

SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

51 West Cliff Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

AGENDA

Tuesday, April 23, 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 at its reorganization meeting on 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

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person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;

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- e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.*

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings as follows:

*	March 16, 2013	Workshop Meeting
*	March 16, 2013	Executive Session
*	March 21, 2013	Regular Meeting
*	March 21, 2013	Executive Session
*	April 9, 2013	Workshop/Regular Meeting
*	April 9, 2013	Executive Session

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Holocaust/Genocide Curriculum Overview

Mrs. Katherine Neary, Supervisor Pre-K-12/Preschool Supervisor

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Item 1 be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

1. Municipal Youth Service Commission Annual Grant

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Somerville Middle School to apply for the Municipal Youth Service Commission Annual Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 2013-2014 school year. (Attachment NB-1)

It is recommended that Items 2* through 8* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

2* Summer Professional Development Academy

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Summer Professional Development Academy on August 5-8, 2013 and August 12-15, 2013. (Attachment NB-2)

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

3* Disposal of Personal Property

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the disposal of a 1990 Dodge van (VIN number 2B7HB21YOLK791033) upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator and the Supervisor of School Plant Facilities in accordance with Policy/Regulation 7300.

4* Educational Consultant Services

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Kimberly Tucker, Educational Consultant, to provide training on professional learning communities for district administrators at the administrative council meeting on May 8, 2013.

5* Girl Scout Gold Award

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Taryn Pochon, a senior at Somerville High School to run a book drop through the Somerville High School Media Center to collect donations for a library at the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (S.H.I.P.) in fulfillment of her Girl Scout Gold Award.

6* WSCA State Contract

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") has determined that it is necessary and advisable to acquire laptop and desktop computers, related equipment and a protection plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to purchase the Equipment from Apple, Inc. pursuant to its contract with the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) and the State of New Jersey bearing State Contract No. A-70259; and

WHEREAS, Apple, Inc. is the only vendor that can provide the equipment and submitted a quote in a total contract sum of \$199,515; and

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator has documented that the Equipment best meets the needs of the Somerville School District and the price of the equipment is advantageous, price and other factors considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the purchase of the Equipment in the amount of \$199,515 pursuant to State Contract No. A-70259, in accordance with the quotation submitted by Apple, Inc., which is attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase consistent with this resolution. (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)

X. REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS

- A. Finance Committee:**
Dennis Garot, Chairperson
James Adamec, Member
Kenneth Cornell, Member

It is recommended that Items 1 through 3 be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

1. Acceptance of Monthly Reports

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the monthly reports as listed below: (Attachment B-1)

- A. Middle School Fund (March)
- B. Van Derveer School Fund (March)

2. Bills Lists

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District: (Attachment B-2)

Van Derveer and Middle Schools	
Bills List Dated April 23, 2013	
10 General Fund	\$ 275,658.35
20 Special Revenue Fund	1,154.03
TOTAL	\$ 276,812.38

3. Payroll

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

DATE	PAYROLL
March 23, 2013	\$ 471,136.32 (MS & VDV)
April 15, 2013	\$ 512,433.42 (MS & VDV)

It is recommended that Items 4* through 8* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

4* Board Secretary's Financial Reports

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

- A. Treasurer's Report (March) (Attachment B-3)
- B. Secretary's Report (March) (Attachment B-4)
- C. Investments (March) (Attachment B-5)
- D. Food Services (March) (Attachment B-6)

5* Acceptance of Monthly Reports

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the monthly reports as listed below: (Attachment B-7)

- A. High School Fund (March)
- B. Athletic/Extracurricular Fund (March)

6* Bills Lists

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District: (Attachment B-8)

District Wide and High School
Bill List Dated April 23, 2013

10 General Fund	\$ 988,425.11
20 Special Revenue Fund	36,478.49
60 Cafeteria Fund	49,969.51
TOTAL	\$ 1,074,873.11

7* Payroll

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

DATE	PAYROLL
March 23, 2013	\$554,334.12 (ADMIN & HS)
March 23, 2013	\$ 13,575.59 (FICA)
April 15, 2013	\$620,129.45 (ADMIN & HS)
April 15, 2013	\$ 21,430.54 (FICA)

8* Line Item Transfers

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed March line item transfers. (Attachment B-9)

Certification of Major Account Status

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23 2:11(c)r, the Somerville Board of Education certifies that as of March 31, 2013 after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate officials, to the best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C 6A:23 2:11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year (Major

accounts are Current Expense, Capital Projects and Debt Service)

- B. Buildings and Grounds Committee:
Kenneth Cornell, Chairperson
Norman Chin, Member
Al Kerestes, Member

Facilities Report – March 2013 (Attachment C-1)

- C. Athletics and Student Activities Committee:
John Prudente, Chairperson
Lucien Sergile, Member

- D. Curriculum Committee:
Linda Olson, Chairperson

1. 2013 Summer Reading K-5

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed 2013 Summer Reading Assignments (K-5). (Attachment C-2)

2* 2013 Summer Reading 9-12

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed 2013 Summer Reading Assignments (9-12). (Attachment C-3)

- E. Policy Committee:
Al Kerestes, Chairperson

*First Reading

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following regulation for a first reading:
(Attachment C-4)

R 2464 Gifted and Talented Pupils

- F. Technology Committee:
Norman Chin, Chairperson
James Adamec, Member

- G. Borough Council/B.O.E. Liaison:
John Prudente, Liaison

- H. Somerset County Educational Services Commission:
Daniel Puntillo, Liaison

- I. New Jersey School Boards Association:
Mrs. Linda Olson, Delegate

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

7* To approve the appointment of the following individuals to the position of volunteers at Somerville High School for the 2012-2013 school year:

Robert Scoloveno	Baseball
Ronald Hess	Marching Band
Richard Manz	Marching Band

8* To approve an extension in the leave replacement position for Christine Thompson to be extended from to September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

9* To approve the enclosed list of substitute teachers at \$90.00 per diem for the 2012-2013 school year. (Attachment P-1)

10* To approve a follow-up visit of Bob Ulmer, Kelly Evans and Beth Abbott, teachers at Metuchen High School to the Physical Education classes at Somerville High School.

11* To approve the appointment of Rebecca Linton to the position of after-school Advanced Placement exam proctor for the May 2013 testing window at a stipend of \$250.00.

12* To approve the following Guidance Counselors for summer employment at their per diem rate for up to seven (7) days each during the months of July and August 2013:

Greg Arakelian
Carol Cabourg
Sandy Cirello
Kathleen DeLuca
Christine Thompson

13* To accept the resignation/retirement of Katherine Neary from the position of Preschool Supervisor/PreK-12 Supervisor effective July 1, 2013.

14* To approve the following individuals for a merit payment for 2% of their salaries for completion of Goal #3 of the District Goals.

Jason Solomon
Ronnie Bommarito

XII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session to discuss a student matter and the Superintendent's evaluation. 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.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT