

CANCELLED (No Quorum) Somers Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026 7:00 PM
Somers Board of Education Chambers, 1 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
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 3. Presentation of the 2026-2027 Proposed SPS Budget
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 - Kevin Nevins, MBA ELA Teacher, will be retiring at the end of the school year after 27 years of service at Somers Public Schools.
 - Therese Kowalski, SES LMC Paraeducator, will be retiring at the end of the school year after 12 years of service at Somers Public Schools.
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12. **AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Somers Board of Education Regular Meeting
Somers Board of Education Chambers
Monday, January 12, 2026
7:00 PM

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

Present BOE Members: Mike Briggs, Dr. Ed DePeau, JT Galloway, Dr. Sharon Goulet, Anne Kirkpatrick, Shane Manning, Gina Olearczyk, Derek Zelek

Absent BOE Member: Kim Radziewicz

Others: Dr. Sam Galloway, Stephanie Levin

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of the December 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Rationale: The Board to review and approve the minutes from the December 8, 2025 Board meeting.

Motion to approve minutes of December 8th, Board of Education Meeting. This motion, made by Shane Manning and seconded by Derek Zelek, Carried. **Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 (Kim Radziewicz)**

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Galloway updated the Board that the annual indoor air quality assessments were completed in all three buildings in December. No issues were reported, and everything was in accordance with the checklist items.

Superintendent Galloway conducted classroom walkthroughs upon the return to school following winter break and expressed optimism regarding the implementation of CKLA and the new mathematics curriculum. He noted the use of RULER practices, instruction that is strongly aligned to standards, and a notable improvement in the quality of dialogue among data teams.

Board Member Sharon Goulet requested that Superintendent Galloway elaborate on his optimism regarding the new mathematics program. Superintendent Galloway explained that students are solving single problems using multiple strategies, clearly demonstrating their thinking, and showing increased levels of engagement.

A discussion followed regarding the importance of tracking data over time. This included references to the use of FIABs and Looker Studio as tools to collect, organize, and analyze assessment data in order to identify trends. Superintendent Galloway emphasized that consistently exposing students to high-quality, grade-level instructional materials must begin at the elementary level in order to raise expectations as students progress to the middle and high school levels.

Superintendent Galloway reported that a formal budget presentation will be made to the Board of Education on 1/26/26. Questions regarding the budget will be addressed at that time.

Capstone presentations are scheduled to take place on 01/13/26. Additionally, 26 students are scheduled to be inducted into the Junior Beta Club at MBA on 1/13/26.

Superintendent Galloway provided a detailed update on winter athletics, including current season records for wrestling, girls' basketball, hockey, and boys' basketball. He congratulated Harrison Accorsi and William Accorsi for winning their respective weight classes at a recent tournament in Canton, and noted that Harrison Accorsi achieved his 100th career win.

4.2. Monthly Budget Report

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

Discussion: Stephanie Levin presented the monthly budget report. A long-term substitute science teacher was permanently replaced at SHS requiring a change to the funding source. It was noted that Title I funds have historically been used to support tutoring positions. Due to uncertainty surrounding potential changes at the federal level, there have been questions about whether this funding would continue. The funding was confirmed in the fall, and as a result, these tutoring positions do not need to be included in the salary line. There was a change to the instructional resources category due to the purchase of additional social studies textbooks at SHS.

5. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Shane Manning and seconded by Gina Olearczyk, Carried. **Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 (Kim Radziewicz)**

Discussion: A question regarding a payment to Ellington BOE was raised. Stephanie Levin shared that this was a tuition payment.

6.1. Warrant of December 22, 2025

Rationale: The Board to review and consent to the warrant of December 22, 2025.

6.2. Warrant of January 12, 2026

Rationale: The Board to review and consent to the warrant of January 12, 2026.

6.3. Resignation

Rationale: Isabella Frijia, SES Paraeducator, resigned effective immediately December 7, 2025.

6.4. Retirement

Rationale: Stanley Targonski, MBA Math Teacher, will be retiring effective June 30, 2026. Mr. Targonski will have been with SPS, primarily at SHS as a Math Teacher, for 19 years.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. FY26 Q2 BOE Transfers

Rationale: The Board to approve the FY26 Q2 BOE transfers. Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services, will be available to answer questions.

Motion to approve FY26 Q2 Budget Transfers. This motion, made by Ed DePeau and seconded by JT Galloway, Carried. **Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 (Kim Radziewicz)**

Discussion: Quarterly transfers for October through December were presented to the budget subcommittee on 1/8/26. Social studies textbooks were purchased at SHS for \$7,200 along with additional supplies for the curriculum department. Money was transferred from the Consumer Science department at SHS; however, consumer science classes are not currently running. Funds were also transferred from the general supplies category. These transfers are done in consultation with administrators.

The change from annual to quarterly transfers has been successful. The Board is better informed, and funds are more accurately allocated to reflect actual budget needs.

8.2. March 2026 NYC Art Trip

Rationale: Mr. Kyle Kipfer, SHS Art Teacher, will present the March 2026 NYC trip to the Board.

Motion to approve March 2026 NYC art Trip. This motion, made by Ed DePeau and seconded by Shane Manning, Carried. **Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 (Kim Radziewicz)**

Discussion: Kyle Kipfer, SHS Art Teacher, addressed the Board to discuss the proposed Honors and AP Art field trip and share the itinerary. The trip is intended for six senior students enrolled in advanced art courses and serves as both an experiential learning opportunity and a reward for students who have

demonstrated a commitment to the arts. The trip is scheduled earlier in the school year this year to provide inspiration for students as they prepare for their senior art show.

The trip is scheduled for 3/27/26-3/28/26. Students will travel by school bus to New Haven and then by train to New York City. Two chaperones will accompany the six students. The group will visit the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art and engage in structured instructional activities, art reflection, and on-site sketching. Students and chaperones will stay at Pod 51 Hotel and return to Somers on 3/28/26.

The estimated cost is \$250 per student. Two student-led paint night fundraisers may offset costs. One has already taken place, and another is scheduled for 2/10/26.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1. Curriculum

The committee met on 1/12/26 and reviewed MBA course proposals for general music and creative literacy. The subcommittee voted to move both proposals forward to the full board. The next meeting will be on 2/23/26 at 6 p.m.

9.2. Policy (next meeting 1/26/26, 6 p.m.)

The Annual Report was provided to all BOE members, including a list of all 32 policies in the last 12 months. The next meeting will be held on 1/26/26. The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. but may be adjusted based on the length of the agenda. Chair Briggs thanked Ms. Kirkpatrick for putting together the policy books.

9.3. Planning/Finance (next meeting 2/2/26, 4 p.m.)

The next meeting will be held on 2/2/26 at 4 p.m.

9.4. Salary & Negotiations

This committee is on hold.

9.5. Building

A response regarding funding for the SES HVAC project has not yet been received. The Building Committee will continue to meet bi-weekly.

10. CIP/CREC/SEF

There is no CIP report, and the next meeting is rescheduled. There is no CREC report. The next meeting will be held on 1/21/26. Board Member Sharon Goulet will attend part of it. The next SEF meeting will be held on 1/15/26 at 7 p.m.

11. ADVANCE CALENDAR

The BOE photo will be taken on 1/26/26. Mr. Kevin Nichols from Morgan Stanley will attend the next BOE meeting virtually to review the pension.

12. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. This motion, made by Shane Manning and seconded by Derek Zelek, Carried. **Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 (Kim Radziewicz)**

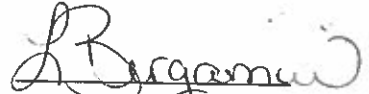
Dr. Sharon Goulet, BOE Secretary Date
Jenna McDermott, BOE Recording Secretary

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1209

Voucher Date: 01/26/2026

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 \$317,773.48 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (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	\$317,773.48
	\$317,773.48

Somers Board of Education

Check Listing

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Criteria:

Bank Account: BOE AP CASH 1918032563

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27114	01/26/2026	CABE	\$1,464.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27115	01/26/2026	CASBO	\$85.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27116	01/26/2026	CDW Government, Inc.	\$7,050.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27117	01/26/2026	CEN/UCONN	\$130.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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27119	01/26/2026	College Steps	\$4,571.34	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27120	01/26/2026	Connecticut Library Consortium	\$296.34	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27121	01/26/2026	Connecticut Water Company	\$4,872.92	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27122	01/26/2026	DG Graphics	\$83.20	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27123	01/26/2026	Dime Oil Company LLC	\$24,643.36	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27124	01/26/2026	Dina Senecal	\$774.95	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27125	01/26/2026	Environmental Systems Corp.	\$4,181.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27126	01/26/2026	Eric Barakat	\$150.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27127	01/26/2026	Eversource Energy	\$45,779.52	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27128	01/26/2026	First Student, Inc	\$3,734.31	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27129	01/26/2026	Gengras Center	\$13,846.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27130	01/26/2026	Gina Rock	\$78.40	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27131	01/26/2026	Graduate Pest Solutions, Inc.	\$231.86	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27132	01/26/2026	Grainger	\$93.55	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27133	01/26/2026	Gregory Logan	\$337.50	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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27136	01/26/2026	High Grade Gas Service, Inc	\$833.51	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27137	01/26/2026	Integrated Rehabilitation Services	\$12,000.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27138	01/26/2026	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	\$8,694.98	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27139	01/26/2026	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	\$242.57	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27140	01/26/2026	Journal Inquirer	\$56.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27141	01/26/2026	K&S Distributors	\$979.45	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27142	01/26/2026	Lori Caron	\$42.84	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27143	01/26/2026	MagnaKleen Services	\$1,162.13	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27144	01/26/2026	Manchester Board of Education	\$7,040.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27145	01/26/2026	Michael Savage	\$112.50	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27146	01/26/2026	MSC Industrial Supply Co.	\$481.68	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27147	01/26/2026	OMNI Group	\$20.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27148	01/26/2026	Sarah Uyar	\$150.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27149	01/26/2026	Shipman & Goodwin, LLP	\$3,194.50	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27150	01/26/2026	Somers Star Hardware	\$159.78	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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27152	01/26/2026	Suffield High School	\$482.73	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27153	01/26/2026	Tobii Dynavox LLC	\$199.00	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27154	01/26/2026	Town of Somers	\$5,515.47	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27155	01/26/2026	United Ag & Turf NE	\$185.58	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27156	01/26/2026	USA Waste and Recycling	\$2,234.49	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27157	01/26/2026	Van Pool Transportation LLC	\$89,399.33	1209	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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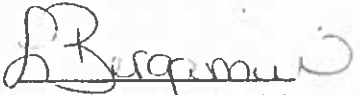
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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION VOUCHER

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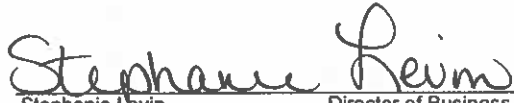
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SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION is hereby authorized to draw warrants against SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION funds for the sum of \$425,713.63 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (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

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27164	02/09/2026	Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$309,191.08	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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27172	02/09/2026	Elan Financial Services	\$1,189.77	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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27176	02/09/2026	Geissler's Supermarket, Inc	\$27.47	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27177	02/09/2026	Global Industrial	\$61.39	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27178	02/09/2026	Gregory Logan	\$337.50	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27179	02/09/2026	Hillyard-New England	\$46.93	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27180	02/09/2026	Hooker & Holcombe, Inc	\$9,665.00	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27181	02/09/2026	Hudl	\$9,850.00	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27182	02/09/2026	K&S Distributors	\$659.95	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27183	02/09/2026	Kelly Bartlett	\$15.23	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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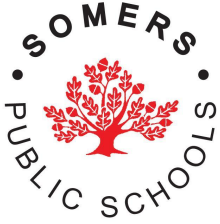
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27188	02/09/2026	Partners for Educational Leadership, Inc	\$2,700.00	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27189	02/09/2026	Raimondo Electric	\$469.24	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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27192	02/09/2026	School Specialty, Llc	\$13.77	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27193	02/09/2026	Somers Lunch Program	\$90.00	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27194	02/09/2026	State of Connecticut-Treasurer	\$2,205.00	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27195	02/09/2026	Stephanie Toney	\$107.30	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27196	02/09/2026	Steve Weiss Music	\$157.70	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27197	02/09/2026	Studies Weekly	\$2,974.61	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27198	02/09/2026	The Home Depot Pro	\$111.80	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27199	02/09/2026	Tone Klear Communications LLC	\$718.40	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27200	02/09/2026	Tristate Equipment Repair	\$625.00	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27201	02/09/2026	Verizon Wireless	\$530.85	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27202	02/09/2026	W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	\$93.20	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27203	02/09/2026	Williams Scotsman, Inc	\$300.00	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27204	02/09/2026	Xerox Corporation	\$3,724.05	1220	Printed	Expense	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Total Amount: \$425,713.63

End of Report



Board of Education

Administrative Report

Title of Report: MBA Scoreboards SBA Donation

Board Meeting Date: 2/9/26

Action

Report

Information

Discussion

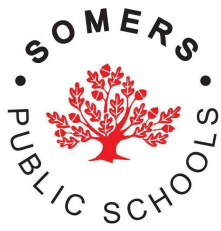
Submitted by: Dr. Sam Galloway

Executive Summary

The Somers Basketball Association raised over \$15,000 to cover the cost of equipment and installation of two new scoreboards in the MBA gymnasium.

Report

Currently, MBA has one aging scoreboard that is operated by a control box that plugs into the gym floor to sync with the scoreboard. Over time, the cord has been repeatedly tripped over, bending the plug and rendering the controller unusable until a replacement is purchased. Nick Balestriere, President of the Somers Basketball Association (SBA), announced that through an annual fundraiser, the SBA raised more than \$15,000 to purchase and install two new, wirelessly controlled scoreboards. Mr. Balestriere has already contacted a vendor and obtained an estimate. The SBA will cover all associated costs, and the SBA Board has voted unanimously to approve this donation.



**Board of Education
Administrative Report**

Title of Report: CHOICE Open Slots Approval

Board Meeting Date: February 9,, 2026

Submitted by: Dr. Galloway & Dina Senecal

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Executive Summary

Annual approval of Open Choice Program Slots

Report

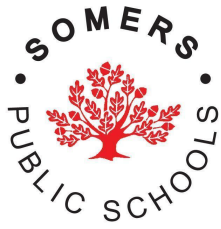
As part of Somers Public Schools' participation in the Open Choice program, the Board of Education must approve all open slots for the next school year. The Administration is recommending the Board approve 25 slots. This is an increase of 5 slots from the 2025-2026 school year.

Projected Enrollment (2026-2027)

SES		MBA		SHS	
Grade Level	# of Students	Grade Level	# of Students	Grade Level	# of Students
Kinder.	0	6	2	9	3
1	0	7	0	10	1
2	0	8	5	11	1
3	2			12	0
4	1	Projected District Enrollment: 15 returning students and 10 "open slots"			
5	0				

Current Enrollment (2025-2026)

SES	MBA	SHS
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**Board of Education
Administrative Report**

Grade Level	#of Students	Grade Level	#of Students	Grade Level	#of Students
Kinder.	0	6	0	9	1
1	0	7	5	10	1
2	1	8	3	11	0
3	2			12	0
4	0	Total enrollment district-wide: 15			
5	2				

2027-28 SOMERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

AUGUST '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

26-27, 30-31 Full Day PD

FEBRUARY '28						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29				

18 Full PD Day
21 Presidents' Day
22 Full PD Day

SEPTEMBER '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

1 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
6 Labor Day
24 Early Release - PD

MARCH '28						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

OCTOBER '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

11 Columbus Day
15 Early Release – PD
29 Early Release - PD

APRIL '28						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

14 Good Friday
17-21 Spring Vacation

NOVEMBER '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

3, 4, 5 SES Early Release – PC
3&5 MBA Early Release – PC
4 SHS Early Release – PC
11 Veterans Day
24 Early Release
25-26 Thanksgiving

MAY '28						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

12 Early Release - PD
26 Early Release - PD
29 Memorial Day

DECEMBER '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

23 Early Release
24-31 Winter Vacation

JUNE '28						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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

JANUARY '28						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

1 New Year's Day
14 Early Release - PD
17 M.L. King Day

Yellow Shade = No School
Green Shade = Early Release/Half-Day PD
Orange Shade = PC (Parent Conferences, Early Release)
Blue Shade = Full-Day PD (Professional Development)
Pink Shade = Early Release/Not PD

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

BOE Approval:

(4th Revision – 2/4/26)

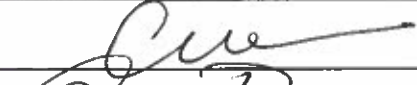



Somers Public Schools

Major Course Modification and New Course Proposal

Type of proposal: Major modification to existing course New Course

Proposed Course Title: Creative Literacy		Content Area: Humanities	
This course is designed for: Freshman Sophomores Juniors Seniors Middle School		Length of Course: Full Year Semester Quarter Trimester	
Prerequisites needed by students to take this course: Any student, Grades 6-8 can elect to take this course, barring scheduling conflicts.			
What need(s) does this course address? How was the need identified and who was involved determining the need? Creative Literacy will provide an opportunity for students to improve their analytical reading skills and writing skills. Students will deepen their understanding of various author's craft moves with book studies of classic and contemporary writers. The course will also cover writer's workshop units where students will develop their own writing skills in various formats. All of this work has a direct impact on a student's ability to think critically and demonstrate their analytical reading and writing skills on year-end assessments.			
Give a general overview of what this course will cover (include updates if modifying an existing course) Creative Literacy is an elective course that will provide students with the opportunity to explore literature and writing on a deeper level, and to expand their learning from English Language Arts and other interdisciplinary content areas including Social Studies and Science. Through workshop-based units of study, students will explore various genres of writing through text analysis, and creative and analytical writing.			
Who designed this course? Any student, grades 6-8		What, if any, special background/training would the teacher need to instruct this course successfully? English Language Arts Teacher	
What, if any, implications does this course have on staffing, other curricular areas and or space? Schedule change will allow for one ELA teacher to run this course.			
Resources Needed for this Course: Please list the materials/resources needed along with an estimated cost including PD.			
<u>Materials/Resources</u>		<u>Cost</u>	
Various Texts (class sets, book club sets)		\$2000	

Signatures below indicate that the course proposal has been discussed and feedback has been elicited on the proposal prior to completion. Interdisciplinary proposals require the signatures of members of all involved in those content areas/departments.

Signature	Content Area	Date
	6-12 Humanities IL	12-18-25
	ELA 8 th grade	12-18-25
	6 th grade ELA	12-18-25
	7 th grade ELA	12-18-25

Principal Signature: 

Date: 12/18/2025

Superintendent Signature: 

Date: 1/5/26

Director of Curriculum Signature: 

Date: 12/22/25

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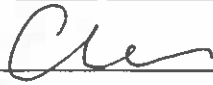
- Course Name:
- Course Number:
- Available School Years:
- Credit Hours:
- Credit Type:
- Grade Scale:
- GPA Added Value Points:
- Exclude from GPA: y/n
- Exclude from Class Rank: y/n
- Exclude from Honor Roll: y/n

Major Course Modification and New Course Proposal

Type of proposal: Major modification to existing course New Course

Proposed Course Title: General Music		Content Area: Humanities	
This course is designed for:		Length of Course:	
Freshman	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors
	Middle School	Full Year	Semester
			Quarter
			Trimester
Prerequisites needed by students to take this course:			
Any student, Grades 6-8 can elect to take this course, barring scheduling conflicts.			
What need(s) does this course address? How was the need identified and who was involved determining the need?			
The General Music course is designed for any middle school student. The course will offer students an opportunity to build their skills in listening and reading, as well as critical thinking, and application of new skills.			
Give a general overview of what this course will cover (include updates if modifying an existing course)			
The General Music course provides students with an opportunity to explore music theory and history, as well as an introduction to guitar. The course places emphasis on music appreciation and analysis, and students will investigate the fundamentals of music such as rhythm, melody and sight-reading throughout the year. This course will help students to develop an appreciation and understanding of various genres, musical eras and artists, through critical listening and analysis.			
Who designed this course?		What, if any, special background/training would the teacher need to instruct this course successfully?	
Any student, grades 6-8		Music Teacher	
What, if any, implications does this course have on staffing, other curricular areas and or space?			
Schedule change will allow for the addition of the General Music course to each music teacher's course load.			
Resources Needed for this Course: Please list the materials/resources needed along with an estimated cost including PD.			
<u>Materials/Resources</u>		<u>Cost</u>	
Guitars & Materials (picks, strings, tuners, etc.) Method/Music Books Guitar Racks		\$11,000	

Signatures below indicate that the course proposal has been discussed and feedback has been elicited on the proposal prior to completion. Interdisciplinary proposals require the signatures of members of all involved in those content areas/departments.

Signature	Content Area	Date
	music	12/22/25
	music	12/22/25
	6-12 Humanities IL	12/22/25

Principal Signature: 

Date: 12/22/2025

Superintendent Signature: 

Date: 1/5/2026

Director of Curriculum Signature: 

Date: 12/22/25

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- Course Name:
- Course Number:
- Available School Years:
- Credit Hours:
- Credit Type:
- Grade Scale:
- GPA Added Value Points:
- Exclude from GPA: y/n
- Exclude from Class Rank: y/n
- Exclude from Honor Roll: y/n
- NCES Course Code:
- NCES Rigor: