

**WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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, September 13, 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, Mr. Dennis Garot, Mr. Al Kerestes, Mr. Peter Lawton, Mrs. Melissa Looby, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Michelle Edgar
- 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****District Highlights**

Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell reported on the following:

- Thanked Mr. Kerestes for his opening address to district staff members
- Announced that Somerville has been ranked as the second top performing high school in its District Factor Group
- Somerville High School Student Council acknowledged the tenth anniversary of September 11 tragedy by placing a wreath in front of the Memorial in town
- Preschool staff greeted Preschool students and staff on September 6; new playground equipment installed for students
- Van Derveer School held a self-guided tour of the school for kindergarten students on August 31 and September 1
- Somerville Middle School tribute and school wide activities acknowledging the September 11 tragedy

Ms. Jennifer DePace gave a presentation on her classroom action research for interactive notebooks highlighting the success of the notebooks in the classroom.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Item 1 be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

**1. PARENTAL
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education enter into a transportation agreement with LC (parent) to transport a student to the DLC, Warren, NJ at a cost of \$52.00 per diem for the 2011-2012 school year.

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	yes
Chin	YES	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES

Edgar	ABSENT	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	N/A

It is recommended that Item 2* through 6* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

2* DONATION FOR SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation from Mr. Robert Flora and Mr. Rex Thexton for painting of the ticket booth and construction of ticket booth doors at Somerville High School.

3* SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Somerville Public Schools participation in the Somerset County Library Database Purchasing Cooperative. This partnership will enable all students and faculty members 24/7 access to three quality subscription databases at every school, home and library in Somerset County. The cost of this program will be \$988.84.

4* AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council ("MCCPC") was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of educations, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, Somerville Public Schools desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency to **renew** its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Somerville Board of Education, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Somerville Board of Education of the Somerville Public Schools hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement with the Morris

County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2011 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said Agreement is for **renewal** of membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2016.

2. The Somerville Board of Education, Board Secretary is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.

4. All appropriate Somerville Public Schools officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

**5* IN-SCHOOL
SUSPENSION**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve In-School Suspension for Somerville High School as per the attached memorandum from Mr. Corey Jones, Principal of Somerville High School.

**6* 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 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.

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	YES
Chin	YES	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	ABSENT	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.)

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Motion by Mr. Kerestes, seconded by Mr. Cornell that 9-12 and Districtwide item 1 through 4 be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

1. JENNIFER MITCHELL

APPROVE a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Jennifer Mitchell, fifth grade teacher at Van Derveer School, effective November 21, 2011 to January 17, 2012 and an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from January 18, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

2. JODIE WILSON

APPROVE the appointment of Jodie Wilson as a volunteer in the Van Derveer Media Center for the 2011-2012 school year.

3. ABOLISH INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT POSITION - VDV

ABOLISH a position of a one on one instructional assistant at Van Derveer School. This position is no longer necessary as the student has been promoted to Somerville Middle School.

4. CREATE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT POSITION - SMS

CREATE the position of a one on one instructional assistant at the Somerville Middle School. This position is needed as the student has been promoted to Somerville Middle School and is still in need of this service.

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

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

9-12 and Districtwide

Motion by Mr. Kerestes, seconded by Mr. Garot that 9-12 and Districtwide items 5* through 14* be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

5* JULIE NAMI

APPROVE Julie Nami, teacher at Somerville High School, to complete a one hundred hour internship toward a masters in Educational Leadership at The College of New Jersey at no additional remuneration. Mr. Corey Jones, Principal of Somerville High School will supervise this process effective September 14, 2011 to December 30, 2011.

**6* SUZANNE
DIORIO/REBECCA
LINTON**

APPROVE a change in salary guide placement for the following staff member effective September 1, 2011:

Suzanne Di Orio	MA +15
Rebecca Linton	MA +15

**7* MASCHIO'S
FOOD SERVICE**

APPROVE the following independent cafeteria workers from Maschio's Food Services:

Caterina Gaughan
Claudia Mejia
Lina Ospina

8* DAVID SELTZER

APPROVE the appointment of David Seltzer to the position of District Computer Help Desk Technician effective August 24, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at a salary of \$38,000.00 (prorated) as per the recommendation of the Technology Committee.

**9* CHANGE JOB
TITLE**

APPROVE a change in the job title from of Coordinator of Computerized Administrative Services to Coordinator of Technical Services.

**10* JOB
DESCRIPTION
COORDINATOR OF
TECHNICAL
SERVICES**

APPROVE the attached job description for the position of Coordinator of Technical Services.

11* CREATE
COMPUTER
TECHNICIAN
POSITION

CREATE a full time computer technician position as per the August 23, 2011 Board of Education presentation.

12* CORY WEEAST

APPROVE a transfer of Cory Weeast from the position of maintenance to the position of computer technician district-wide effective September 14, 2011 at his current 2011-2012 salary.

14* JEAN A.
LAZAUSKAS

APPROVE the appointment of Jean A. Lazauskas to the position of teacher of Spanish certification: teacher of Spanish at Somerville High School to fill in for permanent teacher effective September 6, 2011 to September 19, 2011 at a salary of \$58,215.00. (Step 6 MA) (prorated)

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

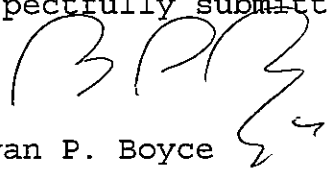
Mr. Lawton reviewed a Courier News article that emphasized the benefit of a gymnastics program at Somerville High School.

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 7:22 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary

