

Somers Board of Education Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024 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 January 22, 2024 BOE Minutes 2
The Board to review and approve the BOE minutes from January 22, 2024.
4. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
 1. Superintendent Update
 2. Monthly Budget Report 8
Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services, will update the Board on the January budget.
5. **OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 1. Warrant of February 12, 2024 9
The Board to review and consent to the warrant of February 12, 2024.
 2. 2nd Posting DBS Code 3541.32 - Transportation: Special Transportation for School- 14
Related Trips
 3. Resignations
 - Tracy Wyllie, SES Reading Tutor, will be resigning with her last day on February 6, 2024, after 17 years of service at SPS.
 - Kyle MacFeat, SHS Custodian, will be resigning with his last day on February 16, 2024.
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
 1. Approval of Proposed SPS 2024-2025 Budget
The Board to approve the proposed 2024-2025 Board of Education budget to move to the Board of Finance and then to Public Hearing. Dr. Galloway will be available to answer any questions.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Educator Diversity Plan (Mandated by the state)
Dr. Galloway will brief the Board on the Educator Diversity Plan for future approval. This plan needs to be submitted to the state by March 15, 2024.
 2. Open Choice Program - Open Slots 16
The Board to review and approve the 20 slots on the Open Choice program. This is the same allocation as in the 2023-2024 school year.
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 1. Curriculum
 2. Policy
 3. Planning/Finance
 4. Salary & Negotiations
10. **CABE/CREC/State Dept. of Ed./SEF**
11. **AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Somers Board of Education Regular Meeting
Somers Board of Education Chambers
Monday, January 22, 2024
7:00 PM

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

Present BOE Members: Anne Kirkpatrick, Mike Briggs, Dr. Ed DePeau, JT Galloway, Shane Manning, Jan Martin, Kim Radziewicz, Carl Stebbins, Derek Zelek

Others: Dr. Sam Galloway, Stephanie Levin, David Brown, Mara Butler, Dara Salka

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of the January 8, 2024 BOE Minutes

Rationale: The Board to review and approve the BOE minutes from January 8, 2024.

Motion to approve the minutes of 1/8/24 Board of Education Meeting with the correction under motion 3.1- Policy 3541.332 has been changed to Policy 3541.32. This motion, made by Shane Manning and seconded by JT Galloway, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1. Superintendent Update

Dr. Galloway reported that on 1/19/24, the SHS gymnasium was used to host counseling professionals from over 10 nearby districts to support the Somers community in a time of need. He thanked all districts and outside services that provided support. Formal thank yous will be sent in the coming weeks. The E.O. Smith staff and administration were also thanked for their support of Somers staff. A mural has been added to SES that states "SES is our family" with images of four hearts and two oak trees.

Seventeen 8th graders at MBA were recently inducted into the National Beta Club. The pillars of this club are academic achievement, character, leadership and service.

Senior Night for the SHS wrestlers occurred on 1/17/24.

4.2. SHS Student Representatives' Report

Rationale: Dara Salka and Mara Butler, SHS students, will update the BOE on SHS events.

Discussion: SHS Seniors, Mara Butler and Dara Salka, provided an SHS update. The communications class started the Spartan News update, which is played daily for all SHS students. The gymnasium floor at SHS was recently redone. Twenty-seven students were inducted into the National Honor Society after a rigorous application process. The first round of Capstone Project Presentations is complete. The SHS gymnasium was filled with projects from SHS juniors and seniors and viewed by the public, Board members, and MBA students. Midterm exams wrapped up on 1/22/24. The Class of 2026 is hosting an ongoing clothing drive.

Students involved in the Drama Club participated in Broadway Night. A team of students led by staff members in the history department are hoping to reinstate a school newspaper. It is possible the group may be able to provide full printed copies to students.

Spirit Week took place in December to benefit The Genevieve Neiman Scholarship Fund. Spirit Week concluded with a semi-formal dance open to all SHS students. The proceeds from the dance will be used to fund the senior trip. Students found creative ways to save on costs to run the dance, such as making their own playlist and making drinks to fit the Disney theme. The indoor track season is going well. The student leaders thanked Superintendent Galloway for his support in getting this sport started at SHS. Many participants have qualified for conference and state meets. A Battle of the Beards competition was held in November. The Drama Club will present a production of Grease in March.

Mara and Dara noted the emotional impact and recovery efforts of the last few weeks, and the impact of the community coming together to provide support to one another. An advisory day was held at SHS during which students had the option to write letters to former teachers, first responders, etc.

Photos of recent SHS events were shared. The student leaders shared that the highlights of the last few months were the sense of accomplishment felt after completing the Capstone project and the fun experience and sense of community at the semi-formal dance. The student leaders appreciate the chance to share at BOE meetings and to establish a positive relationship with Board members.

4.3. Presentation of Proposed SPS 2024-2025 Budget

Rationale: Dr. Galloway will present the proposed SPS 2024-2025 budget to the BOE.

Discussion: Superintendent Galloway presented the proposed SPS 2024-2025 Budget. The goal of the presentation was to communicate drivers for both revenue and expense and earn support and commitment to the budget process. The proposed budget is aligned with the SPS Vision and Mission, while being responsive to local and state budget challenges. The goal of the budget is to maintain current programs, be fiscally responsible, and maintain all needed staff positions. The proposed budget does not include any new programs but proposes the reallocation of a retirement in the SHS Science department to create a 6-12 Humanities Instructional Leader. The 6-12 Humanities Instructional Leader would support teachers with their instructional practices, model lessons, lead parent outreach, and provide professional development with the existing team of three other instructional leaders across the district.

The proposed budget is reflective of diligent planning and resource allocation. An annual review of curriculum aims to identify and implement free and vetted materials that can be used in the classroom when possible. This process results in cost savings. For example, Go Open CT resources are being used in grades 6-8, saving the district approximately \$50,000. Opportunities to utilize grants will continue to be pursued.

Superintendent Galloway reviewed the student-centered decision-making process when creating a budget and the ways in which budget decisions directly impact the classroom. The District Theory of Action was reviewed, highlighting how strategic planning aligns with results. Superintendent Galloway reviewed the structure of the budget categories. The Professional Services budget has been reduced, while Salary and Benefits continues to comprise the majority of the budget (81.2%). This budget is responsible for maintaining over \$67,000,000 worth of facilities for students and families.

The budget grand total is \$29,287,322, which equates to a 6.84% (\$1,895,890) increase.

The budget timeline was reviewed. Important upcoming dates such as the BOE Public Hearing and budget approval in March, the Board of Finance Public Hearing in April, the Annual Town Meeting in late April/early May, and the Town Referendum in mid-May were highlighted.

A discussion ensued regarding the increased cost per kilowatt hour and possible avenues to mitigate the cost for the district.

The proposed budget will be posted on the website for the public.

5. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion to withdraw the motion to approve Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Carl Stebbins and seconded by Ed DePeau, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1, 3 and 4. This motion, made by Carl Stebbins and seconded by Derek Zelek, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda item 2. This motion, made by Carl Stebbins and seconded by JT Galloway, Carried. **Yea: 5, Nay: 4 (JT Galloway, Shane Manning, Kim Radziewicz, Derek Zelek)**

Discussion: The SPS 2024-2025 Calendar was discussed. Concerns regarding school opening after Labor Day were raised. Five professional development days (8/26-8/30) have been scheduled prior to the opening of school for students. By contract, these days cannot begin before 8/25/24.

A discussion regarding the schedule for professional development days across the school year ensued. The teachers' contract states that 7 days without students must be offered.

A discussion regarding creative ways to adjust the students' schedule to maximize the effectiveness of instructional time on early release days ensued.

6.1. Warrant of January 22, 2024

Rationale: The Board to review and consent to the warrant of January 22, 2024.

6.2. 2nd Posting of 2024-2025 Somers Public Schools Calendar

Rationale: The BOE to approve the 2024-2025 Somers Public Schools Calendar.

6.3. FY24 Budget Transfers

Rationale: The Board to approve the FY24 budget transfers.

6.4. Resignation

Rationale: Abigail McNamara, Grade 3 Teacher, will be resigning effective January 19, 2024.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. First Posting DBS Code 3541.32 - Transportation: Special Transportation for School-Related Trips.

Discussion: Policy 3541.32 was modified to allow for parents to drive their student to and from school-related trips. Teachers are not permitted to drive students. Parents may complete a waiver aligned with this policy. The waiver will update in the student's PowerSchool account.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1. Curriculum

The next meeting will be held on 2/12/24 at 6p.m.

9.2. Policy

The next meeting will be held on 2/26/24 at 6:30p.m.

9.3. Planning/Finance

The committee met on 1/22/24. The committee discussed budget transfers. Budget transfers will be reviewed quarterly moving forward. The next review will be done in April. The next meeting date will be shared later.

9.4. Salary & Negotiations

On hold.

10. CABE/CREC/State Dept. of Ed./SEF

Discussion: The CABE Legislative Breakfast will be held at SHS on 1/31/24. There are over 20 individuals registered at this time.

Chair Kirkpatrick attended the BOE Chair Zoom call on 1/22/24. The discussion was focused on budget challenges related to health insurance and Special Education costs.

There were no updates to report from the most recent CREC meeting. There were no SEF updates.

11. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rationale: The Board to enter into Executive Session and invite Dr. Galloway into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's mid-year evaluation.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Superintendent's mid-year evaluation and invite Dr. Galloway into the Executive Session. This motion, made by Jan Martin and seconded by Kim Radziewicz, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

Discussion: The Board entered Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. The Board exited Executive Session at 9:06 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. This motion, made by Jan Martin and seconded by Shane Manning, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

Jan Martin, BOE Secretary Date
Jenna McDermott, BOE Recording Secretary

2023-2024
Monthly Report
(Through 1/31/2024)

| CATEGORY | ITEM | Approved Budget | Budget Adjustment | Revised Budget | Actual Expenditures | Encumbered | Total Projection | Variance | % +/- |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Salaries | Teachers | 11,890,609 | (23,561) | 11,867,048 | 5,647,365 | 6,199,744 | 11,847,109 | 19,939 | 0.17% |
| | Secretaries/Paraprofessionals | 2,284,949 | 47,350 | 2,332,299 | 1,318,492 | 979,865 | 2,298,356 | 33,943 | 1.49% |
| | Administrators | 1,743,659 | 39,435 | 1,783,094 | 1,101,556 | 681,538 | 1,783,094 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | Custodians/Maintainers | 957,390 | (14,695) | 942,695 | 579,557 | 361,159 | 940,716 | 1,979 | 0.21% |
| | Other Instructional | 521,983 | (24,229) | 497,754 | 281,814 | 194,466 | 476,281 | 21,473 | 4.11% |
| | Nurses | 289,869 | 3,272 | 293,141 | 136,295 | 152,412 | 288,707 | 4,434 | 1.53% |
| | Medical Advisor | 1,500 | 0 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0 | 1,500 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | SUBTOTAL | 17,689,959 | 27,572 | 17,717,531 | 9,066,580 | 8,569,183 | 17,635,763 | 81,768 | 0.46% |
| Insurance & Benefits | Health Insurance | 3,608,118 | (57,812) | 3,550,306 | 2,054,347 | 1,414,555 | 3,468,902 | 81,404 | 2.26% |
| | Social Security | 549,550 | 20,000 | 569,550 | 321,888 | 227,431 | 549,319 | 20,231 | 3.68% |
| | Pension | 227,832 | 0 | 227,832 | 117,253 | 110,907 | 228,159 | (327) | -0.14% |
| | Worker's Comp | 100,000 | (9,493) | 90,507 | 68,058 | 22,449 | 90,507 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | Property / Liability | 98,525 | 346 | 98,871 | 76,529 | 22,342 | 98,871 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | Long Term Disability | 47,000 | (5,000) | 42,000 | 22,541 | 18,439 | 40,980 | 1,020 | 2.17% |
| | Life Insurance | 32,000 | (5,000) | 27,000 | 11,760 | 8,732 | 20,492 | 6,508 | 20.34% |
| | School Board Legal | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 | 7,500 | 2,500 | 10,000 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | Unemployment | 10,000 | 11,365 | 21,365 | 21,365 | 0 | 21,365 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | OPEB | 28,089 | 0 | 28,089 | 14,045 | 14,044 | 28,089 | 0 | 0.00% |
| SUBTOTAL | 4,711,114 | (45,594) | 4,665,520 | 2,715,285 | 1,841,399 | 4,556,683 | 108,837 | 2.31% | |
| Tuition | Special Education | 1,040,421 | (158,922) | 881,499 | 495,610 | 518,091 | 1,013,700 | (132,201) | -12.71% |
| | Non-Special Education | 134,000 | 19,927 | 153,927 | 124,832 | 28,496 | 153,328 | 599 | 0.45% |
| | SUBTOTAL | 1,174,421 | (138,995) | 1,035,426 | 620,442 | 546,586 | 1,167,028 | (131,602) | -11.21% |
| Transportation | Regular Transportation | 933,796 | 0 | 933,796 | 443,892 | 654,904 | 1,098,796 | (165,000) | -17.67% |
| | Special Education Transportation | 350,000 | 58,278 | 408,278 | 227,433 | 200,379 | 427,812 | (19,534) | -5.58% |
| | Athletics/Field Trips | 39,850 | 0 | 39,850 | 9,540 | 25,458 | 34,998 | 4,852 | 12.18% |
| | SUBTOTAL | 1,323,646 | 58,278 | 1,381,924 | 680,865 | 880,741 | 1,561,606 | (179,682) | -13.57% |
| Utilities | Electricity | 473,000 | 0 | 473,000 | 166,702 | 233,644 | 400,346 | 72,654 | 15.36% |
| | Fuel | 163,950 | (186) | 163,764 | 84,778 | 80,490 | 165,268 | (1,504) | -0.92% |
| | Telephones | 36,300 | 0 | 36,300 | 17,350 | 17,303 | 34,653 | 1,647 | 4.54% |
| | SUBTOTAL | 673,250 | (186) | 673,064 | 268,829 | 331,437 | 600,266 | 72,798 | 10.81% |
| Maintenance | General/Dept Maint | 633,840 | 8,200 | 642,040 | 422,011 | 220,029 | 642,040 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | Custodial Supplies | 48,000 | 0 | 48,000 | 47,929 | 4,062 | 51,990 | (3,990) | -8.31% |
| | SUBTOTAL | 681,840 | 8,200 | 690,040 | 469,940 | 224,091 | 694,030 | (3,990) | -0.59% |
| Instructional Resources | Books, Textbooks, Workbooks | 149,953 | (7,900) | 142,053 | 117,865 | 1,692 | 119,557 | 22,496 | 15.00% |
| | Technology AV Materials | 101,230 | 7,000 | 108,230 | 105,335 | 1,598 | 106,934 | 1,296 | 1.28% |
| | General & Dept Supplies | 176,810 | 0 | 176,810 | 96,749 | 21,561 | 118,310 | 58,500 | 33.09% |
| | SUBTOTAL | 427,993 | (900) | 427,093 | 319,949 | 24,851 | 344,801 | 82,292 | 19.23% |
| Extracurricular | Coaches | 193,225 | 16,125 | 209,350 | 116,362 | 92,988 | 209,350 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | Activity Advisors | 60,349 | 0 | 60,349 | 156 | 60,193 | 60,349 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | Athletic/Academic Act | 95,450 | 0 | 95,450 | 40,908 | 54,542 | 95,450 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | SUBTOTAL | 349,024 | 16,125 | 365,149 | 157,426 | 207,723 | 365,149 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Equipment | New and Replacement | 249,000 | 0 | 249,000 | 210,392 | 23,770 | 234,162 | 14,838 | 5.96% |
| Admin Overhead | Postage, Dues, Travel, BOE Exp., etc. | 181,185 | 25,500 | 206,685 | 123,044 | 67,575 | 190,619 | 16,066 | 8.87% |
| ARP Municipal | Offset | (50,000) | 50,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| GRAND TOTAL | | 27,411,432 | 0 | 27,411,432 | 14,632,751 | 12,717,357 | 27,350,108 | 61,324 | 0.22% |

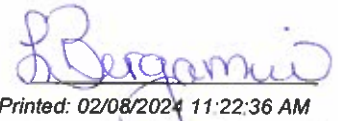
As of 2/7/2024

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1140

Voucher Date: 02/12/2024

Prepared By:


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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION is hereby authorized to draw warrants against SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION funds for the sum of \$523,004.29 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (period cannot overlap fiscal year end.)

I certify that this claim is just and correct, and the services and/or materials herein represented have been received during the period listed above. All items are properly coded and not in excess of the budget.


Stephanie Levin Director of Business Services

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

| Fund | | Amount |
|------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 10 | GENERAL FUND | \$523,004.29 |
| 20 | GRANTS | \$0.00 |
| 30 | ACTIVITY | \$0.00 |
| | | <hr/> \$523,004.29 |

Somers Board of Education

Check Listing

Fiscal Year: 2023-2024

Criteria:

Bank Account: BOE AP CASH 1918032563

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| 24444 | 02/12/2024 | Alternative Access Assistive Technology | \$6,450.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24445 | 02/12/2024 | Amazon Capital Services | \$9,913.01 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24446 | 02/12/2024 | American Time | \$887.78 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24447 | 02/12/2024 | Angeloni Refrigeration, LLC | \$335.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24448 | 02/12/2024 | Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield | \$263,979.84 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24449 | 02/12/2024 | Apple Inc. | \$3,473.80 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24450 | 02/12/2024 | Auto Tek LLC | \$818.16 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24451 | 02/12/2024 | Avery Septic Service | \$150.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24452 | 02/12/2024 | Awards & More | \$12.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24453 | 02/12/2024 | Bart Truck Equipment LLC. | \$136.34 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24454 | 02/12/2024 | Bergamini, Lisa | \$47.98 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24455 | 02/12/2024 | Blaine Window Hardware, Inc. | \$364.39 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24456 | 02/12/2024 | Boys & Girls Village, Inc. | \$7,950.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24457 | 02/12/2024 | BSN Sports LLC | \$2,015.86 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24458 | 02/12/2024 | CABE | \$1,391.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24459 | 02/12/2024 | Carolina Biological Supply Co. | \$246.97 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24460 | 02/12/2024 | CAS Inc. | \$295.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24461 | 02/12/2024 | CHLIC | \$10,506.37 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24462 | 02/12/2024 | Clear Water Industries | \$233.33 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24463 | 02/12/2024 | CLG Electric LLC | \$2,317.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24464 | 02/12/2024 | COX Business | \$228.01 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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| 24467 | 02/12/2024 | DBS Financial Services LLC | \$512.85 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24468 | 02/12/2024 | DG Graphics | \$361.50 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24469 | 02/12/2024 | Dime Oil Company LLC | \$43,093.68 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24470 | 02/12/2024 | EAI Education | \$200.70 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24471 | 02/12/2024 | Eastfield Glass Co., Inc. | \$451.50 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24472 | 02/12/2024 | Elan Financial Services | \$262.61 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24473 | 02/12/2024 | Ellington Board of Education | \$4,192.86 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24474 | 02/12/2024 | Eversource Energy | \$40,493.97 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24475 | 02/12/2024 | FireTech | \$645.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24476 | 02/12/2024 | First Student, Inc | \$1,704.04 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24477 | 02/12/2024 | Frontier Communications | \$259.45 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24478 | 02/12/2024 | Gateway Enterprise Corporation | \$258.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24479 | 02/12/2024 | Geissler's Supermarket, Inc | \$196.14 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24480 | 02/12/2024 | Gengras Center | \$12,600.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24481 | 02/12/2024 | Global Industrial | \$85.11 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24482 | 02/12/2024 | Grainger | \$280.29 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24483 | 02/12/2024 | Hartford HealthCare Corporation SBO | \$6,880.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24484 | 02/12/2024 | Hartford Sprinkler Co., Inc | \$630.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24485 | 02/12/2024 | Herff Jones Inc. | \$11.32 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24486 | 02/12/2024 | High Grade Gas Service, Inc | \$312.81 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24487 | 02/12/2024 | Hillyard-New England | \$337.04 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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| 24488 | 02/12/2024 | Hooker & Holcombe, Inc | \$9,590.50 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24489 | 02/12/2024 | Integrated Systems Services, LLC | \$747.95 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24490 | 02/12/2024 | J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. | \$142.36 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24491 | 02/12/2024 | JP Climate Control LLC | \$405.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24492 | 02/12/2024 | K&S Distributors | \$591.55 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24493 | 02/12/2024 | Kelly Refrigeration & Freezer | \$575.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24494 | 02/12/2024 | Life Safety Service & Supply LLC | \$350.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24495 | 02/12/2024 | MagnaKleen Services | \$108.61 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24496 | 02/12/2024 | Manchester Awning | \$4,126.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24497 | 02/12/2024 | Maria Centola | \$300.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24498 | 02/12/2024 | MB Tractor & Equipment | \$109.46 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24499 | 02/12/2024 | Microbac Laboratories, Inc | \$204.25 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24500 | 02/12/2024 | Microscope World | \$795.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24501 | 02/12/2024 | NAPA Auto Parts | \$12.46 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24502 | 02/12/2024 | Newstripe, Inc | \$55.98 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24503 | 02/12/2024 | Nuso, LLC | \$116.45 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24504 | 02/12/2024 | Partners for Educational Leadership, Inc | \$4,166.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24505 | 02/12/2024 | PowerSchool Group LLC | \$2,680.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24506 | 02/12/2024 | Rugby Holdings, LLC | \$2,198.50 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24507 | 02/12/2024 | School Specialty, LLC | \$1,548.78 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24508 | 02/12/2024 | Shipman & Goodwin, LLP | \$332.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24509 | 02/12/2024 | Somers Lunch Program | \$161.68 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24510 | 02/12/2024 | Somers Public Schools | \$17,860.05 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Somers Board of Education

Check Listing

Fiscal Year: 2023-2024

Criteria:

Bank Account: BOE AP CASH 1918032563

From Date: 2/12/2024
 From Check: 24442
 From Voucher: 1140

To Date: 2/12/2024
 To Check: 24526
 To Voucher: 1140

| Check Number | Date | Payee | Amount | Voucher | Status | Type | Cleared? | Clear Date | Void Date |
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| 24511 | 02/12/2024 | Somers Star Hardware | \$123.90 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24512 | 02/12/2024 | Soter Technologies, LLC | \$1,985.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24513 | 02/12/2024 | Starfall Education | \$355.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24514 | 02/12/2024 | State of Connecticut-Treasurer | \$2,205.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24515 | 02/12/2024 | The Aero All-Gas Co | \$167.25 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24516 | 02/12/2024 | The Hartford | \$4,919.29 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24517 | 02/12/2024 | The Home Depot Pro | \$199.94 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24518 | 02/12/2024 | The OMNI Group_V60983 | \$22.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24519 | 02/12/2024 | The Stepping Stones Group LLC | \$273.84 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24520 | 02/12/2024 | Town of Somers | \$18,274.01 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24521 | 02/12/2024 | USA Waste and Recycling | \$1,733.20 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24522 | 02/12/2024 | Valley Educational Services | \$4,926.88 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24523 | 02/12/2024 | Verizon Wireless | \$398.68 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24524 | 02/12/2024 | West Hartford Lock Co. LLC | \$488.00 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24525 | 02/12/2024 | Xerox Corporation | \$3,579.84 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 24526 | 02/12/2024 | Zoro Tools Inc | \$479.60 | 1140 | Printed | Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Total Amount: \$523,004.29

End of Report

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS:

Transportation:

Special Transportation for School Related Trips:

Transportation for athletic contests shall be provided. The fees for transportation for educational trips and other activities will be the responsibility of the student unless otherwise established within the school budget.

Private cars, driven by parents ~~or students or teachers~~ to school-related trips may be driven if the transportation waiver form is completed. The waiver form is located in the form reports section in PowerSchool. ~~may be used on school sponsored trips by permission by the building principal.~~ Overnight or out of state trips must have prior approval by the Board of Education. ~~If a teacher or parent is carrying student(s) in his/her personal car on an officially approved field trip and the automobile is involved in an accident, the insurance covering the vehicle is primary (i.e. any claims would be placed against the vehicle's insurance).~~

Adopted: November 27, 2000

Revised: May 24, 2010

ADMIN.REG: 3541.32

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS:

Transportation:

Special Transportation for School Related Trips:

Privately Owned Vehicles:

Transporting Students in Private Cars:

~~Occasionally, especially on the Senior High School level, teachers transport students to school-sponsored activities in their own cars and sometimes parents are used in providing this type of transportation.~~

~~If a teacher or parent is carrying student(s) in his/her personal car on an officially approved field trip and the teacher's automobile is involved in an accident, the insurance covering the vehicle is primary (i.e. any claims initially would be placed against the vehicle's insurance).~~

~~Teachers and parents may transport students on officially approved field trips provided the following criteria are met:~~

- ~~1. Trip is approved by the Principal in advance.~~
- ~~2. Use of private automobiles is approved by Principal.~~

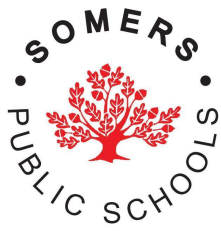
- ~~3. There are to be no more people in a car than the driver and passenger members as listed by the design of the vehicle.~~
- ~~4. The driver produces evidence of insurance coverage.~~
- ~~5. The principal will maintain a file on trips taken when private cars are needed.~~
- ~~6. Parental permission slips indicating knowledge of the conditions listed within this policy are obtained.~~

Adopted: May 24, 1982

Reviewed: July 12, 2001

November 4, 2002

Revised: May 24, 2010



**Board of Education
Administrative Report**

Title of Report: CHOICE Open Slots Approval
 Board Meeting Date: February 12, 2024
 Submitted by: Dr. Galloway & Dina Senecal

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| X | Action | | Report | | Information | | Discussion |
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Executive Summary

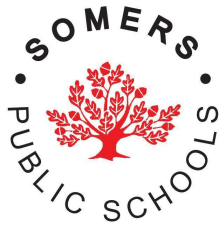
Annual approval of the 20 Open Choice Program Slots

Report

As part of Somers Public Schools' participation in the Open Choice program, the Board of Education must approve all open slots for the next school year. The Administration is recommending the Board approve 20 slots- the same allocation as the 2023-2024 school year.

Projected Enrollment (2024-2025)

| SES | | MBA | | SHS | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Grade Level | # of Students | Grade Level | # of Students | Grade Level | # of Students |
| Kinder. | 4 | 6 | 3 (1) | 9 | 3 |
| 1 | 3 | 7 | (2) | 10 | |
| 2 | (1) | 8 | (1) | 11 | |
| 3 | | | | 12 | |
| 4 | (2) | Projected District Enrollment: 20 | | | |
| 5 | | | | | |



**Board of Education
Administrative Report**

Current Enrollment (2023-2024)

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