

Somers Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2026 7:00 PM
Somers Board of Education Chambers, 1 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
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The Board to review and approve the minutes from the October 13, 2026 Board meeting.
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 1. Superintendent Update
 2. SHS Student Representatives
SHS student representatives will update the Board on recent events.
5. **OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
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The Board to review and consent to the warrant of October 26, 2026.
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Interim Superintendent
The Board to hire Dr. Paul Gagliarducci as Interim Superintendent, effective December 7, 2026.
 2. FY27 Q1 BOE Transfers 12
The Board to approve the FY27 Q1 BOE transfers. Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services, will be available to answer questions.
 3. 1st Posting of CIP Projects 13
Stephanie Levin, Director of Business Services, will update the Board on CIP projects.
 4. 1st Posting 2027 BOE Meeting Schedule 15
Dr. Galloway will present the 2027 BOE meeting schedule. This will be approved at the next BOE meeting on 11/9/26.
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 1. Curriculum
 2. Policy
 3. Planning/Finance
 4. Salary & Negotiations
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10. **CIP/CREC/SEF**
11. **ADVANCE CALENDAR**
12. **AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Somers Board of Education Regular Meeting
Somers Board of Education Chambers**

Tuesday, October 13, 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 (phone - 7:05 p.m.), Dr. Sharon Goulet (phone), Anne Kirkpatrick, Shane Manning, Gina Olearczyk, Kim Radziewicz, Derek Zelek

Others: Dr. Sam Galloway, Dr. Jamie Rechenberg, Mrs. Jessica Wood, Mr. Tom Eaton, Mr. Devin Horan

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. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

3.1. Recognition of IT Department

Rationale: Dr. Galloway will recognize the IT Department and present them with a gift.

Discussion: Superintendent Galloway recognized IT Department members Mr. Devin Horan, Mr. Tom Eaton, and Mrs. Jessica Wood for their dedication and commitment to keeping the district's networks secure. He commended their willingness to go above and beyond, often working late nights and extended hours, and their timely communication. He thanked them for their hard work and presented each with a Somers Challenge Coin in recognition of their efforts.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Approval of the September 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Rationale: The Board to review and approve the minutes from the September 28, 2026 Board meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from the September 28, 2026 regular meeting. This motion, made by Shane Manning and seconded by Kim Radziewicz, Carried.

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 (JT Galloway)

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

5.1. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Galloway announced his retirement after 25 years in public education and reflected on the district's progress over the past three years. He

highlighted the strong culture, community partnerships, and commitment to continuous improvement. Superintendent Galloway reviewed key initiatives implemented since 2023, including the restructuring of the IT Department, streamlined registration and hiring processes, expanded district communications, centralized substitute management, consistent report cards, improved technology inventory systems, and enhanced professional development opportunities.

Superintendent Galloway discussed the district's Coherence Framework, established in 2024, and its role in supporting a culture of continuous improvement. He highlighted the implementation of standards-aligned curricula and the use of Looker Studio to monitor student progress in real time, allowing educators to respond more effectively to student needs. He commended SES staff for implementing two new curricula simultaneously.

Recent recognition by the Connecticut State Department of Education for student performance was reviewed. Superintendent Galloway thanked the Somers Education Foundation for supporting professional development, including RULER training for more than 20 teachers.

Board Chair Briggs congratulated Superintendent Galloway on his retirement and praised his leadership in improving student achievement, earning statewide recognition, and establishing a clear vision for continued success. He expressed confidence that his contributions would positively impact the district for years to come.

Superintendent Galloway thanked the Board for its continued support and credited the collective efforts of staff, administration, and Board members for the district's progress and commitment to student growth and achievement.

Board member Shane Manning commended Superintendent Galloway for establishing sustainable systems and structures that will support the district's continued improvement. He expressed appreciation for his leadership and wished him well in retirement.

5.2. Monthly Budget Report

Rationale: Dr. Galloway will update the Board on the monthly budget report.

Discussion: Superintendent Galloway presented the monthly budget report and provided the following updates:

- **Salaries:** Vacancies include two certified positions (Special Education and Culinary), an IT position, an Assistant Principal position, and a Maintenance Department position. The Assistant Principal responsibilities are currently being covered internally. A candidate is being considered for a custodial/groundskeeping position.
- **Benefits:** Expenditures may fluctuate as vacant positions are filled, depending on benefit elections.
- **Tuition:** Awaiting special education outplacement contracts from two schools.

- **Maintenance:** Continuing to assess departmental needs, including supplies and safety equipment, and reviewing invoices and expenditures weekly.
- **Instructional Resources:** The 50% spending freeze has been lifted based on current budget projections. Expenditures will continue to be monitored.
- **Extracurricular:** Coaching and advisor stipends are being reviewed and adjusted as positions are filled. The freeze on athletic supplies and uniforms has been lifted.
- **Technology:** Hard freeze on technology, with a few exceptions for required equipment.

6. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Ed DePeau and seconded by Gina Olearczyk, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

7.1. Warrant of October 13, 2026

Rationale: The Board to review and consent to the warrant of October 13, 2026.

7.2. Retirement

Rationale: Richard Zini retired on October 5, 2026, after 23 years of service to SPS as a custodian at SES, Head Custodian at MBA, and Supervisor of Building and Grounds.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. February 2027 Quebec City Field Trip

Rationale: Ms. Jennifer Meyers, SHS French Teacher, will present the Quebec field trip to the Board.

Motion to approve the February 2027 Quebec City Field Trip. This motion, made by Anne Kirkpatrick and seconded by Ed DePeau, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

Discussion: Ms. Jennifer Meyers, SHS French teacher, reviewed the success of last year's Quebec trip and presented a trip proposal for February 9-12, 2027, during Quebec's Winter Carnival. She thanked the Board for its continued support and highlighted the students' increased confidence, friendships, and language development gained through the experience.

The proposed four-day, three-night trip would include dog sledding, snowshoeing, visits to the Winter Carnival and Montmorency Falls, and opportunities to experience French-Canadian culture. Ms. Meyers shared video clips of students speaking French during last year's trip and emphasized the value of immersive language experiences.

The estimated cost is \$990 per student, with a goal of 35 participants. Scholarship opportunities are being explored to increase accessibility, and Spanish students will also be invited to participate. The tour company will accommodate weather-related postponements if necessary.

Board members discussed the impact of missed instructional time, particularly for students preparing for AP exams. Ms. Meyers clarified that students would miss three school days based on the SPS school calendar and remain responsible for missed assignments. Dr. Rechenberg noted that students must receive teacher clearance before participating and that academic support would be available.

Board members expressed appreciation for the diverse itinerary and opportunities for students to develop language skills, experience another culture, and step outside their comfort zones.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1. Curriculum

The next meeting will be held on 11/18/26 at 5:30 p.m.

10.2. Policy

The next meeting will be held on 10/26/26, time TBD.

10.3. Planning/Finance

The next meeting will be held virtually on 10/18/26 at 5 p.m. via Zoom.

10.4. Salary & Negotiations

The next meeting will be held on 10/20/26 at 5 p.m. to discuss the teachers' contract.

10.5. Building

Plans for the SES HVAC Building project were delivered on 10/7/26. The committee is waiting on the Builders' Risk contract to be completed before going out to bid.

11. CIP/CREC/SEF

The CIP committee met last week and approved painting and flooring improvements to the Blake Room, with flooring tentatively scheduled for winter break. The committee also approved the purchase of 40 portable and seven mobile radios for the Fire Department to replace approximately 17-year-old equipment.

The CABE Legal Update Workshop was held in Rocky Hill. Recent legislative changes regarding budget referendum communications were discussed. While electronic communications are restricted, printed flyers may be distributed, and principals may include reminders in weekly updates. A related policy will be discussed at the October Policy meeting.

There is no CREC report.

SEF grant applications are due by 10/23/26. The SEF Board will review applications and make funding decisions on 11/04/26 at 7:00 p.m.

12. ADVANCE CALENDAR

Advance Calendar highlights include the upcoming SBAC Breakfast on 10/16/26 at 8 a.m. Early release days for students on 10/23/26 and 11/4/26-11/6/26. Broadway Night will be held on 10/30/26, a PTO meeting held on 11/10/26, and the CAFE/CAPPS Convention on 11/20/26-11/21/26. Four SHS students will attend the CAFE/CAPPS Convention.

13. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rationale: The Board will enter into Executive Session for discussion concerning the Superintendent's contract.

Motion to enter into executive session for discussion concerning the superintendent's contract at 7:40 p.m. This motion, made by Shane Manning and seconded by Kim Radziewicz, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. This motion, made by Shane Manning and seconded by Derek Zelek, Carried. **Yea: 9, Nay: 0**

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

Somers Board of Education Special Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2026 6:00 PM

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

“The Somers Public Schools strives to be an exceptional and innovative educational community.”

Present BOE Members: Michael Briggs, Anne Kirkpatrick, Dr. Sharon Goulet, Kim Radziewicz, Derek Zelek, Gina Olearczyk, JT Galloway, Shane Manning

Absent BOE Member: Dr. Ed DePeau

Others: Dr. Paul Gagliarducci

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chair Briggs at 6:00 p.m. in the BOE Chambers.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rationale: The Board to enter into Executive Session for discussion concerning the appointment of an interim superintendent.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of an interim superintendent at 6:03 p.m. This motion, made by Kim Radziewicz and seconded by JT Galloway, Carried. **Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 (Ed DePeau)**

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

3. PERSONNEL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Rationale: Discussion and possible action concerning the appointment of a personnel search committee for a new superintendent of schools.

Discussion: A representative from CAFE presented an overview of the proposed superintendent search process, including committee responsibilities, confidentiality, candidate recruitment, and interviews. The Board discussed the proposal and requested additional clarification before considering approval.

Motion to appoint the BOE as the Superintendent Search Committee consisting of Michael Briggs, Anne Kirkpatrick, Gina Olearczyk, Derek Zelek, Kim Radziewicz, Sharon Goulet, Shane Manning, JT Galloway, and Ed DePeau. This motion, made by Anne Kirkpatrick and seconded by Sharon Goulet, Carried. **Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 (Ed DePeau)**

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the special meeting at 7:03 p.m. This motion, made by Shane Manning and seconded by JT Galloway, Carried. **Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 (Ed DePeau)**

Dr. Sharon Goulet, BOE Secretary Date

Minutes prepared by Shannin Burns, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1105

Voucher Date: 10/26/2026

Prepared By:

L. Bergamini
Printed: 10/21/2026 01:07:02 PM

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION is hereby authorized to draw warrants against SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION funds for the sum of \$339,312.86 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 (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
Stephanie Levin Director of Business Services

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Fund	Amount
10 GENERAL FUND	\$339,312.86
	\$339,312.86

Somers Board of Education

Check Listing

Fiscal Year: 2026-2027

Criteria:

Bank Account: BOE AP CASH 1918032563

From Date: 10/26/2026

From Check: 28076

From Voucher: 1105

To Date: 10/26/2026

To Check: 28123

To Voucher: 1105

Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount	Voucher	Status	Type	Cleared?	Clear Date	Void Date
28076	10/26/2026	A&D Portable Rentals	\$95.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28077	10/26/2026	Amazon Capital Services	\$2,709.33	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28078	10/26/2026	Anne Kirkpatrick	\$48.11	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28079	10/26/2026	Apple Inc.	\$5,990.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28080	10/26/2026	Auto Tek LLC	\$827.50	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28081	10/26/2026	Blick Art Materials	\$971.02	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28082	10/26/2026	BSN Sports LLC	\$5,961.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28083	10/26/2026	Bureau of Education & Research, Inc.	\$295.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28084	10/26/2026	Conjugueamos	\$95.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28085	10/26/2026	Connecticut Radio, Inc	\$2,625.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28086	10/26/2026	Connecticut Water Company	\$9,158.93	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28087	10/26/2026	CREC	\$800.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28088	10/26/2026	Dime Oil Company LLC	\$249.52	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28089	10/26/2026	Eric Daddario	\$112.31	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28090	10/26/2026	Erin M Orvis	\$31.69	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28091	10/26/2026	ESS Northeast, LLC	\$15,186.99	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28092	10/26/2026	Eversource Energy	\$17,863.07	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28093	10/26/2026	Everway LLC	\$1,178.98	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28094	10/26/2026	Farmington Public Schools	\$38,822.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28095	10/26/2026	First Student, Inc	\$133,822.98	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28096	10/26/2026	Fletcher Sewer & Drain, Inc	\$185.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28097	10/26/2026	Grainger	\$76.01	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28098	10/26/2026	Hartford Sprinkler Co., Inc	\$2,164.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28099	10/26/2026	HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd	\$386.79	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		

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28100	10/26/2026	Hillyard-New England	\$876.64	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28101	10/26/2026	Intensive Education Academy, Inc.	\$8,694.98	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28102	10/26/2026	K&S Distributors	\$208.95	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28103	10/26/2026	Kind And Custom LLC	\$567.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28104	10/26/2026	Lewis T Hyer	\$150.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28105	10/26/2026	MagnaKleen Services	\$112.95	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28106	10/26/2026	Manchester Board of Education	\$10,380.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28107	10/26/2026	New England Communications	\$360.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28108	10/26/2026	OMNI Group	\$18.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28109	10/26/2026	Precision Weather Forecasting, Inc	\$1,395.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28110	10/26/2026	Sarah Martin	\$100.16	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28111	10/26/2026	School Specialty, LLC	\$874.76	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28112	10/26/2026	Sherwin-Williams Co., The	\$657.60	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28113	10/26/2026	Shipman & Goodwin, LLP	\$13,123.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28114	10/26/2026	Somers Star Hardware	\$520.07	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28115	10/26/2026	Sonitrol New England	\$29.90	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28116	10/26/2026	Tone Klear Communications LLC	\$586.00	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28117	10/26/2026	Town of Somers	\$6,977.23	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28118	10/26/2026	Tull Brothers, Inc.	\$3,937.13	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28119	10/26/2026	United Ag & Turf NE	\$197.89	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28120	10/26/2026	USA Waste and Recycling	\$2,725.87	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28121	10/26/2026	Van Pool Transportation LLC	\$46,274.18	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28122	10/26/2026	VEX Robotics Inc	\$380.37	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		
28123	10/26/2026	Zoro Tools Inc	\$509.95	1105	Printed	Expense	☐		

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Board of Education Administrative Report

Title of Report: Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Board Meeting Date: October 26, 2026

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Report

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Information

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Discussion

Submitted by: Dr. Samuel Galloway

Executive Summary

The Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan is based on district needs as reported from SPS Building Administrators and the Buildings and Facilities Department. Some items could be included in future operational budgets, CIP, leased over multiple years, and/or bonding.

Project	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032
SES Playground Equipment	\$462,000				
SES Playscape Resurfacing	\$90,000				
MBA Roof Replacement		\$1,700,000			
SES Stucco			\$932,000		
SES Auditorium Renovation			TBD		
MBA HVAC			\$4,138,459		
SHS HVAC				\$13,258,899	
SES Roof Replacement					TBD
SHS Track Renovation					TBD
SHS Auditorium Renovation					TBD
Totals	\$552,000	\$1,700,000	\$5,070,459	\$13,258,899	TBD

Note: Cost projections are based on vendor quotes and known industry standards. They do not consider cost inflation.

Last updated: October 8, 2026

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT / PROJECT REQUEST
TYPE B. ACQUISITION**

GOV'T FUNCTION: Board of Education
Contact Person: Sam Galloway
Phone: (860)749-2270 Ext. 2034
Fax: (860)749-0113

Department: Somers Elementary School
E-mail: sam.galloway@somers.k12.ct.us

Capital Item: Playground

Proposed Acquisition Date: Spring 2028

Proposed Acquisition Cost: \$552,000 (Not to Exceed)

1. Description of Capital Item with all accessories, spare parts, and warranties.

The Somers Elementary School playground is in need of replacement as it is believed to be the original playground installed when the school transitioned to being an elementary school. The playground is a community space used by the students during the day for recess and also during non-school hours by families and community members attending outdoor events on campus. The parks and recreation department also has access to it during their programming throughout the year. See attached design being considered as an example.

2. Projected Useful Life.

25-30 years

3. Frequency of Use.

Every day

4. Repair Costs – stated on same basis as Useful Life.

As needed.

5. Price/Quality Analysis.

The district reached out to companies who hold the state contract and received estimates and designs. A few designs are being considered to provide a wide range of accessibility options to meet the needs of the district. One such design is attached.

6. Effect on delivery of service/cost of service if acquisition is delayed.

The elementary school administration sometimes needs to close down parts of the playground due to rusting, broken bolts, or damage. These frequent repairs mean that the students and community cannot safely use the playground until they are resolved. Some students cannot use the playground equipment at all because they cannot physically access it due to a disability.

7. Method of Determining Price.

DAS State Contract #23PSX0149

Approved by _____

Date

Authorization _____

Date

Approved BOF Capital Committee: _____

Chairman

Date

Approved BOF: _____

Chairman

Date

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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2027 MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 11, 2027

Monday, January 25, 2027

Monday, February 8, 2027

Monday, February 22, 2027

Monday, March 8, 2027

Monday, March 22, 2027

Monday, April 26, 2027

Monday, May, 10, 2027

Monday, May 24, 2027

Monday, June 14, 2027

Monday, June 28, 2027

Monday, July 12, 2027

(if needed)

Monday, August 9, 2027

Monday, August 23, 2027

Monday, September 13, 2027

Monday, September 27, 2027

Tuesday, October 12, 2027

Monday, October 25, 2027

Monday, November 8, 2027

Monday, November 22, 2027

Monday, December 13, 2027

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Somers Board of Education Chambers in the Central Office unless specified otherwise on the meeting agenda.