

**Somers Board of Education Regular Meeting
Somers Board of Education Chambers**

Monday, June 22, 2026

7:00 PM

(The recorded livestream may be viewed on SPS' YouTube channel on the school website)

Present BOE Members: Mike Briggs, Dr. Ed DePeau, Dr. Sharon Goulet, Anne Kirkpatrick, Shane Manning, Gina Olearczyk

Absent BOE Members: JT Galloway, Kim Radziewicz, Derek Zelek

Others: Dr. Sam Galloway, Stephanie Levin

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by Chair Briggs at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Chambers.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of the June 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Rationale: The Board to review and approve the minutes from the June 8, 2026 Board meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting. This motion, made by Ed DePeau and seconded by Gina Olearczyk, Carried. **Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3 (JT Galloway, Kim Radziewicz, Derek Zelek)**

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Galloway provided an update to the Board. On 6/10/26, the Class of 2026 graduated. Superintendent Galloway stated that the students are well prepared for college, the workforce, and the military after a high school career on a beautiful campus, with supportive families, and caring staff. Superintendent Galloway wished the graduates the very best.

The last day of school for pre-K through grade 11 students was 6/17/26.

The Girls Lacrosse team won the Class S State Championship for the first time on 6/13/26. Superintendent Galloway noted the encouragement shown on the sidelines between teammates and coaches. The Boys Lacrosse team won the Class S State Championship on 6/18/26 against Suffield in overtime. The district celebrated three championship teams this spring, including these lacrosse teams and the boys' soccer team. Board Member Dr. Sharon Goulet commented on the high level of kindness and sportsmanship in athletics among the recent

graduates. Chair Briggs and Board Member Gina Olearczyk also commented on the structures set up in lacrosse and soccer to welcome incoming students to each sport at the high school level.

Board Member Anne Kirkpatrick requested an update regarding staffing vacancies. Internal positions will be filled along with some required positions. At this time the Consumer Science position at SHS will not be filled due to the current budget difficulties. Board Member Gina Olearczyk noted that this position is the one position the SHS Student Representatives advocated for throughout the school year. Although other positions were posted as "anticipated openings," due to the failed budget, the hiring process cannot continue for these positions.

The same budget will be presented at the next budget referendum. To date, the BOE budget has been reduced by approximately \$900,000.

5. OPPORTUNITY TO ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1. Warrant of June 17, 2026

Rationale: The Board to review and consent to the warrant of June 17, 2026.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Shane Manning and seconded by Gina Olearczyk, Carried. **Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3 (JT Galloway, Kim Radziewicz, Derek Zelek)**

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. 1st Posting DBS Code 5141.4 - Child Abuse and Neglect

8.2. 1st Posting DBS Code 9321 - Time, Place, and Notice of Meeting

8.3. 1st Posting DBS Code 9120 - Officers

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1. Curriculum

The next meeting will be held at the start of the school year.

9.2. Policy

The Policy Committee has reviewed many BOE policies with no recommended changes. The policy revisions that were recommended were posted and will be voted on at the next meeting. The next meeting of the committee will be held on 8/24 at 6 p.m.

9.3. Planning/Finance

No report.

9.4. Salary & Negotiations

Negotiations with the Maintenance Unit continue. The next meeting will be held on 7/27/26 at 10 a.m.

9.5. Building

The next meeting will be held on 7/7/26. The district received a response from a new attorney, stating that Somers was following all regulations when the grant application for the SES HVAC project was filed. No work for the project will occur this summer, though new water heaters will be installed.

10. CIP/CREC/SEF

The next CIP meeting will be held on 9/10/26. The next CREC meeting will be held at the start of the school year. The SEF Annual Meeting will be held on 7/27/26.

11. ADVANCE CALENDAR

National Night Out will be held on 8/4/26 at 5 p.m. at Field Road Park.

The CABA/CAPSS Convention will take place on 11/20/26 and 11/21/26 at the Mystic Marriott Hotel. Several Board members plan to attend.

The next budget referendum will take place on 6/30/26.

12. AUDIENCE TO CITIZENS/STAFF/STUDENTS

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rationale: The Board to enter into Executive Session and invite Dr. Galloway into Executive Session to discuss the results of the Superintendent's Evaluation and contract.

Motion to enter Executive Session and invite Dr. Galloway to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation at 7:15 p.m. This motion, made by Anne Kirkpatrick and seconded by Ed DePeau, Carried. **Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3 (JT Galloway, Kim Radziewicz, Derek Zelek)**

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion to accept the recommendation from Dr. Galloway of no salary raise for the 26-27 school year and that we extend his contract one year thru 28-29. This motion, made by Anne Kirkpatrick and seconded by Ed DePeau, Carried. **Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3 (JT Galloway, Kim Radziewicz, Derek Zelek)**

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. This motion, made by Gina Olearczyk and seconded by Shane Manning, Carried. **Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3 (JT Galloway, Kim Radziewicz, Derek Zelek)**

Dr. Sharon Goulet, BOE Secretary Date

Jenna McDermott, BOE Recording Secretary