

**Somers Board of Education Meeting  
Board of Education Room  
February 11, 2019  
7:00 PM**

**Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:**

Present Board Members: David Palmer, Rick Lees, Barbara Capuano, Sarah Bollinger, Jeremy Anderson, Anne Kirkpatrick, Jan Martin, Kate McLellan

Absent Board Members: Bruce Devlin

Others: Brian Czapla, Bill Boutwell, Dr. Irene Zytka, Jackie Nappo

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4.1. Board of Education Minutes of January 28, 2019**

**Rationale:** Board of Education to approve the minutes of January 28, 2019

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve minutes from the 1/28/19 Board of Education meeting passed with a motion by Barbara Capuano and a second by Sarah Bollinger. **8 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**5. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS**

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the entire consent agenda as presented passed with a motion by Anne Kirkpatrick and a second by Jan Martin. **8 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**8.1. Warrant of February 11, 2019**

**Rationale:** The Board of Education is to review the warrant of February 11, 2019 in the amount of \$343,971.16 and give consent.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

### 10.1. Superintendent's 2019-2020 Proposed Budget Approval

**Rationale:** Board to approve the Superintendent's 2019-2020 proposed budget.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to move Superintendent's 2019-2020 proposed budget to Public Hearing on March 11, 2019 passed with a motion by Jan Martin and a second by Anne Kirkpatrick. **8 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

## 11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### 11.1. Curriculum Report on Art and Foods

**Rationale:** Dr. Irene Zytka will present the Board of Education reports on the Art Department in Somers Public Schools and the Food Service and Management Program at Somers High School.

**Discussion:** Dr. Irene Zytka, Director of Curriculum, updated the BOE on the Art and Food Service and Management curricula. A major focus of the Food Service and Management program includes utilizing academic vocabulary (math, science, language arts) and determining how it can be used within the food program (i.e. volume, weight, proportions, sustainability, etc.). The Foods classes provide breakfast items for the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council. These meetings are held four times a year and are a requirement of the Perkins Grant focusing on curriculum of the various classes.

A major focus of the Art curriculum involves inserting art standards into Atlas and creating projects through an interdisciplinary approach. At SHS, murals are being designed for the HS cafeteria and central offices; seventh graders are designing 3D buildings incorporating math terminology; Kindergarten students are making connections between lines and shapes while learning letters and numbers; and, Grade 2 students are designing their own mini sleds in which they have to research and analyze the speed, weight, cost, and marketability. This project involves science, math, language arts, and technology.

### 11.2. Superintendent's Update

**Rationale:** The Superintendent will update the Board.

**Discussion:** Superintendent Czapl reported that the focus has primarily been on the budget and preparing for the BOF meeting. There has been a lot of legislation that he is continuously monitoring with discussion among various groups. There has been a modification of the BOE meeting agenda. Agenda item 13, CREC Update, has been added in order for Anne Kirkpatrick to provide a report as necessary.

## 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**12.1. CURRICULUM**

**Discussion:** No report.

**12.2. POLICY**

**Discussion:** Anne Kirkpatrick stated that the committee met prior to the BOE meeting on 2/11/19. There will be three policies to warn at the next meeting. The next committee meeting will be held in April or May.

**12.3. SALARY & NEGOTIATION**

**Discussion:** No report.

**12.4. PLANNING**

**Discussion:** Superintendent Czapla reported that there will be a meeting with SMRT Wednesday, 2/20/19. He will report back to the BOE.

**13. CREC UPDATE**

**Discussion:** No report.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. passed with a motion by Jan Martin and a second by Sarah Bollinger. **8 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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Rick Lees, Board of Education Secretary      Date

Shannin Burns, BOE Recording Secretary