

**WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018
ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

Mission Statement

Somerville 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 Meeting on February 8, 2018 at the Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Linda Olson, Board President; who asked all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Kristen Fabriczi, Mr. Derek Jess, Ms. Candace Matthews, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Mr. Lucien Sergile, and Mrs. Denise Van Horn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Kenneth Cornell, Mrs. Erin Sweitzer

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 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 The was no public comment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Van Derveer School 3-5 Highlights
Mr. Robert Reavey,
Principal of Van Derveer School 3-5

Mr. Robert Reavey, Principal of Van Derveer School 3-5 introduced the video presentation, which highlighted the school's Grade 3 to 5 activities since September. The theme of the was presentation Seven Habits of Happy Kids which has been adopted by the school. Mr. Reavey thanked the teachers and the students involved in making the video presentation.

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy M. Teehan, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Teehan reported on various student activities at Van Derveer School, Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School. He congratulated Juniors Imani Jackson and Isaac Meneo for being selected to participate in the 2018 Pre-College Enrichment Program at Rutgers Business School.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS It is recommended that Items 1 through 4 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 report case #2017-2018:6SMS-NC.

2. JOINT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following joint transportation agreement with the Bound Brook Board of Education for the 2017-2018 school year, Somerville Board of Education will be the host district:

NuView Academy \$55.00 per diem

3. NONPUBLIC TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE PROGRAM **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached New Jersey Nonpublic Technology Initiative Program Order Form for Immaculata High School.

**4. SECTION 125
CAFETERIA PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education (hereafter, the "Board") wishes to adopt an updated Section 125 Cafeteria Plan (hereinafter, the "Plan") under Section 125 for the Internal Revenue Code in order to enable its employees to make contributions to the health savings account linked to the High Deductible Health Plan under the updated Plan on a tax-excludable basis and /or taxable cash compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts the Plan (consisting of the Plan Document and the Adoption Agreement attached thereto) effective January 1, 2018;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and Board Secretary are authorized and directed to take any and all action as may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

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

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

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

It is recommended that Items 5* through 8* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

**5* HARASSMENT,
INTIMIDATION AND
BULLYING REPORT**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the monthly Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying unconfirmed report cases #2017-2018:7SHS-NC, #2017-2018:8SHS-NC, #2017-2018:9SHS-NC and confirmed case #2017-2018:2SHS.

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

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

* Branchburg Vote Eligible.

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	ABSENT
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	NO

**6* UPDATED
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN RARITAN
VALLEY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE AND
SOMERVILLE
SCHOOLS (SALA)
ACADEMY**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed updated Memorandum of Understanding between Raritan Valley Community College and Somerville Schools (SALA) Academy.

7* FIELD TRIPS

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

**8* 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. Prudente introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	ABSENT
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES

Matthews	YES	Sergile	YES
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

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, 9-12 and Districtwide

Motion by Mr. Sergile, seconded by Mrs. Van Horn that **K-8** items 1 through 3 be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

1. **KINJAL BARAD** **APPROVE** the appointment of Kinjal Barad to the position of cafeteria/playground aide at Van Derveer School for the 2017-2018 school year at the rate of \$14.50 per hour.
2. **JANNETTE COCO** **ACCEPT** the resignation of Jannette Coco from the position of teacher of Kindergarten at Van Derveer School effective April 7, 2018.
3. **BRYANT HATCH** **APPROVE** a change in salary guide placement for Bryant Hatch to MA+15 effective February 1, 2018.

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

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

9-12 and Districtwide

Motion by Mr. Prudente, seconded by Mr. Sergile that **9-12 and Districtwide** items 4* through 7* be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

4* WORLD LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members to score World Language placement exams at Somerville High School at the rate of \$36.00+ per hour:

French: Victoria Kessler
 Spanish: Jessica Crutchlow
 Lindsay Lockwood
 Elizabeth Ramirez
 Jennifer Russo
 Aida Wahba

**5* SUBSTITUTE
 TEACHERS 2018-
 2019**

APPROVE the appointment of the following individuals to the position of substitute teacher for the 2017-2018 school year at the rate of \$105.00 per diem:

Elaine Chesebro
 Dorrell Hilliman

6* ASHLEY RUSSO

APPROVE the appointment of Ashley Russo to the leave replacement position of teacher of English, a non-tenured position, at Somerville High School, to fill a vacancy caused by a maternity leave (Drake) effective February 26, 2018 to June 30, 2018 at a salary of \$55,569.00+ (BA+15 Step 1) (Prorated).

**7* PETER
 COLEMAN**

APPROVE medical leave of absence for Peter Coleman, teacher of mathematics at Somerville High School, effective January 8, 2018 to February 15, 2018.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Frain, 201 Scobee Lane, Somerset stated a student told a teacher at Somerville High School that he cannot wait for a school shooting to happen here in Somerville. Mr. Frain also stated that he personally was told by a student that he had a gun and then flashed a gang sign at him. Mr. Frain stated that we are here for your neighbors and kids trying to keep them safe as possible and we are doing it without a contract.

***EXECUTIVE
 SESSION**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss legal matters falling within the attorney-client privilege with respect to these subjects. 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. No action will be taken.

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

Dr. Teehan stated that he could have and should have acknowledged the death of a student. He stated that Mayor Gallagher arranged for an ambulance to take the student home before Christmas. In addition, there was an email campaign from district employees directed to the drug company lobbying to make his medication available again. Somerville High School did a minute of silence and acknowledged the student. Dr. Teehan also has plans to meet with the parents to discuss how they preferred his life to be memorialized at Somerville High School.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mr. Prudente motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Jess that the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary

* Branchburg Vote Eligible.

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