

SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

51 West Cliff Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
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:

* January 10, 2012	Workshop/Regular Meeting
* January 10, 2012	Executive Session
* January 24, 2012	Regular Meeting
* January 24, 2012	Executive Session
* February 7, 2012	Workshop/Regular Meeting

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Somerville Middle School Program Highlights

Ms. Georgette Boulegeris, Principal

Somerville Middle School Mathematics Sequence Implementation

Mr. Thomas Conroy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Georgette Boulegeris, Principal

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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

1. Joetta Clark Diggs Fitness Challenge

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Somerville Middle School participation in the Joetta Clark Diggs Fitness Challenge sponsored by Horizon NJ Health and the Joetta Clark Diggs Sports Foundation. The program will run for seven weeks.

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

2* Somerville High School Student Request

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a request for a Somerville High School student to complete her senior year at Somerville High School since her family moved out of Somerville in January 2012.

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

3* Somerville High School Tuition Rate

RESOLVED that the Board of Education establish the tentative Somerville High School tuition rate at \$12,533.00 per pupil for the 2012-2013 school year.

4* Change in Meeting Dates

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a change in the date of the March 20, 2012 Regular Meeting to Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

5* Field Trips

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed request for field trips. (Attachment NB-1)

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. (Attachment NB-2)

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 (January)
- B. Van Derveer School Fund (January)

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 February 21, 2012

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

10 General Fund	\$ 57,145.56
20 Special Revenue Fund	12,168.62
TOTAL	\$ 69,314.18

3. Payroll

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

DATE	PAYROLL
January 30, 2012	\$451,237.99 (MS & VDV)
February 15, 2012	\$492,912.09 (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 (January) (Attachment B-3)
- B. Secretary's Report (January) (Attachment B-4)
- C. Investments (January) (Attachment B-5)
- D. Food Services (January) (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 (January)
- B. Athletic/Extracurricular Fund (January)

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 February 21, 2012	
10 General Fund	\$1,346,924.34
20 Special Revenue Fund	57,402.81
30 Capital Projects Fund	49,469.44
40 Debt Service	882,708.75
60 Cafeteria Fund	85.00
TOTAL	\$2,336,590.34

7* Payroll

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

DATE	PAYROLL
January 30, 2012	\$536,770.92 (ADMIN & HS)

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

January 30, 2012 \$ 12,605.01 (FICA)
February 15, 2012 \$652,839.58 (ADMIN & HS)
February 15, 2012 \$ 24,482.77 (FICA)

8* Line Item Transfers

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed January Line Item Transfers. (Attachment NB-9)

Certification of Major Account Status

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23 2:11(c)r, the Somerville Board of Education certifies that as of January 31, 2012 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. Buildings and Grounds Committee:
Kenneth Cornell, Chairperson
Peter Lawton, Member

Facilities Report – January 2012 (Attachment C-1)

- C. Athletics and Student Activities Committee:
John Prudente, Chairperson

Ultimate Frisbee Club

***RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the creation of an Ultimate Frisbee Club at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year. (Attachment C-2)

- D. Curriculum Committee:
Linda Olson, Chairperson
James Adamec, Member

Curriculum Committee Meeting – February 7, 2012 (Attachment C-3)

Parent Curriculum Committee Planning Meeting – February 15, 2012 (Attachment C-4)

Adoption of Curriculum Maps:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt the following curriculum maps: (Attachment C-5)

Middle School

Concert Band: Grades 6-8
Popular Culture through Art: Grade 7
Musical Foundations: Grade 7
Symphonic Band/Jazz Band: Grades 6-8
Classical Guitar: Grade 8
Graphic Arts: Grade 8
Music of the United States: Grade 8

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

- E. Policy Committee:
Al Kerestes, Chairperson

*First Reading (Attachment C-6)

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following bylaw/policy/regulation for a first reading:

Bylaw	0168	Recording Board Meetings
P	3119.26	Staff Use of Internet Social Networks and Other Forms of Electronic Communication
P/R	5519	Dating Violence at School
P	6424	Emergency Contracts
P	8505	School Nutrition
P	9180	School Volunteers
P	9181	Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants

- F. Technology Committee:
Norman Chin, Chairperson
James Adamec, Member
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 the appointment of the following individuals to the position of morning and afternoon monitors at Van Derveer School for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of \$34.00 per hour:
William Penn
Dr. Ellyn Stein

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

2. To approve Allison Sloan, a student from Raritan Valley Community College, to complete her field experience in the Somerville Middle School Health Office for one day for four hours.
3. To approve Parina Prasad, a student from Raritan Valley Community College, to complete a classroom observation in Van Derveer School for one day for four hours in Mrs. Alwaise-Begarney's fourth grade class.
4. To approve the enclosed curriculum projects K-8. (Attachment P-1)

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)

- 5* To accept the retirement/resignation of Bruce Kafer from the position of teacher of social studies at Somerville High School effective June 30, 2012.
- 6* To accept the retirement/resignation of Ty Klock from the position of teacher of science at Somerville High School effective June 30, 2012.
- 7* To accept the retirement/resignation of Joe Armenti from the position of teacher of science at Somerville High School effective June 30, 2012.
- 8* To approve the appointment of Michelle Moore to the position of JV cheerleading coach at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$3,340.00.
- 9* To approve the appointment of Matthew Krempasky to the position of club advisor for the newly created Ultimate Frisbee Club at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year at no additional remuneration.
- 10* To approve Daniel Swanson, a student from Raritan Valley Community College, to complete his 10 hour field experience at Somerville High School under the supervision of Kacie DeFelice, science teacher.
- 11* To approve the enclosed list of substitute teachers at \$90.00 per diem for the 2011-2012 school year. (Attachment P-2)

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 a student matter and pending litigation. 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