

REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

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 Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at the Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.
- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Kerestes, President.
- ROLL CALL**
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. James Adamec, Mr. Kenneth Cornell, Mrs. Michelle Edgar (arrived 7:10 p.m.), Mr. Dennis Garot, Mr. Al Kerestes, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Norman Chin, Mr. Peter Lawton, Mrs. Melissa Looby
- 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 Regular Meeting of September 27, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

\*The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Kerestes to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2011 Regular Meeting.

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

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

\*The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Kerestes to approve the Minutes of the October 1, 2011 Weekshop Meeting.

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

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

\*The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Kerestes to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2011 Workshop/Regular Meeting.

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

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

\*The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Kerestes to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2011 Executive Session I.

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

Adamec	YES	Lawton	ABSENT
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\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

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

\*The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Kerestes to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2011 Executive Session II.

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

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

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

##### Summer 2011 Reading Program Overview

Mr. Thomas Conroy, Director of Curriculum

Ms. Cindy Atkins, PreK-12 Supervisor

Ms. Atkins led a group of students and their teachers to display and describe their projects from Summer Reading Friday during which the district celebrates reading. Fourth-graders displayed their story flag summaries of the realistic fiction read, legal files were displayed by sixth-graders, ninth-graders explained how they took descriptions from the nonfiction read to illustrate a newly-discovered celestial object, and twelfth-graders explained their projects on Nemesis, synthesizing the themes into visual representations.

##### HIB Presentation

Mr. Marc Zitomer, Esq.

Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP

Marc Zitomer, Esq., Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP gave a presentation on New Jersey's Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act - N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13 et. Mr. Zitomer's presentation included a review of the legislative intent of the Act, definition of "harassment, intimidation or bullying", Somerville Board of Education compliance with the new law, responsibilities of Anti-Bullying Specialists, Anti-Bullying Coordinators and

School Safety Teams, standards and procedures for reporting and investigating incidents of bullying and relevance to other overlapping laws.

School Violence and Vandalism Report for 2010-2011

Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell gave a formal presentation on the Violence and Vandalism Report - Annual Public Hearing. Dr. Purnell's presentation included counts of incidents by reporting category comparing 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, actions taken in response to the 2010-2011 incidents, offender and victim information, programs provided upon disciplinary action, and measures taken to keep our schools safe. Dr. Purnell also distributed a School Violence and Vandalism Report for 2010-2011 to the Board of Education along with a list of activities to address violence and vandalism and recommendations for improvement.

Collaborative Professional Learning Academy Update

Mr. Thomas Conroy, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Professional Development Committee

Mr. Conroy reported on several statistics related to the 21 technology workshops offered as part of the Summer Technology Workshop Series:

- 3 of the workshops were for parents
- 42% of staff attended at least 1 workshop
- 47 staff members attended 6 or more workshops
- 14 teachers from other districts attended

Mr. Conroy also reported on the Collaborative Professional Learning Academy run during the 2011-2012 school year. 262 teachers have been registered in the 38 workshops offered.

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell reported on the following:

- The Interlocal Service Agreement on the

agenda saves the Borough capital dollars and provides a revenue stream for the Board of Education

- Abbey Nolte named Star Ledger athlete of the week
- New podcasts posted on Dr. Purnell's blog
- Misquote in newspaper with respect to canceled Somerville High School consolation football game
- Activities during the month of October at the Preschool, Van Derveer School, Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School

**NEW BUSINESS**

It is recommended that Items 1 through \*14 be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

**1. DONATION FOR VAN DERVEER SCHOOL**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation from the PS-8 PTO in the amount of \$1,400.00 to fund the Van Derveer School third annual Family Night Under the Stars.

**2. LET'S MOVE SALAD BARS TO SCHOOL SALAD BAR GRANT AT VAN DERVEER SCHOOL**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Van Derveer School as the recipient of the Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools Salad Bar Grant.

**3. DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE MATERIALS**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached recommendations from the elementary school principal to dispose of instructional property in accordance with Policy/Regulation 7300 because the materials are so outdated as to no longer serve as worthy instructional tools or are so worn as to preclude effective use and economical repair or restoration.

**4. RECYCLING INITIATIVE AT SOMERVILLE PRESCHOOL**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the participation of the Somerville Preschool in the Terracycle Recycling Brigade Program. Drink pouches, chip bags, and cookie package wrappers will be collected and submitted for a \$0.02 reimbursement for each wrapper for the Preschool. The money will be used to purchase new books for the preschool classroom libraries.

**5\* UPDATE TO A  
UNIFORM STATE  
MEMORANDUM OF  
AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
EDUCATION AND  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICIALS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enclosed Update to a Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

**6\* DISPOSAL OF  
OBSOLETE  
MATERIALS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached recommendations from the Director of Technology to dispose of instructional property in accordance with Policy/Regulation 7300 because the materials are so outdated as to no longer serve as worthy instructional tools or are so worn as to preclude effective use and economical repair or restoration.

**7\* WITHDRAWAL  
FROM CAPITAL  
RESERVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Somerville Board of Education has obtained approval from the Department of Education for the following school facility project:

Project Description:	Somerville High School Auditorium HVAC
DOE Project #:	4820-050-10-1001
SDA Project #:	4820-050-10-GORU
Grant #:	G5-4530

**AND WHEREAS**, the Somerville Board of Education has elected to receive a Section 15 Grant for the aforementioned project;

**AND WHEREAS**, in order to receive a Section 15 Grant, the District must provide a Board resolution authorizing use and purpose of the capital reserve account if the local share is funded through the capital reserve account;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Somerville Board of Education has approved the withdrawal of \$128,588 from the capital reserve account to fund the local share of the final eligible costs of said project on September 14, 2010;

**AND WHEREAS**, additional funding is being sought for scope that falls within the efficiency standards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerville Board of Education approve the withdrawal of an additional \$177,412 from capital reserve to fund an increased local share of said project.

**8\* INTERLOCAL  
SERVICE  
AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011, between the Somerville Borough Board of Education ("Board") with an address at 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876, and the Borough of Somerville ("Borough") with an address at 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey 08876.

**WHEREAS**, the Board and the Borough desire to conserve financial resources and implement cost savings whenever and wherever possible through shared services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has Voice of Internet Protocol (VoIP) services and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of accessing and utilizing this VoIP services and facilities at reasonable shared cost; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board has constructed an additional fiber optic connection from Borough Hall to Somerville Middle School to provide the physical connection necessary for shared access and utilization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board and the Borough have determined that the provision of such services and the cost thereof is fair and equitable and will serve the best interest of each, and of the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, both Somerville and the Board are desirous of entering into an agreement with respect to the provision of such services under the parameters of the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et seq., as amended.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual and joint obligations set forth herein and other valuable consideration, Somerville and the Board

do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. The Borough shall pay to the Board the sum of \$750.00 per month in exchange for VoIP services and facilities as well as additions, moves and changes of the Board's VoIP system

2. The Board shall provide to the Borough a fiber optic connection from the Somerville Middle School to Borough Hall. It is understood that the connection and cable is owned by and will remain the property of the Board.

3. The term of this Agreement shall commence as soon as practicable after connection installation.

4. The Borough shall provide any additional connection(s) to and from other Borough entities (such as the Somerville Police Department) at its own cost and expense.

5. Any other connections in addition to those specifically discussed herein shall be at the sole cost and expense of the Borough.

6. It is understood that the Board has paid for engineering work and legal fees to facilitate the connection referred to herein, as well as a construction manager to oversee project. The Board seeks no additional reimbursement for the provision of such services to date.

7. The Board will also loan two Cisco Catalyst 3560 Series PoE 48 port switches to the Borough for its use in operating its network system, which has reduced the cost to the Borough of expenses it otherwise would incur.

8. This Agreement is the entire agreement between the parties, and no alterations, changes or additional hereto shall be made except in writing and approved by both parties.

9. Either party may cancel this agreement for any reason upon 60 days written notice to the

other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board and the Borough have caused this agreement to be executed by their proper corporate officials and their proper corporate seals affixed the day and year first above written.

**9\* SUBMISSION OF FORM M-1 AND COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities are listed in the enclosed document for the various school facilities of the Somerville Board of Education are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their systems warranties valid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerville Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the enclosed Form M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Somerville Board of Education in compliance with the Department of Education requirements.

**10\* DISTRICT-WIDE SCHOOL NURSING PLAN 2011-2012**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed Somerville Public Schools Nursing Services Plan for the 2011-2012 school year.

**11\* FEDERAL GRANT SALARIES**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following percentage of staff members' salaries, which are partially or completely funded by federal grants.

**NCLB - Fiscal Year - 2012**

**Title 1**

**Name**

Luke McGrath	8%
Tanya McDonald	100%

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

Ruth Ann Scherr	33%
Rebecca Linton	44%
Jeanine Dilling	6%
Lauren Jackson	33%

**Title IIA**

Name

Susan Biuso	79%
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**Title III**

Name

Karen Longo Baldwin	21%
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**IDEA - Fiscal Year 2012**

Name

Georgette Boulegeris	29%
Robert Reavey	29%
Susan Haynes	29%
Nicholas Diaz	30%

**12\* ALLIANCE  
FOR COMPETITIVE  
TELE-  
COMMUNICATIONS  
(ACT)**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the participation in the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT) with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017.

**13\* FIELD TRIPS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enclosed request for field trips.

**14\* 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	ABSENT
Chin	ABSENT	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	ABSENT

**REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS**

**A. Finance Committee:**

Dennis Garot, Chairperson  
James Adamec, Member

Mr. Garot stated the Finance Committee will meet again in December to continue building the 2012-2013 budget.

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:

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

**2. BILLS LISTS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District:

Van Derveer and Middle Schools  
Bills List Dated October 15, 2011

10 General Fund	\$	123,616.74
20 Special Revenue Fund		41,833.16
TOTAL	\$	165,449.90

Van Derveer and Middle Schools

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

Bills List Dated November 8, 2011			
10 General Fund	\$	125,083.12	
20 Special Revenue Fund		4,546.98	
30 Capital Projects Fund		17,712.72	
	TOTAL	\$	147,342.82

Mr. Garot 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	ABSENT	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	ABSENT

**3. PAYROLL PAYMENTS**

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
September 30, 2011	\$440,951.49 (MS & VDV)
October 15, 2011	\$457,707.13 (MS & VDV)
October 30, 2011	\$440,730.18 (MS & VDV)

Mr. Garot 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	ABSENT	Garot	ABSTAIN
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	ABSTAIN	*Looby	ABSENT

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 (August & September)
- B. Secretary's Report (August & September)
- C. Investments (August & September)
- D. Food Services (September)

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

**5\* ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the monthly reports as listed below:

- A. High School Fund (August & September)
- B. Athletic/Extracurricular Fund (August & September)

**6\* BILL LISTS**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve payment of the following obligations of the School District:

Administrative and High School  
Bill List Dated September 30, 2011

10 General Fund	\$412,846.93
TOTAL	\$412,846.93

Bill List Dated October 15, 2011

10 General Fund	\$812,006.84
20 Special Revenue Fund	60,616.36
TOTAL	\$872,623.20

Bill List Dated November 8, 2011

10 General Fund	\$569,178.48
20 Special Revenue Fund	266,942.22
30 Capital Projects Fund	276,778.27
TOTAL	\$1,113,116.59

**7\* PAYROLL PAYMENTS**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the payroll payments for the following dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
September 30, 2011	\$550,284.95 (ADMIN & HS)
September 30, 2011	\$ 12,061.53 (FICA)
October 15, 2011	\$566,947.26 (ADMIN & HS)
October 15, 2011	\$ 14,955.45 (FICA)
October 30, 2011	\$540,002.72 (ADMIN & HS)
October 30, 2011	\$ 11,610.27 (FICA)

**8\* LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enclosed August and September line item transfers.

Mr. Garot 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	ABSENT	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	ABSENT

**Certification of Major Account Status**

(Read into record - Mr. Dennis Garot)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2:11(c)r, the Somerville Board of Education certifies that as of August 31, 2011 and September 30, 2011 after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate officials, to the best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2:11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Major accounts are Current Expense, Capital Projects and Debt Service)

**B. Building and Grounds:**

Kenneth Cornell, Chairperson  
Peter Lawton, Member

Mr. Cornell reported the buildings and facilities have been prepared for the winter.

**C. Athletics and Student Activities:**

John Prudente, Chairperson

Mr. Prudente congratulated athletes of the week and the Somerville High School Marching Band for their first place finish at a recent band festival. Mr. Prudente also recognized the girls soccer team for their success this year.

**\*DNA Research Club**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the creation of a DNA Research Club at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Prudente 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	ABSENT	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	ABSENT

D. Curriculum:

Linda Olson, Chairperson  
James Adamec, Member

No Report

E. Policy:

Al Kerestes, Chairperson

\*First Reading

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Policy/Regulation for a revised first reading:

R 5600 Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct

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	ABSENT	Garot	YES
Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Edgar	YES	Prudente	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Looby	ABSENT

\*Second Reading

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Regulation for a revised second reading:

Bylaw 0141.2 Board Members and Term - Receiving  
(Revised)  
P 1230 Superintendent's Duties (Revised)  
P 2132 School District Goals and  
Objectives (Revised)  
P/R 2414 Programs and Services for Pupils  
in High Poverty and in High Need

P/R 2431.4	School Districts (Revised) Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (Revised)
P 2461	Special Education/Receiving Schools (Revised)
P 3125.2	Employment of Substitute Teachers (New)
R 3144	Certification of Tenure Charges (Revised)
R 4159	Support Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities (Revised)
P/R 5561	Use of Physical Restraint (New)
P 6150	Tuition Income (Revised)
P 6220	Budget Preparation (Revised)
P 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (New)
P 6820	Financial Reports (Revised)

Mr. Kerestes introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Garot seconded.

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

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

F. Technology Committee:

Norman Chin, Chairperson  
James Adamec, Member  
Kenneth Cornell, Member

No Report

G. Special Education Parent Advisory Committee:  
Michelle Edgar, Liaison

Mrs. Edgar indicated the next meeting is on November 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Van Derveer School.

H. Borough Council/BOE:

John Prudente, Liaison

No Report

I. Somerset County Educational Services:  
Commission: James Adamec, Liaison

No Report

J. New Jersey School Boards Association:  
Mrs. Linda Olson, Delegate

Mrs. Olson indicated she will be attending the Annual Delegate Assembly meeting on November 19, 2011.

K. Somerset County School Board Association  
John Prudente, Delegate

Mr. Prudente indicated the next meeting is November 16, 2011 at Franklin High School.

**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 and 9-12 and Districtwide**

Motion by Mr. Kerestes seconded by Mr. Prudente that items **K-8 and 9-12 and Districtwide** - 1 to \*28 be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

**1. HOMEWORK CLUB MONITORS** **APPROVE** the enclosed list of staff members to the positions of Homework Club monitors for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of \$35.00 per hour per the SEA contract.

**2. LISA YATES** **APPROVE** Lisa Yates, First Baptist Preschool Director, to observe the preschool classrooms for the implementation of the High/Scope Program.

**3. NICHOLAS A. DIAZ** **APPROVE** the appointment of Nicholas A. Diaz to the position of assistant principal of Van Derveer School effective November 9, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at a salary of \$88,000.00. (prorated)

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

4. **LAY L.KWA**            **ACCEPT** the resignation of Lay L. Kwa from the position of cafeteria/playground aide at Van Derveer School effective October 27, 2011.
5. **KIM WORTMAN**        **APPROVE** the appointment of Kim Wortman to the position of cafeteria/playground aide at Van Derveer School for the 2011-2012 school year at a salary of \$11.75 per hour.
6. **BARBARA PETRUSHKA**    **APPROVE** a leave of absence for Barbara Petrushka, cafeteria/playground aide at Van Derveer School, effective September 26, 2011 through January 2, 2012.
7. **ALEXIS TRUCHAN**        **APPROVE** Alexis Truchan, a Rutgers University Graduate School of Education student, to complete her field placement as a grade three student teacher in Holly Ehrnman's class at Van Derveer School from November 14, 2011 through December 23, 2011.
8. **SAMANTHA CRESPO**        **APPROVE** Samantha Crespo, a Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Education student, to complete her five-day classroom observation/placement in Jennifer Osborn's first grade class at Van Derveer School from January 9, 2012 through January 13, 2012.
9. **KAREN HARVEY**        **APPROVE** Karen Harvey, a Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Education student, to complete her ten-day classroom observation/ placement in Jessica Markle's fourth grade class at Van Derveer School from January 9, 2012 through January 20, 2012.
10. **ELIZABETH DARABANT**    **APPROVE** Elizabeth Darabant, a Raritan Valley Community College student, to complete her ten hour service learning experience with Jocelyn Eckardt's sixth and seventh grade language arts literacy classes at the Somerville Middle School.
11. **KATHIE PRIESTLY**        **APPROVE** Kathie Priestly as a coach for the teachers in the Somerville Preschool on the implementation of the High/Scope Curriculum at a rate of \$100.00 per hour paid through the Preschool Education Aid Grant.

12. CREATE NEW POSITION - INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT PRESCHOOL ABA CLASS APPROVE the creation of an instructional assistant position for the Preschool ABA class at Van Derveer School for a new student entering from an early intervention program. This is necessary in order for our ABA Program to be effective where a low staff to student ration is required.
13. CREATE NEW POSITION - INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT VAN DERVEER SCHOOL APPROVE the creation of an one on one instructional assistant for a classified student at Van Derveer School. The student is new to our district and requires the aide as stipulated in her IEP. Our Child Study Team agrees with this recommendation.
14. CREATE NEW POSITION - INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT PRESCHOOL PROGRAM APPROVE the creation of a part time one on one instructional assistant position for a student entering the preschool program in January. The student is orthopedically handicapped and requires the assistance of an aide.
- 15\* SHS MARCHING BAND PARAPROFESSIONALS APPROVE the following to the positions of paraprofessionals at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year:  
Gary Helm Marching Band  
Sarah Helm Marching Band  
Erik Johnson Marching Band and Color Guard
- 16\* CHRISTOPHER BALDINO APPROVE the appointment of Christopher Baldino to the position of head track coach at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$8,225.00.
- 17\* DAVID VAUGHN APPROVE the appointment of David Vaughn to the position of assistant track coach at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$6,240.00.
- 18\* JESSICA LAMOTTA APPROVE the appointment of Jessica LaMotta to the position of teacher of social studies/psychology at Somerville High School to fill a vacancy caused by a leave replacement (Annese) effective November 14, 2011 to March 30, 2012 at a salary of \$56,420.00. (Step 1 MA) (prorated)

- 19\* BRENT MCGUINNESS APPROVE Brent McGuinness , teacher of special education at Somerville High School, to complete his administrative and supervision field study in the spring of 2012.
- 20\* MICHAEL BATISTA APPROVE Michael Batista, a physical education teacher in South Plainfield High School to observe the Somerville physical education staff as a professional development opportunity. This practice is consistent with our initiative of promoting best practices of instruction through collaboration by means of peer observation.
- 21\* TITLE I BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL TUTORS AT SHS APPROVE the attached list of staff members to the position of Title I Before and After School Tutors at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of \$35.00 per hour.
- 22\* GEORGE MELLORS APPROVE the appointment of George Mellors to the position of club advisor for the newly created DNA Research Club at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year at no additional remuneration.
- 23\* TITLE I EDUCATIONAL PROFICIENCY PLAN TUTORS AT SHS APPROVE the attached list of 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.
- 24\* LINDSEY KULIS APPROVE a change in salary guide placement for the following staff member effective September 1, 2011:  
Lindsey Kulis BA + 15
- 25\* JOHN VENEZIA APPROVE a paid medical leave of absence for John Venezia, social studies teacher at Somerville High School effective December 6, 2011 through February 7, 2012.
- 26\* CURRICULUM PROJECT 9-12 APPROVE the enclosed curriculum project 9-12.
- 27\* PATRICK DJAMOOS/SCOTT SHEPARD APPROVE Patrick Djamoos, Videographer and Scott Shepard, Immaculata High School football coach to occupy the press box and press box roof at Somerville High School for Immaculata High School home football games.

28\* JESSICA  
CANGELOSI

ACCEPT the resignation of Jessica Cangelosi from the position of teacher of science at Somerville High School effective December 31, 2011.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

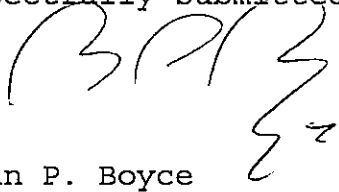
There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mr. Prudente motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Edgar that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan P. Boyce  
Board Secretary

