

Somers Board of Education Regular Meeting
Somers Board of Education Chambers
Monday, January 14, 2013
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, JT Galloway, Shane Manning, Jan Martin, Kim Radziewicz, Carl Stebbins

Absent BOE Members:

Others:

1. YEARBOOK PICTURE - 6:55 P.M.

Rationale: REMINDER - YEARBOOK PICTURE WILL BE TAKEN AT 6:55 P.M. PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Discussion:

2. CALL TO ORDER

Rationale:

Discussion:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rationale:

Discussion:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rationale:

Discussion:

5. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

Rationale:

Discussion:

5.1. Guidance Annual Report/Alternative Ed Report

Rationale: A brief annual report will be given regarding the guidance department and the alternative education program at SHS.

Discussion:

5.2. Curriculum Presentations - Food Service and Science

Rationale: Kathleen Pezza, Director of Curriculum will do PowerPoint presentations on the Food Service and Science curricula. She will be available to answer any questions board members may have.

Discussion:

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Rationale:

Discussion:

7. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

Rationale:

Discussion:

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Rationale:

Discussion:

8.1. Approval of Bills

Rationale:

Discussion:

9. NEW BUSINESS

Rationale:

Discussion:

9.1. Approval of 2013-2014 School Calendar

Rationale: The proposed 2013-2014 school calendar has been reviewed by the Administrative Council and the SEA.

Discussion:

9.2. Approval of Electives/Curriculum Changes

Rationale: The approval of electives and curriculum changes will be presented by Mr. Cotzin and Ms. Pezza. The board is requested to approve the changes to Food Service I as discussed by the Curriculum Committee. New SHS courses for 2013-2014 are included in the packet. Mr. Cotzin and Ms. Pezza will be available to answer any questions board members may have.

Discussion:

9.3. Approval of Donation (Somers Lacrosse Association)

Rationale: The Somers Lacrosse Association is requesting board approval for a donation of benches for the MBA fields.

Discussion:

10. OLD BUSINESS

Rationale:

Discussion:

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Rationale:

Discussion:

11.1. School Security

Rationale: The superintendent will give the board a brief update on school security and answer any questions board members may have.

Discussion:

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rationale:

Discussion:

12.1. Budget

Rationale: The Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Business Services will give an update on projected increased costs to the district's health insurance.

Discussion:

12.2. Curriculum

Rationale:

Discussion:

12.3. Policy

Rationale:

Discussion:

12.4. Salary & Negotiations

Rationale:

Discussion:

12.5. Planning

Rationale:

Discussion:

12.6. Other Committees

Rationale:

Discussion:

13. OTHER

Rationale:

Discussion:

14. ADJOURNMENT

Rationale:

Discussion:

Krista Cherry, BOE Secretary Date
Jenna McDermott, BOE Recording Secretary

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – December 10, 2012

Members Present:	D.Palmer, J.Formeister, M.Cicciarella, A.Kirkpatrick, B.Devlin (left at 9:10 p.m.) S.Bollinger (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), B.Pellissier
Members Absent:	R.Lees, M.Maniscalco
Administrators Present:	M.Suffredini, D.Messina, K.Pezza, B.Boutwell, R.Riola, J.Oliver, S.Muirhead, R.Kapner, J.Morrow
Staff Present:	L.Reilly, K.Constant, K.Nevins, C.Mezger, L.Mailhot
Citizens Present:	L.Iadarola
Students Present:	W.VanFossan, L.VanFossan, N.Devlin
Others:	

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Palmer in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School BOE meeting room.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 26, 2012 – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to approve the November 26, 2012 Board of Education meeting minutes. PASSED 6-0

4.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

4.1 Technology Presentation – iPads

Director of Information and Technology, Mr. Morrow, presented to the Board on the status of the iPad rollout plan. He noted that overall the first three months have been going well with 3½ Professional Development days designated on technology, working with iPad applications, and the sharing of information and feedback between staff.

Somers Elementary School's 5th grade teacher Mrs. Reilly presented to the Board on how useful, interactive, and engaging the iPads have been integrating into her classroom. Mabelle B. Avery Middle School's 7th grade social studies teacher Mr. Nevins presented to the Board representing the 7th grade team, and how well the iPads have been translating into the seventh grade classrooms. Mr. Nevins shared with the Board iPad applications that teachers have found particularly useful. Somers High School world language teacher Mr. Mezger presented to the Board on how the iPads have been used within his classes, particularly Spanish 4. Mr. Mezger noted that he allows the freedom for students to choose iPad or pencil and paper. Mr. Mezger presented some iPad applications commonly used in his classes, as well.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Chairman Palmer shared with the Board correspondence received.

6.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chairman Formeister presented two Somers High School curriculum items to add to the BOE agenda to include additions to the Physical Education curriculum and a new course in Music.

It was MOVED (J.Formeister) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to add two additions to the Somers High School's Physical Education and Music curricula under NEW BUSINESS item 8.2 as presented. PASSED 7-0

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Bills 12/10/12 (\$272,823.52)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to approve the 12/10/12 Bills in the amount of \$272,823.52 as presented. PASSED 7-0

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2012-2013 Final Budget Revisions

Director of Business Services, Mr. Boutwell, presented an additional revision inadvertently left off of the September 24th BOE meeting regarding budget revisions. The revision reflects the \$10,000 allocated to technology professional development, originally located in the total SW Capital Outlay Technology account.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to approve the budget revision reflecting \$10,000 allocated to technology professional development as presented. PASSED 7-0

8.2 Addition to Somers High School Physical Education and Music Curricula

The Curriculum committee recommends the two additions to the physical education and music curriculum at Somers High School. Physical education changes include more sports added to the curriculum for students to choose between team and individual sports. Some additions include: badminton, track, tennis, golf, fitness/aerobics.

In Music, a new course will be added called 'Music and Society' that will replace the under-enrolled Music Theory 2. The new class hopes to interest more students in music in relation to society and history of culture. The class will be open to grades 9-12.

It was MOVED (J.Formeister) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to approve the additions to the Somers High School Physical Education and Music curricula, recommended by the Curriculum committee, as presented. PASSED 7-0

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Discussion of Full-Day Kindergarten

Dr. Suffredini updated the Board on current discussions regarding full-day kindergarten. The Superintendent met with SES staff, discussing the vision. Due to emerging budget concerns, potential cuts to the 2013-2014 budget may impact the implementation for full-day kindergarten program for next year. The Superintendent noted that the full-day program is still high priority, and any further discussions will be shared with the Board.

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 Overview of the New Teacher/Administrator Evaluation Model

Director of Curriculum, Ms. Pezza, gave an overview of the new teacher and administrator evaluation model adopted by the state called SEED. The State BOE adopted new guidelines for educator evaluation in June 2012. The district has to decide which type of evaluation plan they intend to develop and inform the state of this choice by January 15,

2013. Options include adopting the state SEED model, or developing a hybrid model that still strengthens individual and collective practices to increase student learning and development. The District then has to submit the completed evaluation plan by April 15, 2013. The educator evaluation plan will go into effect starting 2013-2014 school year.

10.2 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget

The Superintendent and Mr. Boutwell gave the board a draft version of the preliminary 2013-2014 budget. The preliminary budget will be reviewed and revised as needed.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

12.1 Budget – See 8.1 and 10.2

12.2 Curriculum – No Update

12.3 Policy – The next policy committee meeting will be January 10th at 6:00 p.m.

12.4 Salary & Negotiations – No Update

12.5 Planning Committee – No Update

12.6 Other Committees

Technology Ad Hoc Committee – No Report

12.0 OTHER

J.Formeister noted that the 2013-2014 school calendar and SHS guidance update would be included in the January meeting agenda(s).

13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Superintendent of Schools Mid-Year Evaluation

It was MOVED (D.Palmer) SECONDED (B.Pellissier) to enter executive session at 9:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent of Schools mid-year evaluation as presented.

Attendees of Executive Session include: D.Palmer, J.Formeister, A.Kirkpatrick, B.Pellissier, S.Bollinger, M.Cicciarella, and M.Suffredini. PASSED 6-0

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:19 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (B.Pellissier) SECONDED (J.Formeister) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 10:20 p.m. PASSED 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary

Leah Cook, Recording Secretary

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

Somers High School
Alternative Education Program Update
BOE Executive Summary
January 2013

This is the fifth year the Alternative Education program is running at the high school. The current enrollment is ten consisting of 2 freshmen (failed 1st year of HS), 1 sophomore, 5 juniors, and 2 seniors. Students can earn credit in English, Math, Science, Social Studies and electives that are necessary to meet graduation requirements. Four students attend elective classes during periods 1 & 2 and then report to the alternative education classroom for the remainder of the day. Students can also receive up to 2 credits for Cooperative Work Experience (per state guidelines: 1 credit each for classroom and work site experience). There are four teachers that work in the program; each provides instruction for a particular course, and Mr. Mooney offers support by conducting a group session one period per week. The program continues to run as a full day program, however, we are currently rethinking whether to revert back to a half-day program.

This year Mrs. Yarrows was assigned to teach the Cooperative Work Experience class and assist students in obtaining employment or volunteer opportunities. Students are still reluctant to work without pay, and those that are of age are procuring employment on their own. Students who are employed are dismissed at 12:10 and will receive work site credit. Presently, 4 students are working,

Mrs. Delany observed the use of an online learning program at Stafford High School. It is her hope to implement the program in the Alternative Education Program.

**Somers High School
Counseling and Career Center Program Update
January 2013**

The Counseling and Career Center staff is in the final stages of curriculum revisions that will be presented to you upon completion. We are incorporating new lesson plans into advisory in order to address areas of need. With the new Student Success Plan (SSP) initiative, students are being asked to mark activities as completed as they participate in activities that specifically address our pieces of the SSP. This process will take time as students learn to be accountable for their own SSPs, and the school wide process is developed.

Naviance continues to be an instrumental tool in the college and career planning process as well as for the implementation of SSPs. To date, 75 seniors have applied to more than 300 colleges (mainly 4-year). Students attending community colleges usually apply after semester 1. The Class of 2013 has had numerous college acceptances already including an Early Decision to Dartmouth College. Other noteworthy accomplishments to date include an UConn Day of Pride scholarship finalist and a Nation Merit Scholarship semi-finalist.

In addition to being busy with the seniors, counselors have met individually with nearly all freshmen. Freshmen have also participated in an academic, career and personal/social goal setting activity as part of their SSP plans. In January we held an Alumni Fair with 10 alumni answering questions for students during lunch. The counselors will be working on scheduling for the upcoming year with grades 8 – 11 soon and have scheduled a Grade 8 day and night for the beginning of February. We have also offered a College Application Process and Financial Aid workshops for parents.

Mrs. Duffy continues to offer numerous career exploration activities throughout the school year including career assessments, guest speaker forums, field trips, job shadows, and internships. The *Do What You Are* Naviance career assessment was recently administered to all sophomore students. This month we have scheduled alumni career forums in health care and business, and a career trip to United Technologies Aerospace systems in engineering.



Food Service and Management

Food Service Courses at SHS

- **Food Service and Management 1**
 - Introduction to the hospitality industry
 - Basic food preparation
 - Employment skills: Food service and preparation
- **Food Service and Management 2**
 - Restaurant Management
 - Purchasing, receiving, cost and inventory



College Career Pathways

- Students enrolled in Food Service 1 and Food Service 2 can earn credit at Manchester Community College through the College Career Pathways program.
- If they earn a C average or better in both classes, they will receive 3 credits from MCC.



Serving the Community

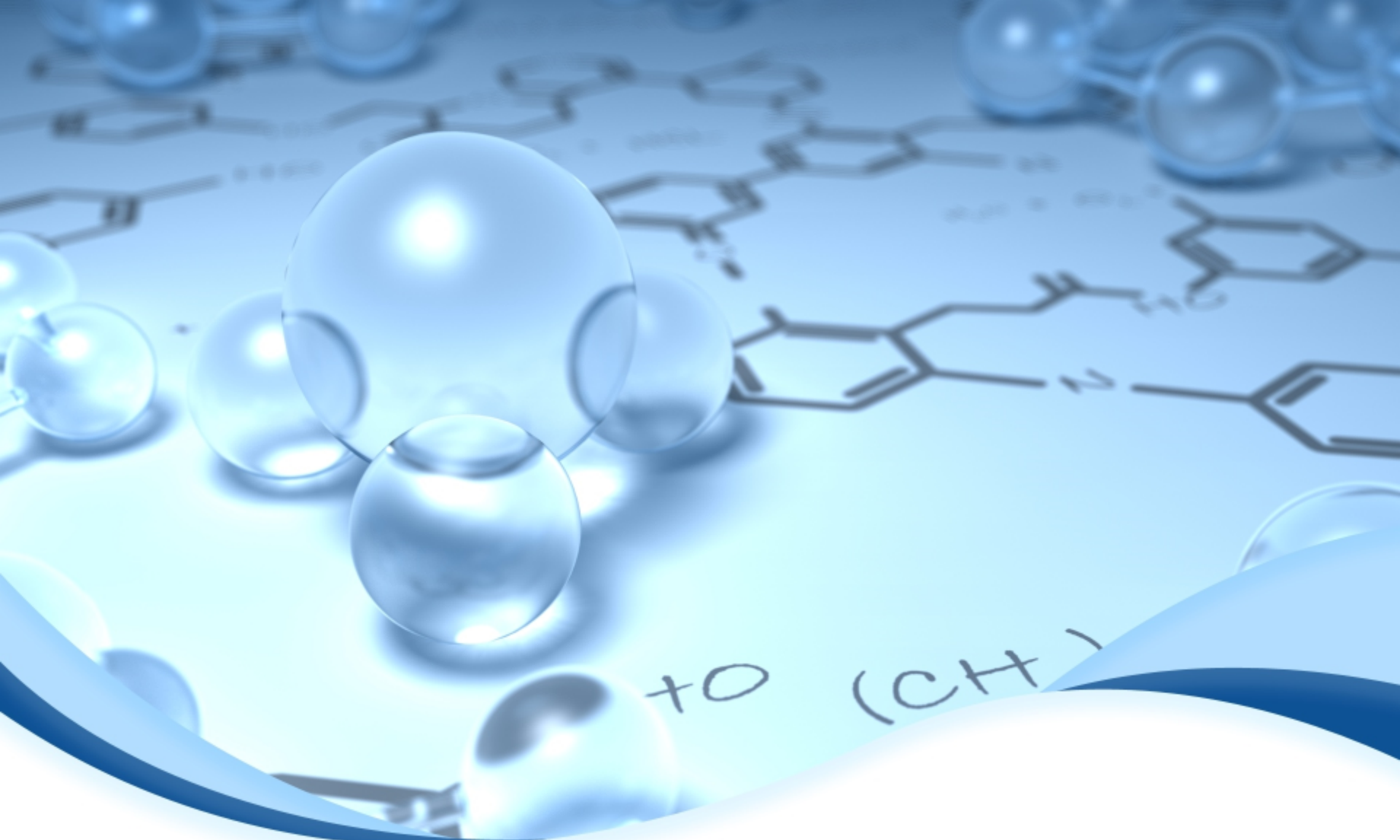
- All students in the Food Service program join FCCLA (Family, Community, Career, Leaders of America)
- Students also participate in some of the following volunteer activities:
 - Senior Citizens Luncheons,
 - Catering School Functions, and
 - Preparing Food for local non-profits organization like schools and churches.
 - Marketing and selling food for specific times of year to faculty, staff, and students



Horizons Café

- The Horizons Café is a restaurant run by the students in the Food Service program.
- It is open to the public.
- It serves students, faculty and staff during the day from December until February
- It serves dinner to members of the community on Thursdays during March and April.





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Science

Science Overview

- **Science is tested on the CMTs in grades 5 and 8 and on the CAPT in grade 10.**
- **The CMT and CAPT test multiple years of learning in a single test. For the CMT, the test covers three years of learning. For the CAPT, it covers two.**
- **Science teachers are currently working on integrating the CCSS in Science Literacy into their existing curriculum documents.**
- **Science teachers are also reviewing the Next Generation Science Standards, in the event they are adopted by CT in the next two years.**

Science at SES

•In grades K-2, students learn basic measurement, classification and observation skills as part of developing their science literacy skills.

•They also learn basic content in Physical, Life and Earth Science.

- Kindergarten: Properties of Matter; Characteristics of Living Things; and Weather
- First Grade: Location and Movement; Structure and Function of Living Things; and Life Cycles
- Second Grade: States of Matter; Life Cycle of Flowering Plants; Properties of Soils; and Nutrition

Science at SES

•In grades 3-5, students learn basic research, data collection and analysis skills as part of developing their science literacy skills.

•They also learn content in Physical, Life and Earth Science.

- Third Grade: Physical Properties of Matter; Behavioral and Structural Adaptations in Plants and Animals; and Rocks and Minerals
- Fourth Grade: Forces and Motion; Electricity and Magnetism; Ecosystems; and the Water Cycle and Erosion
- Fifth Grade: Sound and Light; Optics; Human Senses; and the Earth-Sun-Moon System

Science at MBA

•In grades 6-8, students learn to identify variables, design experiments, collect data and draw conclusions as part of developing their science literacy skills.

•They also learn Physical, Life and Earth Science.

- Sixth Grade: Ecosystems; Weather and Heat Transfer; and Force, Energy and Simple Machines
- Seventh Grade: Elements, Compounds and Mixtures; Cells and the Human Body Systems; Plate Tectonics, Weathering and Erosion
- Eighth Grade: Speed, Force and Circular Motion; Genetics and Reproduction; and Astronomy

Science at SHS

•In grades 9-12, students learn to design controlled experiments, collect data, assess the validity of their data and draw conclusions as part of developing their science literacy skills.

•They also learn the basic Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth/Environmental Science

- Integrated Science (9th): Energy, Electricity and Power Generation; Atoms, Bonding, Chemical Reactions and Polymers; and Biogeochemical Cycles, Pollution and Natural Resource Management.
- Biology (10th): Cells, DNA, Microorganisms and Biotechnology; and Genetics, Biodiversity, Evolution and Population Dynamics.

Science at SHS

- Grades 11 and 12
 - Anatomy and Physiology
 - Astronomy
 - Biotechnology
 - Botany
 - Chemistry
 - Forensics
 - Marine Science
 - Physics
 - Science and Law
- AP Courses:
 - Biology
 - Chemistry

Science and Technology

- **Khan Academy – Students watch introductory videos at home and take notes so that they can maximize their classroom time for labs and activities.**
- **Electronic Lab Reports – Students use apps to create lab reports, which the teacher grades using a PDF annotation app.**
- **Note taking – Students use apps/websites like Evernote, Educreations and Socrative to complete assignments.**
- **Projects – Student incorporate Powerpoint and video into projects ranging from crime scene investigation to the digestive system.**

Somers Board of Education General Budget Treasury Warrant

Report # 20984

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Approved by:  Date: 1/10/13
 William B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services

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	5633	01/14/2013	V51174	Therapro, Inc.	0.00	137.61
	5634	01/14/2013	V54065	Thomas R Mehl	0.00	80.00
	5635	01/14/2013	E00399	Tomson, Catherine	0.00	60.60
	5636	01/14/2013	V60248	Total Protection Security Systems LLC	0.00	75.00
	5637	01/14/2013	V53945	Transcanda Power Marketing LTD	0.00	16,589.98
	5638	01/14/2013	V01638	Tree House, The	0.00	1,621.50
	5639	01/14/2013	M53099	Tull Brothers, Inc.	0.00	1,753.20
	5640	01/14/2013	V53987	U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance, Inc	0.00	1,662.67
	5641	01/14/2013	M53030	United Rentals (North America), Inc.	0.00	490.68
	5642	01/14/2013	V21164	Unum Life Insurance Company of America	0.00	3,742.33
	5643	01/14/2013	V00766	Valley Communications Systems, Inc.	0.00	170.00
	5644	01/14/2013	V54059	Verizon Wireless	0.00	1,026.10
	5645	01/14/2013	V60464	VEX Robotics Inc	0.00	30.05
	5646	01/14/2013	V53413	W. B. Mason Co., Inc.	0.00	628.69
	5647	01/14/2013	V52399	W.R. Robinson Lumber	0.00	725.13
	5648	01/14/2013	E00342	Walker, Alan	0.00	159.84
	5649	01/14/2013	M02418	Willco Sales and Service, Inc.	0.00	760.00
	5650	01/14/2013	V02738	William V. MacGill & Co.	0.00	272.89
	5651	01/14/2013	E00357	Zachary, Scott	0.00	812.34
Totals:					<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$546,237.75</u>

121 Checks Listed.

Somers Board of Education General Journal Register

Report # 20983

Batch: 7491

Transaction: N/A

Show Summary Only: Yes

Batch #	Control Total	Status	Created By	Created On	Last Updated By	Last Updated On
7491	\$546,237.75	Posted	lbergamini	01/07/2013	lbergamini	01/10/2013

General Ledger Distribution Summary

Period, Fiscal Year Account Number	Account Description	DTF Base	Over Budget	Debits	Credits
January, 2013					
Generated Distributions					
10-000-0-0-00-000-710-00-0-00000	ENCUMBRANCE CONTROL			522,894.44	0.00
10-000-0-0-00-000-720-00-0-00000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE			0.00	522,894.44
	Total Generated Distributions			\$522,894.44	\$522,894.44
User-Entered Distributions					
10-000-0-0-00-000-241-00-0-00000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			0.00	546,237.75
10-100-2-2-14-241-611-01-5-00155	K-5 - GENERAL SUPPLIES			411.00	0.00
10-100-2-2-26-220-641-01-5-00105	K-5 - LANGUAGE ARTS TEXTBOOK		Yes	2,428.38	0.00
10-100-2-3-12-242-611-01-5-00182	MA - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			1,240.03	0.00
10-100-2-3-14-241-611-01-5-00157	MA - GENERAL SUPPLIES			63.04	0.00
10-100-2-3-28-242-611-01-5-00204	MA - SCIENCE SUPPLIES			34.07	0.00
10-100-2-4-02-242-611-01-5-00165	HS - ART SUPPLIES			138.21	0.00
10-100-2-4-12-242-611-01-5-00183	HS - TECHNOLOGY ED SUPPLIES			329.91	0.00
10-100-2-4-14-241-611-01-5-00159	HS - GENERAL SUPPLIES			451.73	0.00
10-100-2-4-18-242-611-01-5-00191	HS - MATH SUPPLIES			95.00	0.00
10-100-2-4-26-242-611-01-5-01070	HS - ENGLISH SUPPLIES			267.21	0.00
10-100-2-4-28-242-611-01-5-00206	HS - SCIENCE SUPPLIES			97.73	0.00
10-100-2-4-40-220-641-01-5-01068	HS - REPLACEMENT TEXTS			35.00	0.00
10-100-2-4-46-242-611-01-5-00229	HS - SCHOOL TO CAREER SUPPLIES			174.87	0.00
10-100-2-5-14-241-611-01-5-00873	SW - GENERAL COMPUTER SUPPLIES			2,167.04	0.00
10-100-8-3-66-910-730-01-5-01335	MA - TECH ED CAPITAL OUTLAY			30.05	0.00
10-100-8-4-66-910-730-01-5-00965	HS - TECH ED CAPITAL OUTLAY			1,276.20	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-241-611-01-5-00160	SP ED - GENERAL SUPPLIES			151.15	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-242-611-01-5-01332	OCC. THERAPY SUPPLIES			137.61	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-251-580-05-5-00273	SP ED - DIRECTOR'S TRAVEL			753.95	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-910-730-04-5-00748	SPEC. ED. - OFF. CAP. OUTLAY			90.25	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01142	SPED - CONSULTANT FEES		Yes	2,050.40	0.00
10-120-9-9-98-955-330-02-5-01674	SP ED - CONTRACTED SERVICES			2,868.75	0.00
10-212-2-4-46-242-611-02-5-00178	HS - GUIDANCE SUPPLY			50.00	0.00
10-212-2-4-46-242-611-02-5-00286	HS - GUIDANCE NAVIANCE			148.11	0.00
10-213-3-4-48-421-323-02-5-01146	SW HEALTH SUPPLIES			189.44	0.00

2013-2014 SOMERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

		JULY '13						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
4	Independence Day		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			

		JANUARY '14 (21)						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1 20	Holiday Recess M.L. King Jr. Day				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	

		AUGUST '13 (2)						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
26 27 28 29	Staff Orientation Day Teacher Work Day Teacher Work Day SCHOOLS OPEN					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

		FEBRUARY '14 (15)						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
17 18-21	President's Day February Recess							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	

		SEPTEMBER '13 (20)						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
2	Labor Day							
		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					

		MARCH '14 (20)						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
19 20 21 28	K-5 Early Release K-5 Early Release K-5 Early Release Teacher Work Day							1
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		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		30	31					

		OCTOBER '13 (21)						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
3 14 15	9-12 Early Release Columbus Day Teacher Work Day			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		

		APRIL '14 (17)						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
14-17 18	April Recess Good Friday			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			

		NOVEMBER '13 (18)						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
6 7 11 13 14 15 27 28-29	6-8 Early Release 6-8 Early Release Veterans Day K-5 Early Release K-5 Early Release K-5 Early Release Early Release Thanksgiving Recess						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

		MAY '14 (21)						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
26	Memorial Day					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

		DECEMBER '13 (14)						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
6 23-31	Teacher Work Day Holiday Recess							
		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				

		JUNE '14 (11)						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
16 17	SCHOOLS CLOSING— Early Release Teacher Work Day							
		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					

148 Advanced Placement (AP) Art

Grade 12

Full Year

1 Credit

Level 4

Prerequisite: Four classes of high school art, including a minimum of one level 3 class and a portfolio review and subsequent recommendation by the AP Art teacher.

Description: This course is for serious art students interested in a rigorous and focused study in art. Students will develop a quality portfolio that demonstrates mastery in concept, composition and execution of drawing, 2D design or 3D design. Students will create a body of work (24 pieces minimum) that demonstrates quality, concentration and breadth. Students have the option of submitting this portfolio to the College Board for possible college credit. Students will also participate in the Annual Honors Art Show.

989 Food Service and Management I

Grades 11-12

Full Year

1 Credit

Level 2

Prerequisites: Students should be aware that they must provide a uniform and other in-class supplies.

Description: The program is designed for students who are interested in the preparation of food and the exploration of the hospitality industry. Students investigate and apply the principles and methods used in quantity food production. Students are required to participate in the evening restaurant portion of the course and other banquet-type functions.

159 Music in Society

Grades 9-12

1 Semester

.5 Credit

Level 2

Prerequisites: None

Description: 'Music in Society' is a class which will present and study music as both the mirror of, and the catalyst for social events throughout history. A wide variety of topics will be explored, chosen from suggestions made by class members. Examples of possible study questions might be:

- Did the protest music of the 60s and 70s accurately reflect the social climate of America in that era, and if so, who's America?
- What does the "music of a generation" really say about the lifestyles and ideas of that generation?
- Where did the idea of "musicians as stars and icons" come from?
- Who should have the right to duplicate and distribute music (copyright) and what are the issues that musicians now face in the light of technology which allows everyone in the world instantaneous access to anyone's musical contributions?

Materials used will be taken from current periodic literature, internet sources, and selections from texts which address the issues selected for discussion. Students will research topics, write short opinion papers, debate and discuss issues, and listen to a wide variety of music in class and for homework. Projects will involve presenting and analyzing works of individual choosing. (NO music with parental advisory labels will be permitted).

409 Essential Math Skills

Grades 9-12

1 Semester

.5 Credit

Level 1

Prerequisite: Prior academic performance/teacher recommendation/administrative approval

This course focuses on essential mathematical operations, number sense, and algebra topics. More specifically, topics include number sense, signed number operations, fractions, decimals, graphing, unit conversion, and solving equations. Students will strengthen their organization, study, and test-taking skills (including standardized tests). Instruction will be differentiated according to individual student needs.

349 Essential English Skills

Grades 9-12

1 Semester

.5 Credit

Level 1

Prerequisite: Prior academic performance / teacher recommendation / administrative approval

This class focuses on essential reading and writing skills by guiding students through a sequential unit each marking period concentrated on either the writing process or strategies to effectively engage in critical reading. Each marking period will emphasize either the reading or writing process separately. This will be done through the use of workshops, pre and post reading strategies, reader's theatre, essay writing, in-class assessments, and vocabulary and grammar mini-units. Instruction will be differentiated according to individual student needs.

Somers Lacrosse Association
P.O. Box 722
Somers, CT 06071

January 2, 2013

Somers Board of Education
Somers, CT

Dear Dr. Suffredini and fellow Board members:

My name is Dean Giachello and I am currently a director and coach for the Somers Lacrosse Association.

This is a formal request and follow up from our December email communication regarding new team benches for the lower Mabelle B. Avery fields.

Somers Lacrosse would like to purchase two sets of weatherproof moveable team benches for the lower fields, for use by lacrosse teams and other sports teams throughout the year. Somers Lacrosse appreciates everything the Board of Education has done for us and would like to continue to work cooperatively to provide our children with a safe and well-maintained field environment to play on.

On behalf of the Somers Lacrosse Association, please accept our donation of these team benches.

In these trying times, it is important to work together for our children, our town and our sports organizations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean J. Giachello". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "G".

Dean J. Giachello
Director, Somers Lacrosse Association

SOMERS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING – January 14, 2013

Members Present: D.Palmer, J.Formeister, R.Lees, M.Cicciarella, A.Kirkpatrick, B.Devlin, S.Bollinger
Members Absent: M.Maniscalco, B.Pellissier
Administrators Present: M.Suffredini, D.Messina, K.Pezza, B.Boutwell, G. Cotzin
Staff Present: D.Delany, K.Regan
Citizens Present:
Students Present: H.Mulvihill, T.Laires, M.Gallerani, H.Stetson, T.O'Regan, A.Mottolese, S.Gay, M.Guerretee, L.Socha, D.Herbert, A.Lefemine
Others:

1.0 YEARBOOK PICTURE – 6:55 P.M.

2.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Palmer in the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School BOE meeting room.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 10, 2012 – It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to approve the December 10, 2012 Board of Education meeting minutes. PASSED 7-0

5.0 AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

5.1 Guidance Annual Report/Alternative Education Report

Somers High School Guidance Counselor K.Regan presented the annual counseling and career center program update. Student Success Plans (SSP) is incorporated into advisory in order to address initiatives, and students are using the Naviance program as an instrumental tool in the process. Noteworthy accomplishments for the class of 2013 include an early decision to Dartmouth College, a Nation Merit scholarship semi-finalist, and an UConn Day of Pride scholarship finalist.

D.Delany, SHS Alternative Education Teacher, is in her 5th year of the program. The program allows students to earn credit in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and electives during periods 1 and 2, and then report to alternative education classroom for the remainder of the day. Current enrollment consists of two freshmen, one sophomore, five juniors, and two seniors. A Cooperative Work Experience class was incorporated into the program to assist students in obtaining employment or volunteer opportunities.

5.2 Curriculum Presentations – Food Service and Science

K.Pezza, Director of Curriculum, presented on the food service and management and science courses curriculum in the district. At SHS, there are two courses: Food Service and Management 1 and Food Service and Management 2. Students can earn credit at Manchester Community College through College Career Pathways program. All students

in the food service program join FCCLA (Family, Community, Career, Leaders of America).

For Science, K.Pezza gave a brief overview of the curriculum in the three schools. Students learn physical, life and earth science with deeper content level in higher grades at SES. In MBA, students learn ecosystems, weather/heat transfer, erosion, force, elements, cells and the human body systems, astronomy, genetics and reproduction, and speed force and circular motion. At SHS, students learn biology, chemistry, earth/environmental science, physics; AP courses are available in biology and chemistry.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Board member B.Devlin received persuasive writing letters assigned for a 7th grade English class assignment where students had to take a stance for or against iPad usage in the classroom.

7.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Approval of Bills 01/14/13 (\$546,237.75)

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (A.Kirkpatrick) to approve the 01/14/13 Bills in the amount of \$546,237.75 as presented. PASSED 7-0

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Approval of the 2013-2014 School Calendar

The proposed 2013-2014 school year calendar has been reviewed by the Administrative Council and by the SEA.

It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to approve the 2013-2014 school year calendar as reviewed by the Administrative Council and SEA as presented. PASSED 7-0

9.2 Approval of Electives/Curriculum Changes

G.Cotzin, SHS Principal, and K.Pezza, Director of Curriculum, presented on the electives/curriculum changes at SHS. Revised and new courses at SHS include: AP Art, Food Service and Management I, Music in Society, Essential Math Skills, and Essential English Skills

It was MOVED (A.Kirkpatrick) SECONDED (B.Devlin) to approve the SHS electives and curriculum changes as presented. PASSED 7-0

9.3 Approval of Donation – Somers Lacrosse Association

The Somers Lacrosse Association is requesting board approval for a donation of benches for the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School fields. Somers Lacrosse Association would like to purchase two sets of weatherproof moveable team benches for the lower fields for use by sport teams throughout the year.

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (R.Lees) to accept with gratitude the Somers Lacrosse Association donation for benches at the Mabelle B. Avery Middle School fields as presented. PASSED 7-0

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.1 School Security

The Superintendent updated the Board regarding school security and the precautions taken over the past month. Dr. Suffredini met with the fire department and Sgt. Claudio regarding the district's safety and security protocols, and they attended the latest Administrative Council meeting. The Superintendent also met with a group of representatives from the Department of Corrections TPF force who volunteered to review the district's buildings and go through a full assessment of the grounds to enhance security protocols. All agencies will be involved, and input will be shared with staff. Dr. Suffredini will share these future dates with the Board as soon as that information is available.

11.2 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent updated the Board on the construction at the intersection connecting Ninth District Road and Main Street taking place this Spring. Traffic for common folk will be rerouted via Billings Road.

12.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes will be taken at all subcommittee meetings.

12.1 Budget – The Superintendent and Director of Business Services updated the Board regarding the district's health insurance increasing costs. Insurance representatives posed a 19% increase in health insurance cost; however, a phone call recently indicated that the increase would be 12.5%. The district is trying to minimize this potential increase. The Superintendent will update the Board on further discussion.

12.2 Curriculum – No Update

12.3 Policy – The next policy committee meeting will be January 28th at 6:00 p.m.

12.4 Salary & Negotiations – No Update

12.5 Planning Committee – No Update

12.6 Other Committees

Technology Ad Hoc Committee – No Report

13.0 OTHER

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (B.Devlin) SECONDED (S.Bollinger) to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:18 p.m. PASSED 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Lees, Jr., Secretary

Leah Cook, Recording Secretary

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.