

SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**51 West Cliff Street
Somerville, NJ 08876**

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

District Conference Room

7:00 P.M.

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's Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2013. 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

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person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the 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. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Testing Report Presentation

Mrs. Melissa McCooley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Timothy Teehan, Academic Achievement Officer

Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights/Code of Conduct Presentation

Anti-Bullying Specialists

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

VIX. NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Items 1 and 2 be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

1. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve/accept the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports as follows:

Date of Drill: October 24, 2013
Time: 8:00 a.m.
School: Somerville Middle School
Location: Middle School Parking Lot
Route Number: 109A
Supervised by: Robert Reavey and Sally Stanek
Class: SMS ABA Class

Date of Drill: November 4, 2013
Time: 8:30 a.m.
School: Van Derveer School
Location: Parking lot by gym doors
Route Number: 105B
Supervised by: Susan Haynes, Luke McGrath
Class: Van Derveer ABA Class

Date of Drill: November 6, 2013
Time: 11:45 a.m.
School: Somerville Preschool PM Class
Location: Parking lot
Route Number: 110B
Supervised by: Joanne Sung, Robert Reavey
Class: Preschool Class

2. Van Derveer School Report Card

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the new standard-based report cards at Van Derveer School for the 2013-2014 school year. (Attachment NB-1)

It is recommended that Items 3* through 9* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

3* Donation to Somerville High School

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation of a wheelchair from Sheila and Kenneth Deck for use in the nurse's office at Somerville High School.

4* Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the monthly Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying confirmed and unconfirmed report cases # 2013-14:1SHS; 2013-14:1SMS; 2013-14:2SHS-NC; 2013-14:3SHS-NC; 2013-14:4SHS-NC; 2013-14:1SHS; 2013-14:5SHS-NC; 2013-14:6SHS-NC; 2013-14:7SHS- NC; 2013-14:8SHS-NC presented by the Superintendent of Schools.

5* TeachPoint

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve an agreement with TeachPoint to provide internet application services, training and technical support for teacher evaluations from October 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a cost of \$1,950.00.

6* 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

* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Somerville Board of Education in compliance with the Department of Education requirements. (Attachment NB-2)

7* NCLB Title One

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following staff members are funded either fully or partially by the Fiscal Year 2013 NCLB Title I Grant:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Full Salary</u>	<u>Grant Funded Salary</u>
Jessica Warner	Van Derveer School	100%	\$69,044.00	\$69,044.00
Chelsea McNally	Van Derveer School	100%	\$53,954.00	\$13,488.50
Timothy Teehan	District	12%	\$120,000.00	\$10,000.00

8* Field Trips

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed request for field trips. (Attachment NB-3)

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 travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount. (Attachment NB-4)

X. PERSONNEL

K-8

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the following appointment(s) upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. (Appointment(s) and salaries contingent upon verified documentation.)

1. To accept the resignation of Vanessa Silverman from the position of cheerleading co-coach at Somerville Middle School effective September 18, 2013.
2. To approve the appointment of the following individuals to the position of a member of the School Improvement (ScIP) Panel at Van Derveer School for the 2013-2014 school year:

Susan Haynes, Principal

* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

Lani Perruso, Assistant Principal
Megan Lazarte, Teacher
Melissa Florie, Teacher

3. To approve the appointment of the following individuals to the position of a member of the School Improvement (ScIP) Panel at Somerville Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year:

Georgette Boulegeris, Principal
Robert Reavey, Assistant Principal
Allison Parajon, Teacher
Joann Liuzzo, Teacher
4. To approve the appointment of George Mellors to the position of Lego/Robotics Club Advisor at Somerville Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of \$1,723.00.
5. To approve the appointment of the following Middle Earth staff members to the position of lunch time mentors at the Somerville Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year:

Veronica Chavarria
Christine Hons
Jon Peabody
Sarah Stout
Tisheka Allen
6. To accept the retirement/resignation of Deborah Herbel from the position of fifth grade teacher at Van Derveer School effective February 1, 2014.
7. To approve the appointment of Barbara Snyder to the position of volunteer at Van Derveer School for the 2013-2014 school year.
8. To approve Jodi Smith as the parent representative on the Van Derveer School Safety Team for the 2013-2014 school year at no remuneration.
9. To approve a change in the paid maternity disability leave of absence for Lauren Willis, instructional assistant at Somerville Preschool from October 28, 2013 to December 4, 2013 to November 4, 2013 to December 11, 2013 and an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from December 5, 2013 to January 31, 2014 to December 12, 2013 to February 10, 2014.
10. To approve the transfer of Nancy DeNero from the position of Business Office Clerk to instructional assistant at Van Derveer School effective October 31, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a salary of \$36,683.00 (Step 8) (prorated).
11. To approve the enclosed curriculum project stipend K-8. (Attachment P-1)

9-12 and Districtwide

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- 12*** To approve the appointment of the following individuals to the position of volunteers at Somerville High School for the 2013-2014 school year.

Harry Mahoney	Robotics
Joshua Keister	Football
Robert Flanagan	Boys Lacrosse
Joshua Hobbs	Boys Basketball

- 13*** To approve the appointment of the Kara Lazaukas to the position of assistant girls basketball coach at Somerville High School for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of \$6,474.00.

- 14*** To approve the appointment of the following individuals to the position of a member of the School Improvement (ScIP) Panel at Somerville High School for the 2013-2014 school year:

Gerard Foley, Interim Principal
Christopher Mulligan, Supervisor of Student Activities and Testing
Scott Hade, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Danielle Griffith, Teacher
Shawn Temple, Teacher

- 15*** To approve the appointment of the following individuals to the position of a member of the DEAC Team for Somerville Public Schools for the 2013-2014 school year:

Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools
Melissa McCooley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Ashlee Haggerty, Van Derveer School Teacher
David Lerner, Somerville High School Teacher
Luke McGrath, Director of Special Services
Linda Olson, Board of Education Member
Joanne Sung, Prek-5 Supervisor/Preschool Supervisor
Timothy Teehan, Academic Achievement Officer

- 16*** To accept the resignation of Frank Kopich from the position of electrician for the Somerville School District effective November 15, 2013.

- 17*** To approve an increase in salary for substitute nurses from \$90.00 per diem to \$255.00 per diem and for substitute secretaries from \$12.00 per hour to \$12.50 per hour not to exceed \$100.00 per diem.

- 18*** To approve a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Geraldine Barrows, secretary to the principal at Somerville High School, effective February 3, 2014 through March 3, 2014 and an unpaid childcare leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family

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Leave Act effective March 4, 2014 to April 21, 2014.

- 19*** To approve Karen Longo-Baldwin to provide school tutoring for Somerville High School LEP students at the rate of \$35.00 per hour which will be funded through the NCLB Title III grant.

XI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND NON AGENDA ITEMS

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XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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