

**SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

**AGENDA**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2011**

**Administrative Offices**

**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**

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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**

### Teacher of the Year Recipients

Overview – Susan McCabe, past Van Derveer School recipient

Presentation of Award - Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent

### Discussion on Director of Technology Position

Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

### District Highlights

Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**It is recommended that Items 1 through 3 be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.**

### **1. Donation to Van Derveer School**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Somerville PreK-8 PTO in the amount of \$4,171.00 for the purchase of an audio sound system for Van Derveer School.

### **2. Pediatric Workshop- Physical Therapy**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Pediatric Workshop to provide physical therapy to students per the attached agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1) for the 2011-2012 school year. (Attachment NB-1)

### **3. Change Order – Roof Replacement Work Contract #2 At Somerville Middle School**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following change order related to the Roof Replacement Work Contract #2 At Somerville Middle School: (Attachment NB-2)

### BMV Group, LLC.

### **Change Order # CO-01**

This Change Order is issued for the reimbursement of permit fees for \$849.00 for the construction permit dated April 8, 2011. The amount of this change is assessed against

\* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

the General Repair Allowance. There is no change to the contract amount.

**It is recommended that Items 4\* through 6\* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.**

**4\* Special Education Parent Advisory Committee**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Mrs. Michelle Edgar as the Somerville Board of Education representative on the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee.

**5\* Title I ARRA Grant Amendment**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enclosed Title I ARRA Grant Amendment. This amendment is needed to transfer \$17,000 from the salary line item to the supply line item to purchase supplies for the after school program. (Attachment NB-3)

**6\* State Contract Vendors**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR BOARDS OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a**

**WHEREAS**, the Somerville Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Somerville Board of Education has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Somerville Board of Education intends to enter into contracts with the attached Referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, the Somerville Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Somerville Board of Education School Board Administrator/Board Secretary shall certify to the availability of sufficient funds prior to the expenditure of funds for such goods or services; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the duration of the contracts between the Somerville Board of Education and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from July 1, 2010 to June

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30, 2011 and July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Apple Computer	70259	IPADS and related software (WSCA)
Dell	77003	Computers, software, licenses, and support
Flinn Scientific	65621	Classroom Supplies
Lakeshore	65594	Classroom Supplies
Millennium	73973	Technology Equipment
Communications Group		
School Specialty	65606	School Supplies
Fisher Scientific	75827	Classroom Supplies
XEROX	51145	Copy Machines

## IX. PERSONNEL

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the following appointment upon recommendation of the superintendent. (Appointments and salaries contingent upon verified documentation)

### K-8

1. To approve an unpaid childbirth disability leave of absence for Allison Cunningham, teacher of kindergarten at Van Derveer School in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
2. To approve an extension of a paid medical leave of absence for Lorraine Pohorely, teacher of ESL at Van Derveer School effective June 1, 2011 to June 14, 2011 and an unpaid medical leave of absence from June 15, 2011 to June 24, 2011.
3. To approve the appointment of Patricia C. Clark to the position of occupational therapist at Van Derveer School effective September 1, 2011 at a salary of \$72,560 (BA Step 13). (Attachment P-1)
4. To approve Cathy Hons, teacher of special education at Somerville Middle School to complete the requirements for the Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant Internship from Rutgers University with Joanna Ambrosio, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant at Van Derveer School in the fall of 2011.
5. To approve the appointment of Kerry Kuboski as a substitute teacher for the Special Education extended school year program on an as needed basis and will be paid her half day per diem rate.
6. To approve the appointment of Deborah Cortigiani to the position of teacher for the summer ESL program for Middle School students effective July 5 – July 28, 2011, Monday- Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the home instruction rate of \$50.00

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per hour. Her salary and all supplies will be funded through the Title III No Child Left Behind Grant.

7. To approve the appointment of Jeanine Guerriero to the position of instructional assistant in the 2011 Summer Enrichment Program at Somerville Middle School for students entering grades 1 through 5, pending sufficient enrollment. The nine day program will consist of eight (8) half-day sessions (8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and one (1) full day session (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) during the period of July 11 through July 21, 2011. Compensation will be at one-half of her per diem rate for eight (8) half-day sessions and a full per diem rate for the one (1) full day session.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the following appointment upon recommendation of the superintendent. (Appointments and salaries contingent upon verified documentation)

\*9-12 and District wide

- 8\* To approve the enclosed employment contract for Bryan P. Boyce, Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. (Attachment P-2)
- 9\* To accept the resignation of Christopher Ramos from the position of Technology Coordinator for the Somerville Public School District effective June 3, 2011.
- 10\* To approve the appointment of Thomas A. Conroy to the position of Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX Coordinator for the 2011-2012 school year at no additional remuneration.
- 11\* To approve the following Somerville High School students to the position of summer custodians at a rate of \$8.25 per hour effective June 27, 2011:  
Darin Watkins – Middle School  
Cameron Gray – High School
- 12\* To approve the appointment of Elizabeth Duque as a substitute bus driver for the 2011-2012 school year at an hourly rate of \$19.50.
- 13\* To approve a change in salary guide placement for the following staff member effective September 1, 2011:  
Suzanne DiOrio MA
- 14\* To approve a newly created position of Director of Technology .
- 15\* To approve the job description for a newly created position of Director of Technology. (Attachment P-2)
- 16\* To approve Jason Solomon to the position of Director of Technology at a salary of \$90,000.00 effective July 1, 2011.

\* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

17\* To approve the revised Director of Curriculum and Instruction job description.  
(Attachment P-3)

**X. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND NON AGENDA ITEMS**

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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