

SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**51 West Cliff Street
Somerville, NJ 08876**

AGENDA

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011
Somerville Middle School Cafeteria
7:00 P.M.**

Mission Statement

Our mission as a school community is to provide quality education through an environment which promotes individual excellence and that all pupils achieve the Common Core State Standards and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

IV. PUBLIC NOTICE

Adequate Notice of this meeting in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," has been provided by action of the Board of Education at the Reorganization Meeting of May 10, 2011. Notice has been provided to the three newspapers circulated in the school district and a posted notice to this effect on the Board of Education building bulletin board, Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, comment is invited on any matter related to agenda items.

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- 3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;*
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 - a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;*
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disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;

- d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and*
- e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.*

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Anti-bullying Bill of Rights/Code of Conduct Presentation

Mr. Thomas Conroy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Items 1* through 4* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

1* Approval of Flexible Spending Account

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the implementation of a Section 125 Flexible Spending Accounts pursuant to the requirements of NJPL 2011 Chapter 78 effective January 1, 2012, as follows:

The Board accepts the recommendation of its group insurance consultant, Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc. to designate Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ as the Board's FSA administrator. (Attachment NB-1)

2* Independent Study Program

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed application for the Independent Study Program at the Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year. (Attachment NB-2)

3* Field Trips

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed request for field trips. (Attachment NB-3)

4* Travel Expenditure Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the school district travel expenditures for the attached programs are in compliance with State travel guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and within the guidelines established by the federal Office of Management and Budget; except as superseded by conflicting provision of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and in compliance with the district

* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

policy on travel; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of the listed number of school board members and district employees at the attached training and informational programs, and the costs of attendance including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount. (Attachment NB-4)

IX. PERSONNEL

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the following appointments upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. (Appointments and salaries contingent upon verified documentation)

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1. To approve the following staff members to the position of intramural supervisors at Somerville Middle School during the 2011-2012 school year at the following stipends:

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| Fall: Soccer: | Mr. Thomas George | \$794.50 |
| | Mr. Nick Petronko | \$794.50 |
| Fall: Dance/Drill Team: | Mrs. Eleni Iannella | \$794.50 |
| | Ms. Sally Whitten | \$794.50 |
| Spring: Soccer: | Mr. Thomas George | \$794.50 |
| | Mr. Nick Petronko | \$794.50 |
| Spring Volleyball | Mrs. Eleni Iannella | \$794.50 |
| | Mr. Michael Callahan | \$794.50 |

2. To approve an extension of the appointment of Nicholas Diaz to the position of interim assistant principal, administrative: principal certification at Van Derveer School effective October 17, 2011 to November 8, 2011 at a salary of \$84,000.00. (Prorated)
3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby grants Lorraine Pohorely, an unpaid disability leave of absence, with benefits, per Article 12(B)(4) of the collective bargaining agreement, for the period, October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, per her physician's certification substantiating the need for this extended leave.

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- 4* To approve a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Danielle Tarvin, teacher of Spanish at Somerville High School, effective November 28, 2011 to January 20, 2012.
- 5* To approve the appointment of Josh Hobbs to the position of assistant boys basketball Coach at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$3,237.00.
- 6* To approve the appointment of Bryce Gibbons to the position of assistant boys baseball coach at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$6,240.00
- 7* To approve the appointment of Dr. Sharon Granetz as a volunteer consultant to assist the Special Education Department as a reading specialist for the 2011-2012 school year.
- 8* To approve the enclosed list of substitute teachers at the rate of \$90.00 per diem for the 2011-2012 school year. (Attachment P-1)
- 9* To approve the appointment of Joseph Scodari to the position of maintenance to fill a vacancy caused by a transfer (Weeast) effective October 17, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at a salary of \$44,655.00. (Step 2) (Prorated) (Emergent Hiring)
- 10* To approve the following list of individuals to the position of paraprofessionals at Somerville High School and Somerville Preschool for the 2011-2012 school year:

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| Lisa Butynes | Marching Band and Color Guard |
| Cindy Hand | Marching Band and Color Guard |
| Donna Rodriguez | Marching Band and Color Guard |
| Paige Cornell | Preschool Volunteer Aide |
- 11* To approve the appointment of Stacey Williams to the leave replacement position of secretary to the assistant principal (Barrows) at the Somerville High School guidance office effective October 17, 2011 to January 6, 2012 at a salary of \$44,487.00. (Step C1) (Prorated) (Emergent Hiring)

X. Presentation by Mayor Brian Gallagher

XI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND NON AGENDA ITEMS

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XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session to discuss student matters and Chief School Administrator evaluation. The minutes of the executive session, to the extent permitted by law, will be made available to the public once the issues are resolved, subject to confidentiality requirements.

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to return to public session.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT