

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018
SOMERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Mission Statement
Somerville Public Schools provide the highest quality education through an environment that promotes individual excellence to all students.

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, October 9, 2018 at the Somerville Middle School Cafeteria, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Olson, President.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Kenneth Cornell (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Mrs. Kristen Fabriczi, Mr. Derek Jess, Ms. Candace Matthews, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Mr. Lucien Sergile, Mrs. Erin Sweitzer and Mrs. Denise Van Horn

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

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

Mrs. Olson 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 on November 21, 2017, notices to the two 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

None

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***APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

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

The motion was made by Mr. Prudente and seconded by Mr. Cornell to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2018 Regular Meeting.

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

The motion was made by Mr. Prudente and seconded by Mr. Cornell to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2018 Executive Session.

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**Standardized Testing Report

Dr. Timothy M. Teehan, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Natalie Franzi, Academic Achievement Officer and Mr. Christopher Mulligan, Director of Special Projects provided the Board with 2017-2018 standardized test results in ELA and Math. They identified key observations in all the different type of assessments and explained what the district is doing with the data to improve instruction for our students.

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy M. Teehan, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Teehan, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed the student representatives to the Board of Education: Daphne Dizon and Callie Stitt. He highlighted various activities at Van Derveer

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School, Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School. He congratulated the 2019 National Merit Scholars Emily Cleary, Joseph Napoli and Michael Tuma. He also congratulated Nikhil Kamdan who is a semi-finalist.

OLD BUSINESS None

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

1. HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING REPORT **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the monthly Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying unconfirmed cases #2018-2019:1SMS-NC.

Mr. Prudente introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

It is recommended that Items 2* through 9* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

2* HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING REPORT **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the monthly Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying unconfirmed cases #2018-2019:1SHS-NC, #2018-2019:2SHS-NC, #2018-2019:3SHS-NC, #2018-2019:4SHS-NC, and #2018-2019:5SHS-NC.

3* 2017-2018 SOMERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANTI-BULLYING SCHOOL SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached 2017-2018 Somerville Public Schools Anti-Bullying School Self-Assessment Report. (Attachment NB-1)

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- 4* DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE MATERIALS** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached recommendation from the Somerville High School Principal to dispose of obsolete instructional materials in accordance with policy/Regulation 3260/3270 because they are so outdated as to no longer serve as worthy instructional tools. (Attachment NB-2)
- 5* NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY AID PROGRAM** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached New Jersey Nonpublic School Security Aid Program Order Form for Immaculate Conception School. (Attachment NB-3)
- 6* DONATION TO SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Branchburg Basketball Association of a basketball shooting machine to be used by both girls and boys programs at Somerville High School.
- 7* SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION BRANCHBURG STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Callie Stitt, a junior at Somerville High School, to serve as the Branchburg Representative on the Board of Education for the 2018-2019 school year.
- 8* FIELD TRIPS** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enclosed request for field trips. (Attachment NB-4)
- 9* 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

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travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount. (Attachment NB-5)

Mr. Jess introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS

A. Student Board Member Report:

Callie Stitt, Branchburg Student Representative
Daphne Dizon, Somerville Student Representative

Ms. Daphne Dizon reported that Somerville High School sponsored a Senior Parent Night on the college application process. She also reported that the Key Club held a bake sale to benefit the victims of Hurricane Florence. Ms. Callie Stitt reported that the Somerville High School held the 38th Marching Band event where fifteen other high schools came to perform and raised over \$20,000. Ski Club sign ups began. This club provides students the opportunity to ski at various local mountain resorts. Approximately 100 students are involved in this Club. Somerville High School now offers Esports Club and a partnership established with YMCA offering students opportunity to get certified in lifeguarding.

B. Finance Committee:

Daniel Puntillo, Chairperson
Erin Sweitzer, Member
Lucien Sergile, Member

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

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1. BOARD SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

- A. Treasurer's Report (September) (Attachment B-1)
- B. Secretary's Report (September) (Attachment B-2)
- C. Investments (September) (Attachment B-3)
- D. Food Services (September) (Not Available)

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the monthly reports as listed below: (Attachment B-4)

- A. Van Derveer School Student Activities Fund (September)
- B. Somerville Middle School Student Activities Fund (Not Available)
- C. Somerville High School Student Activities Fund (September)
- D. Somerville High School Athletic/Extracurricular Fund (September)

3. PAYROLL

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

DATE	PAYROLL
September 28, 2018	\$ 1,110,395.84
September 28, 2018	\$ 16,841.98 (FICA)

4. BILLS LIST

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District: (Attachment B-5)

Van Derveer School and Somerville Middle School Bills List Dated October 9, 2018

10 General Fund	\$ 69,636.07
20 Special Revenue Fund	6,328.00
30 Capital Projects Fund	2,372.09
	TOTAL \$ 78,336.16

5. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed September line item transfers. (Attachment B-6)

Mr. Prudente introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mrs. Sweitzer seconded.

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

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Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

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

6* BILLS LIST

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District: (Attachment B-7)

Somerville High School and Districtwide
 Bills List Dated October 9, 2018

10 General Fund	\$ 244,281.78
20 Special Revenue Fund	143,498.69
60 Cafeteria Fund	4,508.40
	TOTAL \$ 392,288.87

Mrs. Van Horn introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

Certification of Major Account Status (read by Mr. Puntillo)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4), the Somerville Board of Education certifies that as of September 30, 2018, 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:23A-16.10(c)(4) 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)

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C. Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Kenneth Cornell, Chairperson
 Daniel Puntillo, Member
 Lucien Sergile, Member
 Erin Sweitzer, Member

Facilities Report (Attachment C-1)

Mr. Ken Cornell, Chairperson, referenced the Facilities Report prepared by Mr. Jimmy Gabriel, Director of Buildings and Grounds. He reported that work orders are completed in a timely manner.

D. Athletics and Student Activities Committee:

Lucien Sergile, Chairperson
 Derek Jess, Member
 John Prudente, Member
 Daniel Puntillo, Member

Mr. Sergile thanked Dr. Teehan and our student representatives for the report on student activities. He reported on various sports standings at the middle and high schools including field hockey, girls tennis, gymnastics, boys cross-country, marching band and color guard, boys and girls soccer and football. He congratulated Mr. Andy Flanagan, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach who was recently inducted to the Hall of Fame.

1* Esports Club at Somerville High School

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the newly-created Esports Club at Somerville High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Sergile introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Prudente seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

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E. Curriculum Committee:

Denise Van Horn, Chairperson
Candace Matthews, Member
Lucien Sergile, Member

Mrs. Van Horn reported that a meeting was held on September 4th to discuss revision of curriculum maps for Grades K-5 and possible future books for adoption at the Somerville High School.

1. Adoption of Curriculum Maps

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the following Curriculum maps for Somerville Middle School:

Gifted and Talented Grade 6 Units: 1-3
Gifted and Talented Grades 7-8 Units: 1-3

Mrs. Van Horn introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

F. Policy Committee:

John Prudente, Chairperson
Candace Matthews, Member
Denise Van Horn, Member

Mr. Prudente reported that a meeting was held on October 2. The By-laws of the Board of Education (9000s series) were reviewed.

G. Technology Committee:

Kenneth Cornell, Chairperson
Daniel Puntillo, Member
Denise Van Horn, Member

Technology Committee Report (Attachment C-2)

Mr. Cornell, Chairperson, referenced Ms. Melissa

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McEntee's, Director of 21st Century Education, Technology Committee report. He reported that everything is up to date.

H. Borough Council Liaison:
Lucien Sergile, Liaison

Mr. Sergile reported that a Council Meeting took place on October 1. There is nothing further to report.

I. Somerset County Educational Services Commission:
Daniel Puntillo, Liaison

Mr. Puntillo reported that Somerset County Educational Services Commission was asked to present at a conference which he also attended on the programs and services they provide. He encouraged Dr. Tanya McDonald, Director of Special Services, to tour the facility.

J. Somerset County Association of Boards of Education:
Linda Olson, Liaison

Mrs. Olson reported that a meeting is scheduled for October 11. Mrs. Van Horn and Mrs. Olson plan to attend.

K. Ad Hoc Security Committee:
John Prudente, Chairperson
Kenneth Cornell, Member
Daniel Puntillo, Member

No Report

L. Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee:
Daniel Puntillo, Chairperson
Derek Jess, Member
John Prudente, Member

Mr. Puntillo presented a PowerPoint presentation titled Negotiations Update. The presentation is available under Somerville Highlights on our District website.

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.)

PreK-8

1. SMS MIDDLE EARTH MENTORS

APPROVE the appointment of the following individuals from Middle Earth to serve as mentors at Somerville Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Zoe Getz
- Rebecca Lyons

2. SMS GAME WORKERS

APPROVE the appointment of the attached list of individuals to the position of game workers at Somerville Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year. (Attachment P-1)

3. KEVIN AESCHLIMAN

APPROVE the appointment of Kevin Aeschliman to the position of volunteer coach for the Somerville Middle Schools Boys' basketball team for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Sergile introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Cornell seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	ABSTAIN	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

4. VDV TITLE I READING AND MATH STAFF MEMBERS

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members for the Title I Reading and Math Program at Van Derveer School for the 2018-2019 school year which will be held in two sessions October 22, 2018 to January 17, 2019 and February 25, 2019 to May 17, 2019. The staff will be paid at the rate of \$72.10 per hour.

Classroom Teachers
Brittany Chiaffarano

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Salvina Cilento
 Andrea Dominko
 Lindsay Gottfried
 Joelle Kessler
 Michelle Lanouette
 Megan Lazarte
 Ellyn McNany
 Megan Royack
 Jennifer Setzer

Substitute Teachers

Holly Ehrnman
 Leslie Hernandez

- 5. RACHEL SHAFRIR** APPROVE the appointment of Rachel Shafrir, a Rutgers University doctoral student in the School Psychology program for a practicum placement at Somerville Middle School one day per week for the 2018-2019 school year being supervised by Margie Mahoney and Dr. Helena Sroczynski.
- 6. NEWLY CREATED POSITIONS AT VDV** APPROVE the newly created positions of four (4) part-time Special Education instructional assistant positions at Van Derveer School Preschool Disabled program for the 2018-2019 school year.
- 7. HAFIZA FARZAIE** APPROVE the appointment of Hafiza Farzaie to the position of part-time special education preschool instructional assistant at Van Derveer School effective October 10, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at a salary of \$18,556.50 (Step 2) (prorated).
- 8. LAURIE PETRYK** APPROVE the appointment of Laurie Petryk to the position of school nurse at Van Derveer School to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation (Garcia) effective November 1, 2018 or sooner pending early release from position to June 30, 2019 at a salary of \$56,181.00+ (BA+15 Step 5) (prorated). (Attachment P-2)
- 9. CHRISTINE KUTLOW** APPROVE the appointment of Christine Kutlow to create the Newcomer Welcome Kit (Title III Immigrant) for the 2018-2019 school year at the rate of \$36.00+ per hour not to exceed three (3) hours.

**10. DAVID
DAMASCHKE**

APPROVE the appointment of David Damaschke to the position of head girls' basketball coach at Somerville Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year at a stipend of \$4,125.15+.

**11. ISAIAH
DAVENPORT**

APPROVE the appointment of Isaiah Davenport to the position of instructional assistant at Somerville Middle School to fill a vacancy caused by a transfer (Hevalow-Harvey) effective October 22, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at a salary of \$36,613.00+ (Step 1) (prorated).

**12. NICHOLAS
PETRONKO**

APPROVE a change in the rate for Nicholas Petronko to serve as the Gifted and Talented Teacher at Somerville Middle School from \$36.05 to \$72.10 for the 2018-2019 school year.

**13. NANCY
UMBENHAUR**

APPROVE the appointment of Nancy Umbenhaur to the part-time instructional assistant position at Somerville Middle School to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation (Ferreria) effective October 15, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at a salary of \$18,306.50+ (Step 1) (prorated).

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	ABSTAIN	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

14. DONNA LOSITO

APPROVE the appointment of Donna Losito to the newly-created part-time instructional assistant position at Van Derveer School Preschool effective October 22, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at a salary of \$18,306.50+ (Step 1) (prorated).

**15. MICHELLE
MANGILLO**

APPROVE the appointment of Michelle Mangillo to the newly-created part-time instructional assistant position at Van Derveer School Preschool effective October 22, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at a salary of \$18,306.50+ (Step 1) (prorated).

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

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Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

9-12 and Districtwide

**16* SHS
VOLUNTEERS**

APPROVE the appointment of the following individuals to the position of volunteer at Somerville High School for the 2018-2019 school year:

Patrick Mariani	Marching Band
Katherine Schaible	Cancer Support Community
Kiera Zangara	Marching Band

**17* SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER**

APPROVE the appointment of the following individuals to the position of substitute teacher for the 2018-2019 school year at the rate of \$105.00 per diem:

Marcia Borow
Caila-Jeanne Castro
Teresa Gallo-Tomcho
John Giordano
Alexandria Newton
Kristin Mitnik
Stephanie Schulte
Stephen Thyne

**18* HEATHER
CUBAS**

APPROVE the appointment of Heather Cubas to the position of substitute secretary for the 2018-2019 school year at a rate of \$105.00 per diem.

**19* TRISTAN
MILLER**

APPROVE the appointment of Tristan Miller to the position of Esports Club Advisor for the 2018-2019 school year at Somerville High School at no additional remuneration.

**20* JESSICA
GREENFIELD**

RESCIND the appointment of Jessica Greenfield from the position of National Honor Society advisor at Somerville High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

**21* SHS NATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY
CO-ADVISORS**

APPROVE the appointment of the following individuals to the position of National Honor Society co-advisors at Somerville High School for the 2018-2019 school year at a stipend of

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\$1,114.97+ each:
Jessica Greenfield
Thomas Clark

22* SAVON
HUGGINS

ACCEPT the resignation of Savon Huggins, instructional assistant at the MAPS Program effective October 22, 2018.

23* MATTHEW
BLOOM

APPROVE the transfer of Matthew Bloom from the position of one-to one instructional assistant at the MAPS Program to the position of instructional assistant at the MAPS Program to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation (Huggins) effective October 22, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at his current salary.

24* STEPHEN
HEVALOW-HARVEY

APPROVE the transfer of Stephen Hevalow-Harvey from the position of instructional assistant at Somerville Middle School to the position of instructional assistant at the MAPS Program to fill a vacancy caused by a transfer (Bloom) effective October 22, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at his current salary.

Mr. Sergile introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Cornell seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

25* MELISSA
STAGER

APPROVE the appointment of Melissa Stager to the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation (Lee-Sung) effective November 5, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at a salary of \$133,000.00 (prorated). (Attachment P-3)

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	ABSTAIN	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES

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Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

**26* PART-TIME
BUS AIDE**

APPROVE the appointment of the following individuals to the position of part-time bus aide effective October 15, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at the rate of \$13.00 per hour:

Claudia Lacan
Annabella Gomez

27* STACEY MASON

ACCEPT the resignation of Stacey Mason from the position of part-time Student Assistance Counselor at Somerville High School effective September 28, 2018.

**28* DOUGLAS
GRAIVER**

APPROVE the appointment of Douglas Graiver to the position of part-time Student Assistance Counselor at Somerville High School to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation (Mason) effective November 1, 2018 or sooner pending early release from position to June 30, 2018 at a salary of \$33,390.00+ (MA Step 9) (prorated). (Attachment P-4)

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

**29* MELISSA
STAGER**

APPROVE the attached employment contract for Melissa Stager. (Attachment P-5)

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

Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	ABSTAIN	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Benjamin Weiland, 463 Lomerson Lane, Glen Gardner. Mr. Weiland made a statement that the Board does not understand the salary guides and that the Somerville Education Association is not

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asking for an 18% increase. He stated that the Board referenced a 2% cap in a previous presentation that is actually a municipal cap and is not directly related to Association salaries.

Mr. Patrick Frain, 201 Scobee Lane, Somerset. Mr. Frain took issue with Mr. Puntillo sharing that Mr. Frain had claimed that the former mayor had been involved in previous negotiations. In addition, he made a statement that the Somerville Education Association is vetting Board of Education candidates.

Ms. Theresa Trubiano, 6 Hackberry Place, Flemington. Ms. Trubiano stated that the last contract negotiations felt very different from the current negotiations. She acknowledged that this may be partly due to the concern by the Association regarding Chapter 78. Ms. Trubiano stated that the Board has secured the services of an attorney that is not familiar or part of the Somerville community.

Ms. Denise Lang, 201 Grandview Drive, Neshanic Station. Ms. Lang stated that the Board's negotiations attorney has "no skin in the game" and is only interested in billable hours.

***EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session to discuss HIB confirmed case #2018-2019:1SHS, negotiations with the Somerville Education Association and matters falling within the attorney-client privilege with respect to this subject, and a grievance. 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. Action will be taken.

Mr. Puntillo introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

Cornell YES Sweitzer YES

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Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 8:19 p.m.

*** HARASSMENT,
INTIMIDATION AND
BULLYING CASE**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education confirm HIB Case #2018-2019:1SHS.

Mr. Sergile introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Prudente seconded.

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

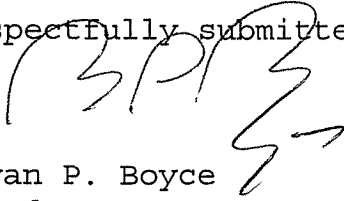
Cornell	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to be discussed, Mr. Jess motioned to adjourn and Mr. Prudente seconded the motion at 9:18 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary