

**WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

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.

TIME AND PLACE The Board of Education of the Borough of Somerville in the County of Somerset, New Jersey convened a Workshop/Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2013 at the Somerville Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.

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

ROLL CALL **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. James Adamec, Mr. Norman Chin, Mr. Kenneth Cornell (video conference), Mr. Dennis Garot, Mr. Al Kerestes, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Mr. David Rehe, Mr. Lucien Sergile

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Bryan P. Boyce, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Mr. Kerestes 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 at its Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2013, notices 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**District Strategic Goal 3: Technology
Integration

Mr. Jason Solomon, Director of 21st Century
Education

Mr. Solomon reported the Department of 21st Century Education is pleased to present the completion of Goal 3 of the 2012-2013 District Strategic Goals. This year the Department of 21st Century Education increased customer satisfaction while meeting the mandates of its service level agreements. Teacher integration of technology into classroom practice has increased dramatically this reporting period. All benchmarks of Goal 3 were met as of March 06, 2013.

Somerville High School Program Highlights

Mr. Corey Jones, Principal
Staff

Somerville High School presented school highlights that reflect student achievement in the areas of Engineering and Science which involve an interdisciplinary approach to learning. Students who were awarded a grant from the Young Science Achievers Program (YSAP) presented their research project on the topic of caffeine yields in different types of coffee. This project integrated the content of science technology with health and nutrition. 4th year engineering students presented their customized designs for individualized engineering projects which were centered on their own personal interests. The projects included a lacrosse stick enhancement device, custom lip balm, and a synthetic fluid that instantly seizes upon high velocity impact. Finally, the Guidance Department reported on the progress that has been made during the inaugural year of the Green Dot program which focuses on training teenagers with strategies aimed at preventing acts of violence. This initiative endeavors to address the social and emotional needs of high school students.

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell reported on student activities during the past two weeks at the Preschool, Van Derveer School, Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS It is recommended that Items 1* through 5* 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</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u> <u>REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT</u> <u>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.

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.

*Branchburg Vote Eligible

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 -
BRANCBURG 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.

**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.

Mr. Kerestes introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Prudente seconded.

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

Adamec	YES	Olson	YES
Chin	YES	Prudente	YES
Cornell	YES	Puntillo	YES
Garot	YES	Sergile	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Rehe	YES

4* BOE 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.

Mr. Kerestes introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Prudente seconded.

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

Adamec	YES	Olson	YES
Chin	YES	Prudente	YES
Cornell	YES	Puntillo	ABSTAIN
Garot	YES	Sergile	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Rehe	YES

5* SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CHEERING NATIONALS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the request for the Somerville High School Cheerleading Team to participate in the cheering nationals in Anaheim, California on April 12-14, 2013. The team qualified for the event by placing first in their division at the Reach the Beach National Competition in Ocean City, Maryland during the weekend of February 23-24, 2013.

Mr. Kerestes introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Prudente seconded.

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

Adamec	YES	Olson	YES
Chin	YES	Prudente	YES
Cornell	YES	Puntillo	YES
Garot	YES	Sergile	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Rehe	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

Motion by Mr. Kerestes, seconded by Mr. Chin that **K-8** items 1 to 4 be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

1. NEWLY CREATED PART-TIME INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT

APPROVE the newly-created position of part-time instructional assistant at the Somerville Preschool for the 2012-2013 school year.

2. DAVID VAUGHN

ACCEPT the retirement/resignation of David Vaughn from the position of teacher of physical education at Van Derveer Elementary School effective July 1, 2013.

3. NJASK TUTORS

APPROVE the appointment of the follow staff members to the position of NJASK Tutors for the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of \$35.00 per hour:

- Melissa Best
- Ashley Bozzo
- Gabriela Colon
- Jennifer Sabbagh
- Brennan Thompson

4. GABRIELA COLON

APPROVE the appointment of Gabriela Colon to the leave replacement position of teacher of third grade (Glinka) effective March 15, 2013 to June 30, 2013 at a salary of \$56,984.00. (MA Step 1) (Prorated)

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

Adamec	YES	Olson	YES
Chin	YES	Prudente	YES
Cornell	YES	Puntillo	YES

*Branchburg Vote Eligible

Garot	YES	Sergile	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Rehe	N/A

9-12 and Districtwide

Motion by Mr. Kerestes, seconded by Mr. Garot that 9-12 and Districtwide item 5* be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

5* MICHAEL DOUGHERTY

APPROVE the appointment of the following individual to the position of volunteer at Somerville High School for the 2012-2013 school year:

Michael Dougherty	Lacrosse
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Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Adamec	YES	Olson	YES
Chin	YES	Prudente	YES
Cornell	YES	Puntillo	YES
Garot	YES	Sergile	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Rehe	YES

PUBLIC COMMENT

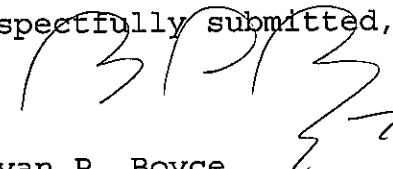
There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mr. Prudente motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Garot that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,


 Bryan P. Boyce
 Board Secretary

