

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM**

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, March 17, 2020 at the District Conference Room, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Derek Jess, President.

Mr. Jess 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 December 10, 2019, 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.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Dan Carlson, Mr. Derek Jess, Mr. William Kimmick, Ms. Candace Matthews, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Dr. Melissa Sadin, Mr. Lucien Sergile, Mrs. Denise Van Horn, Mrs. Kristen Fabriczi

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Mr. Carlson motioned to close Public Comment; Ms. Matthews seconded.

*Branchburg Vote Eligible

+Subject to change as per the SEA contract negotiations

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

**BOARD
PRESIDENT' S
REPORT**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT' S
REPORT**

Budget Discussion

Mr. Bryan Boyce, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dr. Timothy Teehan, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Teehan and Mr. Boyce reviewed the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy Teehan, Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS

A. Student Board Member Report

Caera Matthews, Somerville Student Representative

Callie Stitt, Branchburg Student Representative

None

B. Finance Committee:

Dan Carlson, Chairperson

No Report

Mr. Puntillo congratulated and thanked District Staff and Administration on putting together the Flexible Learning Plan and implementing it so successfully. Mr. Puntillo recognized the superintendents in the county working in collaboration to put together a plan. Mr. Puntillo appreciates all of the districts working together and connecting to take care of our students during this pandemic. Dr. Teehan stated that Somerset County was the only county in the state where superintendents worked together to share ideas and come up with a plan. Mr. Puntillo complemented the district staff and

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administration for all of their advance work and continued support during this time. Dr. Sadin also wanted the public to know what great care the staff and administration has provided in taking care of our students.

It is recommended that Items **1** through **6** be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

**1. BOARD
SECRETARY'S
FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

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

Treasurer's Report (February)
Secretary's Report (February)
Investments (February)
Food Services (February)

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF
MONTHLY REPORTS**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the monthly reports as listed below:

A. Van Derveer School Fund (February)
B. Middle School Fund (Not Available)
C. High School Fund (February)
D. Athletic/Extracurricular Fund (February)

3. PAYROLL

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

DATE	PAYROLL
February 28, 2020	\$ 1,236,201.95
February 28, 2020	\$ 19,076.55 (FICA)
March 13, 2020	\$ 1,382,473.45
March 13, 2020	\$ 29,763.10 (FICA)

4. BILLS LIST

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District:

Van Derveer School and Somerville Middle School Bills List Dated March 17, 2020	
10 General Fund	\$ 50,464.01
20 Special Revenue Fund	2,941.21
30 Capital Projects Fund	271.25
TOTAL	\$ 53,676.47

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5. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed February line item transfers.

6. DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE MATERIALS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached recommendation from the Art Department at Somerville High School 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.

The motion was made by Mr. Puntillo and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve Resolution numbers 1 through 6.

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

Carlson	YES	Puntillo	YES
Jess	YES	Sadin	YES
Kimmick	YES	Sergile	YES
Matthews	YES	Van Horn	YES
Olson	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

It is recommended that Item **7*** through **13*** be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

7* BILLS LIST

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District:

Somerville High School and Districtwide
 Bills List Dated March 17, 2020

10 General Fund	\$ 1,396,023.54
20 Special Revenue Fund	26,995.27
30 Capital Projects Fund	271.25
60 Cafeteria Fund	69,818.20
TOTAL	\$ 1,493,108.26

8* APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

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WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.4 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the amount spent for travel and conferences in 2019-2020 to date is \$31,932; and

WHEREAS, the maximum travel expenditure amount established for 2019-2020 is \$52,555; and

WHEREAS, included in the 2020-2021 proposed budget is a maximum regular business travel amount of \$1,500 per employee; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, the proposed 2020-2021 budget establishes \$53,700 as a maximum travel expenditure amount for all staff and board members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education approves a capital reserve deposit in the amount of \$125,000 for the purpose of replacement of synthetic turf fields at Somerville High School, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education approves withdrawals from reserves as follows:

Tuition Reserve	\$935,599
Capital Reserve	\$417,750 for SHS Roof Section Replacement
Capital Reserve	\$762,000 for VDV School Roof Section Replacement
Capital Reserve	\$118,500 for Professional Fees Related to SHS Track Replacement
Capital Reserve	\$45,000 for Transfer to Debt Service Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education requests use of banked CAP in the amount of \$181,194 to be included in the base budget for current expenses. The need must be

completed by the end of the budget year and cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a long period of time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2020-2021 Total Expenditures	45,836,938	2,750,623	1,982,420	50,569,981
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>21,418,565</u>	<u>2,750,623</u>	<u>253,983</u>	<u>24,423,171</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>23,418,373</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>1,728,437</u>	<u>25,146,810</u>

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Courier News in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in the District Offices located at 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey on April 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2020-2021 School Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction that will enable all students to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

**9* CONTRACT
AUTHORIZATION
FOR CLEARTOUCH
INTERACTIVE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Somerville Board of Education may by resolution without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under

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PANELS

the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury ("Division of Purchase and Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Division of Purchase and Property has entered into an agreement with Educate-Me.Net for ClearTouch Interactive Panels with Two (2) Year Extended Warranties and WiFi Modules for Android for the period from August 31, 2017 through August 30, 2021; and

RESOLVED, that the Somerville Board of Education hereby authorizes the contract with Educate-Me.Net. for the provision of twenty-five (25) ClearTouch 75" Interactive Panels with Two (2) Year Extended Warranties and WiFi Modules for Android for an amount not to exceed \$105,600.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(e) the duly authorized and executed purchase order shall serve as the contract between the Somerville Board of Education and Educate-Me.Net and shall include the State contract number for Educate-Me.Net. #T0114.

**10* CUSTODIAN
COMPETITIVE
CONTRACTING**

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education desires to engage in the competitive contracting process to procure the services of night custodial operations and management services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(k) competitive contracting may be used in lieu of public bidding for procurement of services for the operation, management or administration of other services, with the approval of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Board submitted a request for such approval to the Division of Local Government Services in early March 2020, and expects to receive the same, based upon the Division's approvals in other school districts; and

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WHEREAS, in order to competitively contract, the Board is required to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting and confirming that the process shall be administered by the School Business Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the use of competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding for procurement of services of night custodial operations and management services, contingent upon receiving the approval referenced above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the process shall be administered by the School Business Administrator, who with the assistance of the Board Attorney, shall prepare requests for proposals in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq.*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the availability of the request for proposals shall be published at least 20 days prior to the date established for the submission of proposals.

**11* FLEXIBLE
LEARNING PLAN**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the Flexible Learning Plan created to be in place to meet the needs if the district needed to move to a distance learning instructional plan.

**12* 2019-2020
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the change to the 2019-2020 School Calendar.

**13* 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

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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.

The motion was made by Mr. Puntillo and seconded by Mrs. Van Horn to approve Resolution numbers 7* through 13*.

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

Carlson	YES	Puntillo	YES
Jess	YES	Sadin	YES
Kimmick	YES	Sergile	YES
Matthews	YES	Van Horn	YES
Olson	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

B. Building and Grounds Committee:
Daniel Puntillo, Chairperson

Facilities Report

Mr. Puntillo stated that work orders are being handled in a timely manner. At Somerville High School we are patching portions of the roof in alignment with our Long-Range Facility Plan. The district will continue to be proactive with addressing capital projects within the facilities plan.

C. Athletics and Student Activities Committee:
Lucien Sergile, Chairperson

Mr. Sergile wished all staff, students, coaches, club advisors and volunteers to be well and stay safe during this time. When school reopens, the NJISAA will allow all spring athletics to continue. The Somerville High School play, *Hello Dolly* was very successful and Mr. Sergile congratulated all students and staff involved in the production. The Winter Guard won the WGI Championships on February 24th. The Wrestling Team did very well at the regional competition.

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Mr. Sergile congratulated both the girls and boys' basketball teams and swimming teams for successful seasons.

D. Curriculum Committee:
Denise Van Horn, Chairperson

Curriculum Committee Report

The last committee meeting was held on February 18th. The committee discussed a plan to adopt Foundations as part of a three-year plan being adapted this evening. The curriculum writing schedule was also reviewed. A debriefing on the Branchville Professional Development Day was also discussed. The recent curriculum update was reviewed and discussed and it was phenomenal.

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 cases #2019-2020:12SMS-NC, #2019-2020:13SMS-NC, #2019-2020:14SMS-NC, #2019-2020:15SMS-NC, #2019-2020:16SMS-NC and #2019-2020:9VDV-NC.

2. SUMMER EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Summer Extended School Year Special Education Program for the 2020-2021 school year to run from July 1, 2020 through July 30, 2020, Monday through Thursday for the following classes:

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Van Derveer Elementary School MD
Somerville Middle School MD
Preschool Special Education Full Day

8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

Van Derveer Elementary School LLD
Somerville Middle School LLD
Preschool Special Education Half Day
Social Skills

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**3. 2020 VAN
DERVEER SUMMER
CAMP**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2020 Van Derveer Summer Camp from July 6, 2020 to July 30, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday for grades 1-5 for a total of sixteen (16) days.

**4. APPROVAL OF
CURRICULUM
GUIDES**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following curriculum guides for Van Derveer Elementary School:

Kindergarten Foundations
Grade One Foundations

The motion was made by Mr. Sergile and seconded by Ms. Matthews to approve Resolution numbers 1 through 4.

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

Carlson	YES	Puntillo	YES
Jess	YES	Sadin	YES
Kimmick	YES	Sergile	YES
Matthews	YES	Van Horn	YES
Olson	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

It is recommended that Items **5*** and **6*** be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

**5* SUMMER
EXTENDED SCHOOL
YEAR SPECIAL
EDUCATION
PROGRAM**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Summer Extended School Year Special Education Program for the 2020-2021 school year to run from July 1, 2020 through July 30, 2020, Monday through Thursday for the following classes:

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Somerville High School MD

8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
Somerville High School LLD

6* FIELD TRIPS

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

The motion was made by Dr. Sadin and seconded by Mrs. Olson to approve Resolution numbers 5* and 6*.

*Branchburg Vote Eligible

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

Carlson	YES	Puntillo	YES
Jess	YES	Sadin	YES
Kimmick	YES	Sergile	YES
Matthews	YES	Van Horn	YES
Olson	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

E. Technology Committee:
William Kimmick, Chairperson

Technology Committee Report

Ms. McEntee gave an update on the distance learning that will begin this week as full time instruction at the last committee meeting. Mr. Kimmick recognized Ms. McEntee, the administration and Dr. Teehan for all the work going on behind the scenes to setup and provide for the distance learning. He also thanked everyone for all the work that will be done moving forward to continue with the distance learning.

PERSONNEL

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.)

PS-8

1. W. ALLEN WARNER

APPROVE a paid medical leave of absence for W. Allen Warner, Teacher of Physical Education at Van Derveer Elementary School effective February 24, 2020 through March 6, 2020 (AM only) and an unpaid medical leave in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act effective March 6, 2020 (PM only) through April 6, 2020.

2. DEBORAH CHEN

APPROVE the appointment of Deborah Chen to the leave replacement position of Teacher of Preschool, at Van Derveer Elementary School, a non-tenured position, to fill a vacancy caused by a maternity leave (McLaughlin) effective April 14, 2020 through June 30, 2020 at a salary

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of \$62,107.00 (MA Step 1) (prorated).

**3. SMS CROWD
CONTROL MONITOR**

APPROVE the appointment of the following individuals to the position of Crowd Control monitor at Somerville Middle School for wrestling matches and basketball games for the 2019-2020 school year at a rate of \$71.07 per game/match:

Randy Johnson
Patrick Manna

**4. CHILD STUDY
TEAM EVALUATIONS**

APPROVE the following Child Study Team members to provide initial evaluations and re-evaluations during the summer months at their per diem rate not to exceed ten (10) days:

Lisa Mulhern
Paige Agnello
Michelle Turnbull
Helena Srocynski
Deidre Rajoppi
Marjorie Mahoney (3 Days)

**5. 2020 SUMMER
PERFORMING ARTS
PROGRAM**

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members to run the 2020 Summer Performing Arts Program from July 6, 2020 to July 30, 2020 Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a total of sixteen (16) days at a stipend of \$6,790.00 each:

Stephen Loreti	Musical Instruments
John Floyd	Musical Theater

**6. VDV ELA
CURRICULUM
WRITING**

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members to revise the curriculum for grade two ELA at Van Derveer Elementary School at the rate of \$36.00 per hour not to exceed seven and one-half (7.5) hours each:

Lindsay Frevert
Chelsea Grasso

**7. SMS
CURRICULUM
WRITING**

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members for curriculum writing for Somerville Middle School at a rate of \$36.00 per hour not to exceed number of hours posted:

Sarah Booth - Grade 6 Social Studies - 7 hours
Sarah Booth - Grades 6, 7, and 8 ELA - 8 hours
Matthew DeBlock - Grade 7 Social Studies - 8 hours
Anisha Hobbs - Grade 6 ELA - 15 hours
David Zubia - Grade 6 Social Studies - 8 hours

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8. REID MALIONE **APPROVE** the appointment of Reid Malione, a student at Caldwell University, to complete sixty (60) hours of observation at Van Derveer Elementary School in Samantha Ackerman, Martine Assad, Christine Birnbaum, and Staci Delese classes.

9. CREATE POSITION **APPROVE** the newly-created position of Part-Time Preschool Special Education Teacher.

10. CATHERINE PARSELLS **APPROVE** the appointment of Catherine Parsells to the newly-created position of Part-Time Preschool Special Education Teacher at Van Derveer Elementary School effective March 2, 2020 to June 30, 2020 at a salary of \$35,483.50 (MA+15 Step 9) (prorated).

The motion was made by Mr. Puntillo and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve Resolution numbers 1 through 10.

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

Carlson	YES	Puntillo	YES
Jess	YES	Sadin	YES
Kimmick	YES	Sergile	YES
Matthews	YES	Van Horn	YES
Olson	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

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.)

Dr. Teehan state that for Grades 9-12 there is one change to resolution #11 the week of April 14 - 20 was removed due to flexible learning days.

11* GARY KNOEPEL **APPROVE** an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Medical Leave Act for Gary Knoepfel, Teacher of Special

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Education at Somerville High School, effective June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

**12* SHS
VOLUNTEERS**

APPROVE the appointment of the following individuals to the position of volunteer at Somerville High School for the 2019-2020 school year:

Marc Nigro	Baseball
Bruce Kafer	Track and Field
Dean Clarke	Robotics
Louis Gara	Music/Chorus

**13* VERNON
UNDERWOOD**

APPROVE an extension to the paid medical leave for Vernon Underwood, Supervisor of Custodians from February 14, 2020 to March 5, 2020.

**14* CREATE
POSITION**

APPROVE the newly-created position of Part-Time Weekend Custodian.

**15* HILDA
HERNANDEZ**

APPROVE the appointment of Hilda Hernandez to the newly-created position of Part-Time Weekend Custodian effective March 18, 2020 to June 30, 2020 at a rate of \$20.03 per hour on an as needed basis.

**16* MICHAEL
CANIZARO**

APPROVE the appointment of Michael Canizaro to the position of permanent substitute at Somerville High School effective February 27, 2020 to March 31, 2020 at a salary of \$57,507.00 (BA Step 1) (prorated).

**17* MICHAEL
CANIZARO**

APPROVE the appointment of Michael Canizaro to the position of Teacher of Social Studies, instructional, teacher of Social Studies, at Somerville High School, to fill a vacancy caused by a retirement (Reynolds) effective April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 at a salary of \$57,507.00 (BA Step 1) (prorated).

**18* 2020 SUMMER
ALGEBRA
ENRICHMENT
PROGRAM**

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members to run the 2020 Summer Algebra Enrichment program from July 7, 2020 to July 23, 2020 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday through Thursday for grades 9-12 for a total of nine (9) days at one-third (1/3) their per diem rate:

Ruth Ann Scherr
David Peist

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**19* TIFFANY
MAZAGATTI**

APPROVE the appointment of Tiffany Mazagatti, a Fairleigh Dickinson University student, to complete her student teaching for the 2020-2021 school year at Somerville High School for 2-3 days per week between September 1, 2020 and December 18, 2020 and 5 days per week from January 25, 2021 through May 7, 2021 with Ryan Ure, Teacher of Mathematics.

**20* DARYL
ROTHMAN-DICK**

APPROVE Daryl Rothman-Dick to the position of substitute teacher for the 2019-2020 school year at the approved substitute rate.

**21* SHS
PLACEMENT EXAMS**

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:

Victoria Kessler	French
Lindsay Lockwood	Spanish

The motion was made by Mr. Puntillo and seconded by Dr. Sadin to approve Resolution numbers 11* through 21*.

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

Carlson	YES	Puntillo	YES
Jess	YES	Sadin	YES
Kimmick	YES	Sergile	YES
Matthews	YES	Van Horn	YES
Olson	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

OLD BUSINESS

None

Mrs. Olson introduced and moved to close Old Business; Mr. Carlson seconded.

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

Ms. Matthews introduced and moved to close New Business; Mrs. Olson seconded.

Upon call for a voice vote, the motion was

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carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Dennis Sullivan, 8 South Richards Avenue, Somerville - We are currently in uncharted waters. He wanted the Board to know that if the Municipal Office can assist the district in any way to please reach out. Hopefully we will weather this together and will soon get back to normal.

Mayor Sullivan was sad to see his old colleague Tom Reynolds is retiring, he wishes him all the best in his retirement.

Mayor Sullivan also commented on the current state testing, he encouraged the district to analyze that data and have resources available to students. He understands the testing is just a snapshot in time and he has confidence in the Board that the data will be looked at and resources will be put in place.

Dr. Graham Brady, 90 South Way, Somerville- Asked if the Discretionary Aid will be used to offset the amount raised for current taxation and will the aid be considered recurring revenue in the future. Mr. Boyce responded that state aid will continue to be shifted away from overfunded districts to underfunded districts such as Somerville for the next few years so long as S2 is followed. The district also has available banked cap that it elected not to use because of the increase in state aid. Dr. Brady's tax increase for the borough is increasing 1.02% and the Board increase is only at .96% increase. He congratulated the Board for the preliminary budget and holding down property taxes and feels the district is in great shape.

Ms. Matthews introduced and moved to close Public Comment; Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

***EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session to discuss a

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residency case, negotiations with the Somerville Education Association, and confirmed HIB case #2019-2020:3VDV. 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.

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

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

The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 7:57 p.m.

***HARASSMENT,
INTIMIDATION AND
BULLYING**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges and approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying confirmed report case #2019-2020:3VDV.

Mr. Sergile introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Dr. Sadin seconded.

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

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to be discussed, Mr. Carlson motioned to adjourn and Ms. Matthew seconded the motion at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary