-500-90-5-01711-955-9-14	176.25	SP ED - OOD COUNSELLING SERV				0.00
10-880-6110-560-50-5-01231-945-6-14	584.27	TUITION-NON SPECIAL EDUCATION				0.00
10-880-6130-561-90-5-00673-955-9-14	1,758.98	SP ED - TUITION				0.00
10-980-1200-330-90-5-01142-955-9-02	59,625.53	SPED - CONSULTANT FEES				0.00
10-980-1200-330-90-5-01674-955-9-02	444.50	SP ED - CONTRACTED SERVICES				0.00
10-980-1200-580-90-5-00272-251-9-05	3,789.00	SP ED - TRAVEL/IN-SERVICE				0.00

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52414	\$247,938.34	Posted	Ibergamini	05/15/2023	Ibergamini	05/17/2023
10-980-1200-611-90-5-00212-242-9-01 SPED - K-5 SUPPLIES						
Total User-Entered Distributions					111.56	0.00
Total for May, 2023					<u>\$250,237.70</u>	<u>\$250,237.70</u>
Grand Total for Batch # 52414					<u>\$481,518.34</u>	<u>\$481,518.34</u>

212 Transactions Listed.