

SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

District Conference Room

7:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

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

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 on November 21, 2017. Notice has been provided 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.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, comment is invited on any matter related to agenda items.

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- c. *Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;*
- d. *Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and*
- e. *Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.*

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Van Derveer School 3-5 Highlights

Mr. Robert Reavey, Principal of Van Derveer School 3-5

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy Teehan, Superintendent of Schools

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. 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
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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. (Attachment NB- 1)

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

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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. (Attachment NB-2)

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.

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. (Attachment NB-3)

7* Field Trips

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed request for field trips. (Attachment NB-4)

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. (Attachment NB-5)

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IX. PERSONNEL

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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 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. To accept the resignation of Jannette Coco from the position of teacher of Kindergarten at Van Derveer School effective April 7, 2018.
3. To approve a change in salary guide placement for Bryant Hatch to MA+15 effective February 1, 2018.

9-12 and Districtwide

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.)

- 4* To 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* To 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* To 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* To approve medical leave of absence for Peter Coleman, teacher of mathematics at Somerville High School, effective January 8, 2018 to February 15, 2016.

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

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XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session to discuss matters involving pending litigation 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.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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