

SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

AGENDA

**Tuesday, March 5, 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

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

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 - a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;*
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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

District Strategic Goal 3: Technology Integration

Mr. Jason Solomon, Director of 21st Century Education

Somerville High School Program Highlights

Mr. Corey Jones, Principal
Staff

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

VII. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Items 1* through 4* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

1* Approval of Tentative School District Budget for 2013-2014

RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education approve the tentative budget for the 2013-2014 School Year using the 2013-2014 state aid figures and 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 REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2013-14 Total Expenditures	38,681,123	1,819,797	2,381,557	42,882,477
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>18,309,541</u>	<u>1,819,797</u>	<u>629,289</u>	<u>20,758,627</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>20,371,582</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,752,268</u>	<u>22,123,850</u>

RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$262,039.00. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for special education teachers and supplies necessary for the additional students.

* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education requests the approval a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$362,726.00. The district intends to utilize these funds for to convert a locker room and available space to classrooms and storage at the Somerville Middle School.

RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education requests the approval a capital reserve deposit in the amount of \$75,000.00. The district intends to utilize these funds for the synthetic turf replacement at the Somerville High School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, the proposed budget establishes \$89,650.00 as a maximum travel expenditure amount; and

WHEREAS included in the 2013-2014 proposed budget is a maximum regular business travel amount of \$1,500.00 per employee; and

WHEREAS the amount spent for travel and conferences in 2012-2013 to date is \$10,692.14; and

WHEREAS the maximum travel expenditure amount established for 2012-2013 is \$118,230.00; 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 Common Core State Standards and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education 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 Somerville Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey on March 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2013-2014 School Year.

2* Tuition Contract – Branchburg Board of Education

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed tuition contract with the Branchburg Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year. (Attachment NB-1)

3* Football Midnight Madness

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Somerville High School football team to participate in a midnight madness to begin their fall practices. This would include the football team members beginning practicing at exactly midnight on the day that official practices are to begin on August 12th. (Attachment NB-2)

* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

4* Board of Education Member to Serve as Delegate to Somerset County Educational Services Commission

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Daniel Puntillo, Jr. as the Representative to serve on the Somerset County Educational Services Commission's Representative Assembly for the 2013 year.

XII. 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 newly-created position of part-time instructional assistant at the Somerville Preschool for the 2012-2013 school year.
2. To accept the retirement/resignation of David Vaughn from the position of teacher of physical education at Van Derveer Elementary School effective July 1, 2013.

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

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XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT