

Somers Board of Education Meeting
Board of Education Meeting Room
January 13, 2020
7:00 PM

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members: Sarah Bollinger, Marissa Marks, Bruce Devlin, Jan Martin, Jeremy Anderson, Kate McLellan, Anne Kirkpatrick

Absent Board Members: David Palmer, Krista Cherry

Others: Bill Boutwell, Dina Senecal, Elizabeth O'Toole, Fiona Cheyney, James Zuccalo, Brian Logan, Jack Logan, Dominic Zuccalo

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. STUDENT REPORT

Discussion: Fiona Cheyney and Dominic Zuccalo, SHS students, updated the BOE on SHS events. The Semiformal was held at the SHS gymnasium on 12/13/19. The Candy Cane Fundraiser to support domestic abuse shelters was advertised. The Unity Team had a field trip to the Youth Leadership Summit for grades 3-5 where they taught two different sessions. Prior to the Summit, they tested their sessions at SES. Broadway Night will be held on 2/21/20. The Winter Concert will occur on 1/14/20. Midterms begin on 1/22/20 and run through 1/27/20. Students have been discussing different pep rally ideas for March. The Class of 2022 held a fundraiser at Friendly's on 1/13/20. In sports, wrestling has done well with two tournaments and three meets. Boys basketball has been doing well with Alex Barresi scoring 1000 points. Girls basketball has been trying hard to achieve success. Hockey has been well supported by peers, and there have been more participants in indoor track this year.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Draft of November 25, 2019 Minutes

Rationale: The Board will review and approve the minutes of November 25, 2019.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve BOE draft minutes from November 25, 2019 passed with a motion by Kate McLellan and a second by Sarah Bollinger.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

4.2. Draft of Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2019

Rationale: Draft of Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2019

Motion Passed: Motion to approve Special BOE draft minutes from December 16, 2019 passed with a motion by Kate McLellan and a second by Sarah Bollinger. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

5. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion: Anne Kirkpatrick stated that she received an email regarding the Legislative Breakfast at Tolland High School at 8 a.m. on Thursday, 1/30/20. She encouraged BOE members to attend.

7. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Anne Kirkpatrick and a second by Kate McLellan. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

8.1. Somers Elementary Teacher - Maternity Leave

Rationale: Mrs. Emily Galloway, Grade 1 teacher at Somers Elementary, will be taking Maternity/Child Rearing Leave until the end of this school year. Her last day will be February 28, 2020.

8.2. Somers Elementary Teacher - Maternity Leave

Rationale: Mrs. Lindsey Duperre, Kindergarten teacher at Somers Elementary School, is going out on Maternity Leave. Her last day will be May 22, 2020.

8.3. Somers Elementary Teacher - Maternity Leave

Rationale: Mrs. Caitlin Heintz, Special Education Teacher at Somers Elementary School, will be going out on Maternity Leave. Her last day will be May 18, 2020.

8.4. Resignation of Somers Elementary School Nurse

Rationale: Mrs. Leighann Ricci, Somers Elementary School Nurse, has handed in her resignation. Her final day will be January 24, 2020.

8.5. Warrant of December 9, 2019

Rationale: The Board will review and consent to the warrant of December 9, 2019 in the amount of \$120,526.03.

8.6. Warrant of December 19, 2019

Rationale: The Board will review and consent to the warrant of December 19, 2019 in the amount of \$463,591.11.

8.7. Warrant of January 13, 2020

Rationale: The Board will review and consent to the warrant of January 13, 2020 in the amount of \$586,023.81.

8.8. 2nd Warning - New Course at Somers High School - AP Physics

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8.9. 2nd Warning - New Course for Somers High School - AP Psychology

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8.10. 2nd Warning - New Course at Somers High School- AP World

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8.11. 2nd Warning - New Course at Somers High School - AP Computer Science Principles

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8.12. 2nd Warning - New Course at Somers High School - Capstone

Rationale: 2nd Warning - New course at Somers High School - Capstone. Dr. Zytka will be present to answer questions.

8.13. 2nd Warning - New Textbook for Somers High School -"Ways of the World" and "AMSCO AP World History: Modern"

Rationale: 2nd Warning -New textbook for Somers High School -"Ways of the World" and "AMSCO AP World History: Modern."

8.14. 2nd warning - New Textbook proposal for Somers High School - "Myers' Psychology" for the AP Course.

Rationale: 2nd warning - New textbook proposal for Somers High School "Myers' Psychology" for the AP Course.

8.15. 2nd Warning -New Textbook for ELA - Vocabulary for grades 5 - 10

Rationale: 2nd Warning - New textbook for ELA - Vocabulary for grades 5 – 10. Dr. Zytka will be present to answer any questions.

9. NEW BUSINESS**9.1. Approve change to 2020-2021 Budget Process Calendar**

Rationale: Approve change to 2020-2021 Budget Process Calendar

Motion Passed: Motion to approve change to the 2020-21 Budget Process Calendar passed with a motion by Jeremy Anderson and a second by Kate McLellan. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

9.2. Approval of Somers Booster Club Donation for Track Equipment

Rationale: The Somers Booster Club has donated \$11,655 for the purchase of new track hurdles.

Discussion: The BOE thanked the Booster Club for their generous donation.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Somers Booster Club track donation in the amount of \$11,655.00 passed with a motion by Kate McLellan and a second by Jan Martin. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.1. Somers Elementary School Improvement Plan

Rationale: Mrs. Dina Senecal, Principal of Somers Elementary School, will be there to answer any questions.

Discussion: Mrs. Dina Senecal, SES Principal, updated the BOE on the SES School Improvement Plan. In Language Arts, the focus has been on Fountas & Pinnell (F & P) implementation which is coming along very well. There has been positive feedback from the teachers. There will be Professional Development in February for the next phase of F & P "Reading Mini-lessons." In Math, there are two programs that are being piloted--Investigations and Bridges. A math program will be chosen in March or April. Discussion ensued regarding program costs and the current math program. Anne Kirkpatrick stated that the Curriculum Committee needs to endorse the program prior to going to the BOE. Mrs. Senecal stated that she will speak with Superintendent Czapla regarding deadlines.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1. CURRICULUM

Discussion: No report.

12.2. POLICY

Discussion: Anne Kirkpatrick stated that the next meeting will be held on Monday, 2/10/20, at 6 p.m. The January CABA packet should arrive by the end of January. There will be one policy change regarding the graduation date.

12.3. SALARY & NEGOTIATION

Discussion: No report.

12.4. PLANNING

Discussion: No report.

13. CREC UPDATE

Discussion: Anne Kirkpatrick reported that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1/15/20.

