



## SOMERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### Somers Board of Education Minutes

June 8, 2020

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:01pm

In attendance: David Palmer, Jan Martin, Bruce Devlin, Marissa Marks, Jeremy Anderson, Krista Cherry, Anne Kirkpatrick, Brian Czapla, Bill Boutwell

Missing: Sarah Moynihan Bollinger, Kate McLellan

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Palmer made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 26, 2020 BOE meeting (seconded by Jan Martin). There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

#### 3. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

David Palmer made a motion to add an agenda item 5.2, Approval for the Superintendent to request from the Board of Finance the creation of an Unexpended Education Funds Account per Connecticut General Statute 10-248a (seconded by Jan Martin). There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

David Palmer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (seconded by Jan Martin). There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

4.1. Warrant of June 8, 2020

4.2. 2nd Warning - Somers Elementary Math Textbooks

4.3. 2nd Warning on Mabelle B. Avery Middle School Math Textbooks-

4.4. Retirement of Somers Elementary School Media ParaEducator, Mrs. Lisa Potrikus, will be retiring at the end of this school year after being with Somers Public Schools for 18 years.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### 5.1. Somers Board of Education Approved Impartial Expulsion Hearing Officer List

David Palmer made a motion to approve the Impartial Hearing Officer List for school year 2020-21 (seconded by Jan Martin). There was a discussion about how this is an approved list of expulsion hearing officers in the event the BOE chooses not to preside over an expulsion hearing. The motion passed 7-0.

5.2 David Palmer made a motion for the Superintendent to request from the Board of Finance the creation of an Unexpended Education Funds Account per Connecticut General Statute 10-248a (seconded by Jan Martin). The Superintendent discussed the need for this account next year due to the extensive unbudgeted expenses that will be incurred because of the ongoing COVID-19 virus. The motion passed 7-0.

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## 6. OLD BUSINESS

## 7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1. Update on 2019-2020 Budget Bill Boutwell gave an administrative report on the update of the 2019-20 School Budget.

7.2. Superintendent Updates Brian Czapla gave an update on the school system's response and planning due to COVID-19.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1. CURRICULUM – no report

8.2. POLICY – no report

8.3. SALARY & NEGOTIATION – no report

8.4. PLANNING – no report

9. CREC UPDATE There were no committee or CREC reports.

## 10. Executive Session

The Board will invite Superintendent and go into Executive Session to discuss:  
Superintendent's Evaluation & Contract and Non-Affiliated Salaries

At 7:41 pm, David Palmer made a motion for the BOE to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the evaluation of the superintendent, extension of his contract, and general wage increases for non-affiliated staff. The Superintendent was invited into the executive session (seconded by Jan Martin). There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

The BOE came out of Executive Session at 8:00 pm.

David Palmer made a motion to approve the 2020-21 general wage increases and market adjustments for non-affiliated staff as recommended by the Superintendent (seconded by Jan Martin). There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

David Palmer made a motion to approve a three-percent salary increase for the Superintendent for school year 2020-21, and extend the Superintendent's contract by one year (seconded by Jan Martin). There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT David Palmer made a motion to adjourn (seconded by Jan Martin). The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

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Jan Martin, BOE Secretary

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