

**WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

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.

TIME AND PLACE The Board of Education of the Borough of Somerville in the County of Somerset, New Jersey convened a Workshop/Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at the Somerville Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Kerestes, President; who asked all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. James Adamec, Mr. Norman Chin, Mr. Kenneth Cornell, Mrs. Michelle Edgar, Mr. Dennis Garot, Mr. Al Kerestes, Mrs. Melissa Looby, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Peter Lawton

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Bryan P. Boyce, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Mr. Kerestes announced that 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 notices 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT****Teacher of the Year Recipients**

Overview - Susan McCabe, past Van Derveer School recipient

Presentation of Award - Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent

Dr. Purnell introduced Susan McCabe who gave an overview of the Teacher of the Year award process.

Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools presented Teacher of the Year Awards to the following recipients:

Mrs. Jennifer Osborn - Van Derveer School
Ms. Lindsey Kulis - Somerville Middle School
Mrs. Lisa Conklin - Somerville High School

There was a brief reception for the Teacher of The Year Award recipients.

Discussion on Director of Technology Position

Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell discussed the need and value of a Director of Technology position including the following points:

- Currently the district lacks a person to assist teachers integrating technology into the classroom to deliver instruction
- Potential to share information technology services with Branchburg Board of Education and Somerville Borough
- Position would be responsible for grant writing including a project to provide Internet access to Somerville Borough
- Position would evaluate the potential for a television studio in Somerville High School
- Position would be responsible for network administration

Mr. Kerestes further highlighted the need for this position by discussing a number of significant technology projects currently underway in the district. Several Board of Education members spoke in favor of the position.

OLD BUSINESS **None**

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.

Mr. Kerestes introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Cornell seconded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Adamec	YES	Lawton	ABSENT
Chin	ABSTAIN	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	N/A

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

Mr. Kerestes introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Cornell seconded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Adamec	YES	Lawton	ABSENT
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*Branchburg Vote Eligible

Chin	YES	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	N/A

It is recommended that Item 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 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
School Specialty	65606	Communications Group
Fisher Scientific	75827	School Supplies
XEROX	51145	Classroom Supplies
		Copy Machines

Mr. Kerestes introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mrs. Looby seconded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Adamec	YES	Lawton	ABSENT
Chin	YES	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	YES

PERSONNEL

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the Superintendent's Recommendations as follows:

(All appointments and salaries subject to verification of documentation.)

K-8

Motion by Mr. Kerestes, seconded by Mr. Cornell that 9-12 and Districtwide item 1 through 7 be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

1. ALLISON
CUNNINGHAM

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. LORRAINE
POHORELY

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. PATRICIA C.
CLARK

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. CATHY HONS

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. KERRY KUBOSKI

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. DEBORAH
CORTIGIANI

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

**7. JEANINE
GUERIERO**

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.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Adamec	YES	Lawton	ABSENT
Chin	YES	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	YES

9-12 and Districtwide

Motion by Mr. Kerestes, seconded by Mr. Cornell that **9-12 and Districtwide** items 1* through 17* be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

**8* BRYAN P.
BOYCE**

APPROVE the enclosed employment contract for Bryan P. Boyce, Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. (Attachment P-2)

Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Adamec	YES	Lawton	ABSENT
Chin	YES	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	ABSTAIN

**9* CHRISTOPHER
RAMOS**

ACCEPT the resignation of Christopher Ramos from the position of Technology Coordinator for the Somerville Public School District effective June 3, 2011.

- 10* THOMAS A. CONROY 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* SUMMER CUSTODIANS 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* ELIZABETH DUQUE 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* SUZANNE DIORIO APPROVE a change in salary guide placement for the following staff member effective September 1, 2011:
Suzanne DiOrio MA
- 14* NEW CREATED POSITION 0 DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY APPROVE a newly created position of Director of Technology.
- 15* JOB DESCRIPTION DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY APPROVE the job description for a newly created position of Director of Technology. (Attachment P-2)
- 16* JOSON SOLOMON APPROVE Jason Solomon to the position of Director of Technology at a salary of \$90,000.00 effective July 1, 2011.
- 17* REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION 17* To approve the revised Director of Curriculum and Instruction job description, as amended. (Attachment P-3)

Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Adamec	YES	Lawton	ABSENT
Chin	YES	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	YES

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. The minutes of the executive session, to the extent permitted by law, will be made available to the public once the issue is resolved, subject to confidentiality requirements. Upon return to public session, action will not be taken.

Mr. Kerestes introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Cornell seconded.

Upon call for a voice vote, the vote was as follows:

Adamec	YES	Lawton	ABSENT
Chin	YES	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	YES

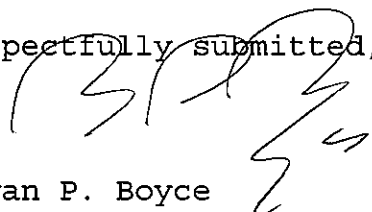
RESOLVE that Board of Education move to return to public session.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mr. Kerestes motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Cornell that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Upon call for a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary

