

Somers Board of Education Meeting
February 24, 2020 7:00 PM
Board of Education Chambers

Attendance Taken at 6:59 p.m.

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

Absent Board Members: Krista Cherry, David Palmer

Others: Bill Boutwell

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Devlin at 7:01 pm in the Board of Education Chambers.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 Draft of Board of Education February 10, 2020 Meeting

Rationale: The Board will review and approve the draft of February 10, 2020 Board of Education Meeting minutes.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the draft minutes from the February 10, 2020, BOE meeting passed with a motion by Jeremy Anderson and a second by Sarah Bollinger.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

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

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

6.1. Warrant of February 24, 2020

The Board to review and consent to February 24, 2020 warrant.

6.2. Resignation of Reading Teacher at Somers Elementary School

The Board to consent to the resignation of Mrs. Sara DeMonti, Reading Intervention teacher at Somers Elementary School, as of February 14, 2020.

6.3. Resignation of Technology Support Specialist

The Board will consent to the resignation of Mr. John Bibisi, Technology Support Specialist effective February 28, 2020.

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1. 1st Warning of Policy DBS 6146 - Graduation Requirements

This is the 1st Warning of Policy DBS 6146 - Graduation Requirements. The Board will ask Policy Committee members if they have any questions. 2nd warning will be on March 9, 2020.

7.2. 1st Warning on Policy DBS 4115.3 - Personnel, Evaluation, Coaches

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This is the 1st Warning of Policy DBS 4115.3 - Personnel, Evaluation, Coaches. The Board will ask Policy Committee members if they have any questions. 2nd warning will be on March 9, 2020.

7.3. 1st Warning on Policy DBS 5112 - Students: Ages of Attendance

This is the 1st Warning of Policy DBS 1st Warning on Policy DBS 5112 - Students: Ages of Attendance. The Board will ask Policy Committee members if they have any questions. 2nd warning will be on March 9, 2020.

7.4. 1st Warning on Policy DBS 6141.328 - Use of Technology - to be deleted

This is the 1st Warning of Policy DBS 6141.328 - Use of Technology - to be deleted. The Board will ask Policy Committee members if they have any questions. 2nd warning will be on March 9, 2020.

7.5. 1st Warning on Policy 6172.3 - Instruction: Home Schooling

This is the 1st Warning of Policy DBS 1st Warning on Policy 6172.3 - Instruction: Home Schooling. The Board will ask Policy Committee members if they have any questions. 2nd warning will be on March 9, 2020.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1. Approval of 2020-2021 SPS Calendar

Rationale: The Board will review and approve the 2020-2021 Somers Public School Calendar

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Somers Public School Calendar passed with a motion by Jan Martin and a second by Anne Kirkpatrick. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

8.2. Approval of 2020-21 Budget to be sent to Public Hearing.

Rationale: The Superintendent will answer any questions.

Discussion: Insurance bidding resulted in a savings of \$75,000, and OPED reduction resulted in a savings of \$28,000. The increase from last year's budget is \$805,833 or 3.37%.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the 2020-21 Budget to be sent to Public Hearing passed with a motion by Kate McLellan and a second by Sarah Bollinger. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9.1. Next Generation Accountability Results - February 24, 2020

Rationale: The Superintendent will answer any questions on the Next Generation Accountability Results.

Discussion: These results are a report card on a number of indicators. SES is listed as a CSDE Designated School of Distinction. MBA has areas that need work, but we are looking for improvement with the new administrative team in place. They will share their action plan at the next BOE meeting. At SHS, the % of students passing exams is an issue; however, all students must take the exams, and AP courses are open to any student which can skew the results. There are more positive results in the growth section of the report.

9.2. Superintendent Update

Rationale: The Superintendent will update the Board on any issues/events.

Discussion: The flu has been around at the schools, but the outcome is getting better. The long weekend around President's Day helped. Another comment was that in future we look into cleaning the air ducts on a schedule; we do change filters on a regular basis.

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10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1. CURRICULUM

Discussion: No report.

10.2. POLICY

Discussion: No report.

10.3. SALARY & NEGOTIATION

Discussion: No report.

10.4. PLANNING**Discussion:** No report.

11. CREC UPDATE

Discussion: No report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the BOE meeting at 7:23 p.m. passed with a motion by Jan Martin and a second by Sarah Bollinger. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**