

SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

51 West Cliff Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 22, 2011
District Conference Room

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

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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- meeting;*
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 - e. *Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.*

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings as follows:

* November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Gateway Summer Academy and Project Lead the Way Overview

Ms. Cindy Atkins, Pre-K-12 Supervisor
Mr. Michael Kydonieus, High School Math Teacher

DNA Club Presentation

Mr. George Mellors, High School Science Teacher

Internet Social Networks Policy Presentation

Mr. Jason Solomon, Director of Technology

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Items **1*** through **5*** be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

1* Use of Additional 2011 State Aid

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has made \$370,840.00 in additional state school aid available to the Somerville School District during the 2011-2012 school year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the use of \$370,840.00 in additional state aid to make no changes in the current 2011-2012 budget and appropriate the surplus funds generated into the 2012-2013 budget.

2* Snow Removal Agreement with the Borough of Somerville

RESOLVED that the Board of Education enter into the enclosed agreement with the Borough of Somerville to provide snow removal and salting services. This represents a 2% increase over 2011. (Attachment NB-1)

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

3* Snow Removal Agreement with Adamsville Maintenance

RESOLVED that the Board of Education renew an agreement with Adamsville Maintenance to provide district snow plowing services at a rate \$120.00 per hour for standard time and \$138.00 per hour for premium time. This represents no increase over 2010-2011 school year.

4* Field Trips

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed request for field trips. (Attachment NB-2)

5* 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. (Attachment NB-3)

X. REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS

- A. Finance Committee:
Dennis Garot, Chairperson
James Adamec, Member
Kenneth Cornell, Member

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

1. Acceptance of Monthly Reports

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the monthly reports as listed below: (Attachment B-1)

- A. Middle School Fund (October)
- B. Van Derveer School Fund (October)

2. Bills Lists

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District: (Attachment B-2)

Van Derveer and Middle Schools Bills List Dated November 22, 2011 10 General Fund	\$ 51,323.76
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* Branchburg Vote Eligible

20 Special Revenue Fund	63,067.02
TOTAL	\$ 147,342.82

3. Payroll

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payroll payments for the following dates:

DATE	PAYROLL
November 15, 2011	\$479,400.36 (MS & VDV)

It is recommended that Items **4*** through **8*** be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

4* Board Secretary's Financial Reports

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the Board Secretary's Reports listed below:

- A. Treasurer's Report (October) (Attachment B-3)
- B. Secretary's Report (October) (Attachment B-4)
- C. Investments (October) (Attachment B-5)
- D. Food Services (October) (Attachment B-6)

5* Acceptance of Monthly Reports

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the monthly reports as listed below: (Attachment B-7)

- A. High School Fund (October)
- B. Athletic/Extracurricular Fund (October)

6* Bills Lists

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District: (Attachment B-8)

District Wide and High School	
Bill List Dated November 22, 2011	
10 General Fund	\$633,805.19
20 Special Revenue Fund	22,582.96
60 Cafeteria Fund	141,795.71
TOTAL	\$798,183.86

7* Payroll

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payroll payments for the following dates:

DATE	PAYROLL
November 15, 2011	\$710,365.99 (ADMIN & HS)
November 15, 2011	\$ 27,582.65 (FICA)

8* Line Item Transfers

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed October line item transfers.

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

Kenneth Cornell, Member

- G. Special Education Parent Advisory Committee:
Michelle Edgar, Liaison
- H. Borough Council/B.O.E. Liaison:
John Prudente, Liaison
- I. Somerset County Educational Services Commission:
James Adamec, Delegate
- J. New Jersey School Boards Association:
Linda Olson, Delegate
- K. Somerset County Association of Boards of Education:
John Prudente, Delegate

XI. PERSONNEL

K-8

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the Superintendent of School's recommendations as follows: (appointments and salaries contingent upon verified documentation)

1. To approve a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Ashlee Haggerty, teacher of first grade at Van Derveer School, effective January 20, 2012 to March 20, 2012 and an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from March 21, 2012 to June 30, 2012.
2. To approve a paid medical leave of absence for Deborah Herbel, teacher of fifth grade at Van Derveer School effective January 3, 2012 to February 28, 2012.
3. To approve the appointment of David Vaughn to the position of interscholastic head cross country coach at the Somerville Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$3,699.00
4. To approve the appointment of Richard Repole to the position of interscholastic assistant cross country coach at the Somerville Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$2,312.00.
5. To approve the appointment of Salvina Tripoli to the leave replacement position of teacher of fifth grade (Mitchell) at Van Derveer School effective November 21, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at a salary of \$52,320.00. (Step 3 BA) (prorated)

9-12 and Districtwide

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the Superintendent of School's recommendations as follows: (appointments and salaries contingent upon verified documentation)

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

6* To approve the enclosed list of substitute teachers at \$90.00 per diem for the 2011-2012 school year. (Attachment P-1)

7* To approve the following staff members to the position of Title I Educational Proficiency Plan Tutors at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year at the rate of \$50.00 per hour:

Karen Longo-Baldwin	Mathematics and Language Arts
Gilman Eaton	Mathematics
Jeanine Dilling	Mathematics
Christopher Mulligan	Mathematics

8* To approve the following staff members to the position of co-head coach at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year:

Danielle Tarvin – Co-Head Winter Cheerleading Coach - \$3,340
Michelle Moore – Co-Head Winter Cheerleading Coach - \$4,195

XII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session to discuss student matters. 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.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

* Branchburg Vote Eligible