

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019
ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

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, April 30, 2019 at the Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 November 20, 2018, 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, Ms. Candace Matthews, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Dr. Melissa Sadin, Mr. Lucien Sergile, Mrs. Erin Sweitzer, Mrs. Kristen Fabriczi

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Denise Van Horn

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Mr. Sergile motioned to close Public Comment; Dr.

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Sadin seconded.

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

***APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

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

The motion was made by Mr. Carlson and seconded by Ms. Matthews to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Upon call for a voice vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The motion was made by Mr. Carlson and seconded by Ms. Matthews to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2019 Executive Session.

Upon call for a voice vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The motion was made by Mr. Carlson and seconded by Ms. Matthews to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Upon call for a voice vote, the vote was as follows:

Carlson	YES	Sadin	ABSTAIN
Jess	YES	Sergile	YES
Matthews	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Olson	YES	Van Horn	ABSENT
Puntillo	ABSTAIN	*Fabriczi	YES

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The motion was made by Mr. Carlson and seconded by Ms. Matthews to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2019 Executive Session.

Upon call for a voice vote, the vote was as follows:

Carlson	YES	Sadin	ABSTAIN
Jess	YES	Sergile	YES
Matthews	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Olson	YES	Van Horn	ABSENT
Puntillo	ABSTAIN	*Fabriczi	YES

**BOARD
PRESIDENT' S
REPORT**

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Jess expressed condolences to staff members who had recent deaths in their families.

**SUPERINTENDENT' S
REPORT**

Student Discipline / Code of Conduct
Mrs. Melissa Stager, Director of Curriculum and Instruction reported that there are no recommended changes.

District Highlights

Dr. Teehan highlighted various activities at Van Derveer School, Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School. Dr. Teehan congratulated the winners of the New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/New Jersey Bilingual Educators, Inc. 8th Grade English Writing Challenge and the Pedro J. Rodriguez Scholarship recipients. 8th grade student, Habiba Abdelhady, received a tablet/laptop and 12th grade and ESL/bilingual student, Albani Linares, received a \$2,000 scholarship award.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2019-2010 Budget

Dr. Timothy Teehan, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Bryan Boyce, Business Administrator/Board Secretary presented the 2019-2020 Budget to the members of the Board of Education and to the public. Six areas presented were Budget Goals, Programmatic Highlights, General Fund Appropriations and Revenues, Debt Service and Property Tax Impact.

There were questions from the public that were

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answered by Mr. Boyce and Dr. Teehan.

A User-Friendly Budget as well as the PowerPoint presentation will be made available on our district website.

REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS

A. Student Board Member Report:

Callie Stitt, Branchburg Student Representative

Callie Stitt, Branchburg Student Representative reported that the Genesis Club volunteered at a local soup kitchen. The Spanish Club hosted Prom Night for our senior citizens, where they taught Latin dancing and provided food for the attendees. The National Honor Society held their induction ceremony on April 17. There were about 40 inductees who will be doing community service hours throughout the school year such as providing tutoring for our middle school students. The Music Department travelled to Chicago to perform in the Windy City Classic Music Festival. Challenger Baseball began at the Challenger Field in Branchburg where students with disabilities come to play and students from Somerville High School come to be a buddy to those students.

B. Finance Committee:

Erin Sweitzer, Chairperson

Mrs. Erin Sweitzer re-emphasized the district's efforts to contain the impact of the budget on property taxes. She reiterated that 1.) using additional state aid to pay recurring expenses, we only needed to raise the General Fund Tax Levy by 0.67% which is well below the 2% cap. 2.) by putting the additional state aid awarded last July to the capital reserve fund, we are able to pay for upcoming capital improvements such as the roof projects through our regular annual budget and that would reduce the possibility of a referendum which will be very costly to the taxpayers. 3.) by using the capital reserve fund to pay a portion of the local share of past referendums, there will be no increase in the

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debt service tax levy.

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:

- A. Treasurer's Report (March)
- B. Secretary's Report (March)
- C. Investments (March)
- D. Food Services (March)

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF
MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

- A. Van Derveer School Student Activities Fund (March)
- B. Somerville Middle School Student Activities Fund (Not Available)
- C. Somerville High School Student Activities Fund (March)
- D. Somerville High School Athletic/Extracurricular Fund (March)

3. PAYROLL

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

DATE	PAYROLL
March 29, 2019	\$ 1,138,461.78
March 29, 2019	\$ 17,124.09 (FICA)
April 15, 2019	\$ 1,248,859.04
April 15, 2019	\$ 25,739.35 (FICA)
April 30, 2019	\$ 1,132,317.05
April 30, 2019	\$ 17,062.98 (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 April 30, 2019

10 General Fund	\$ 127,257.69
20 Special Revenue Fund	13,444.07
30 Capital Projects Fund	752.50
TOTAL	\$ 141,454.26

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**5. LINE ITEM
TRANSFERS**

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

**6. DONATION TO
SMS**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from the American Legion Post #12 to be used toward the Grade Eight Promotion Awards.

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

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

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

It is recommended that Items **7*** through **10*** 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 April 30, 2019

10 General Fund	\$	866,331.92
20 Special Revenue Fund		49,371.94
30 Capital Projects Fund		752.50
60 Cafeteria Fund		76,873.57
	TOTAL	\$ 993,329.93

**8* ADOPTION OF
THE 2019-2020
SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET**

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

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

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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 2018-2019 to date is \$35,524; and

WHEREAS, the maximum travel expenditure amount established for 2018-2019 is \$51,335; and

WHEREAS, included in the 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 budget establishes \$52,555 as a maximum travel expenditure amount for all staff and board members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education approve 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 Board of Education adopt the 2019-2020 budget as follows:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2019-2020 Total Expenditures	44,340,866	2,359,292	1,982,020	48,682,178
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>21,559,318</u>	<u>2,359,292</u>	<u>364,662</u>	<u>24,283,272</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>22,781,548</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>1,617,358</u>	<u>24,398,906</u>

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 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* NON PUBLIC
SCHOOL
TECHNOLOGY
INITIATIVE
PROGRAM**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program Order Forms for Immaculata High School.

**10* 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.

The motion was made by Mr. Sergile and seconded by Mr. Carlson to approve Resolution numbers 7* through 10*.

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

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

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Certification of Major Account Status (Read by Mrs. Sweitzer)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4), the Somerville Board of Education certifies that as of January 31, 2019 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 over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) 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)

C. Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Daniel Puntillo, Chairperson

Facilities Report

Mr. Puntillo reported that work orders are being completed on a timely manner.

D. Athletics and Student Activities Committee:

Lucien Sergile, Chairperson

Mr. Sergile reported on various athletic standings at Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School including baseball, softball, lacrosse, track & field, and golf. He congratulated seniors Nina Carlson and Andrew Diodato for being honored at the 2019 Skyland Conference Athletes of the Year.

Mr. Sergile highlighted the Robotics program. Mr. Puntillo suggested the Robotics Team do a short presentation to the public.

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

**1* SHS
ENGINEERING
WORLD HEALTH
CLUB**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the newly-created Engineering World Health Club at Somerville High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

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The motion was made by Mr. Sergile and seconded by Ms. Matthews to approve Resolution number 1*.

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

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

E. Curriculum Committee:

Denise Van Horn, Chairperson

Committee Report

It is recommended that Items **1** 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 #2018-2019:5VDV-NC.

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

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

It is recommended that Items **2*** through **4*** be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools

**2* HARASSMENT,
INTIMIDATION AND
BULLYING REPORT**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the monthly Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying unconfirmed report cases #2018-2019:16SHS-NC.

3* SUMMER HOURS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached summer hours for the summer of 2019.

4* FIELD TRIPS

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

The motion was made by Mr. Sergile seconded by

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Dr. Sadin to approve Resolution numbers 2* through 4*.

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

F. Technology Committee

Denise Van Horn, Chairperson

Technology Committee Report

Mr. Jess stated that Mrs. Van Horn had surgery today and wished her well.

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.)

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1. CHRYSTALYNN SIMON

RESCIND the appointment of Chrystalynn Simon from the position of cafeteria/playground aide at Van Derveer School for the 2018-2019 school year.

2. ANNIE ARCHER

APPROVE the appointment of Annie Archer to the position of cafeteria/playground aide at Van Derveer School for the 2018-2019 school year at the rate of \$14.50 per hour.

3. 2019 SUMMER TECHNOLOGY CAMP PROGRAM

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members for the 2019 Technology Camp Program that will run from July 1, 2019 to July 25, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at their half-day per diem rate:

Heather Shoolman - Technology

Ryan Ure - Technology

Whitney Jenkins - Technology

Johann Derflinger - Art

4. 2019 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members for the 2019 Summer Performing Arts Program that will run from July 1, 2019 to July 26, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday at a stipend of \$6,790 each:

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Stephen Loreti - Instrumental
John Floyd - Musical Theater

**5. EIGHTH GRADE
SUMMER SPANISH
PROGRAM**

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members to the position of teacher for the Eighth Grade Summer Spanish Program that will run from July 8, 2019 to August 1, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at one-third their per diem rate:

Ines Cantatore
Joanna Santana

**6. SUMMER
SPANISH BOOT
CAMP**

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members to the position of teacher for the Summer Spanish Boot Camp that will run from August 12, 2019 to August 16, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at one-third her per diem rate:

Joanna Santana

**7. SMS SUMMER
CURRICULUM
WRITING**

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members for Summer Curriculum Writing to revise the Mathematics Grades six through eight curriculum at Somerville Middle School at a rate of \$36.00 not to exceed 16 hours each:

Michael Dlugosz
Freddie Shaker
Diane Sobey

**8. SPECIAL
EDUCATION ES
PROGRAM**

APPROVE the appointment of the attached list of individuals to work in the Special Education Extended School Year Program being held Mondays through Thursdays, July 1, 2019 to August 1, 2019

**9. ANTHONY
BENJAMIN**

APPROVE the appointment of Anthony Benjamin to the position of Principal at Somerville Middle School to fill a vacancy caused by a retirement/resignation (Boulegeris) effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 at a salary of \$133,000.00.

The motion was made by Dr. Sadin and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve Resolution numbers 1* through 9*.

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

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

Dr. Teehan stated that if not for his wife having a baby, Anthony Benjamin would have attended the meeting tonight. Mr. Jess wished his family well.

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.)

**10* LAUREEN
PIEGARI**

APPROVE the appointment of Lauren Piegari to the following positions for the 2018-2019 school year at the approved substitute rate:

Substitute Secretary
Substitute Instructional Assistant

**11* ADRIAN
CARMELLO**

APPROVE the appointment of Adrian Carmello to the position of part-time bus driver districtwide effective May 13, 2019 to June 30, 2019 at a rate of \$19.08 per hour.

**12* KERRI
IRELAND**

APPROVE the appointment of Kerri Ireland to the position of coordinator of substitute teacher coverage at Somerville High School and assisting with the district wide process for the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend of \$2,000.00.

**13* BAND CAMP
INSTRUCTIORS
SUMMER 2019**

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members to the position of band camp instructors for the Somerville High School Marching Band from August 12, 2019 to August 28, 2019 at their per diem rate not to exceed five contractual days.

Stephen Loreti
Matthew Krempasky

**14* JANET
JACOBSON**

APPROVE the appointment of Janet Jacobson to the position of costumer for the 2019-2020 musical performance to be funded from the Somerville High

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School Drama account in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

15* TYLER KAZAR **APPROVE** the appointment of Tyler Kazar to the position of technical coordinator for the 2019-2020 musical performance to be funded from the Somerville High School Drama account in the amount not to exceed \$750.00.

16* NICOLE ZIVKOVIC **APPROVE** the appointment of Nicole Zivkovic to the position of choreographer for the 2019-2020 musical performance to be funded from the Somerville High School Drama account in the amount not to exceed \$2,400.00.

17* THOMAS CLARK **APPROVE** the appointment of Thomas Clark to the position of teacher for the 2019 Summer Algebra Credit Recovery Program that will run from July 8, 2019 through August 1, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday at his half-day per diem rate:

18* 2019 SUMMER ALGEBRA ENRICHMENT PROGRAM **APPROVE** the appointment of the following staff members to the position of teacher for the 2019 Summer Algebra Enrichment Program that will run from July 8, 2019 through August 1, 2019 Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at their half-day per diem rate:

David Peist
Ruth Ann Scherr

19* TRISTAN MILLER **APPROVE** the appointment of Tristan Miller for curriculum writing for Computer Science at Somerville High School at a rate of \$36.00 per hour not to exceed 20 hours to be funded by the New Jersey Department of Education Computer Science Grant.

20* SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS **APPROVE** the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2018/2019 school year as per the Somerville Board of Education approved sub rates:

Amy Grier
Adam Pyle
Tanisha Roe

21* SPECIAL EDUCATION ESY **APPROVE** the appointment of the attached list of individuals to work in the Special Education

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PROGRAM Extended School Year Program being held Mondays through Thursdays, July 1, 2019 to August 1, 2019.

22* ANN COLODNER **APPROVE** the appointment of Ann Colodner to the position of a Special Education Wilson Reading tutor districtwide for the 2018-2019 school year at the rate of \$51.50 per hour.

23* JOANNA SANTANA **APPROVE** the appointment of Joanna Santana to create the Newcomer Welcome Kit (Title III Immigrant) for the 2018-2019 school year at the rate of \$36.00+ per hour not to exceed twelve (12) hours.

24* DENISE LANG **APPROVE** the appointment of Denise Lang to the position of advisor for the newly-created Engineering World Health Club at Somerville High School for the 2018-2019 school year at no additional remuneration.

25* LYNN BIELICKY **ACCEPT** the retirement/resignation of Lynn Bielicky from the position of Teacher of Art at Somerville High School effective June 30, 2019.

The motion was made by Ms. Matthews and seconded by Dr. Sadin to approve Resolution numbers 10* through 25*.

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

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

Mr. Jess wished Mrs. Lynn Bielicky congratulations on her retirement.

***OLD BUSINESS** The motion was made by Mrs. Olson to accept the Technology Committee Report prepared by Ms. Melissa McEntee, Director of 21st Century Education. Dr. Sadin seconded.

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

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Carlson	YES	Sadin	YES
Jess	YES	Sergile	YES
Matthews	ABSTAIN	Sweitzer	YES
Olson	YES	Van Horn	ABSENT
Puntillo	ABSTAIN	*Fabriczi	ABSTAIN

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

Mr. Sergile introduced and moved to close New Business; Mrs. Sweitzer seconded.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Patrick Frain, 201 Scobee Lane, Somerset, Somerville Education Association President, commented that last week a staff contacted him to advise that they saw their job posted at the Princeton Job Fair. These jobs were not posted on the district website or at each of the school as the contract required. Further, he said that the draft collective bargaining agreement had numerous mistakes. Lastly, he thanked Lynn Bielecky for the 43 years that she gave the district.

Mr. Dennis Sullivan, 25 West End Avenue, Mayor of Somerville, commented on the approval of the field trip to the Borough Hall on May 17. He commented that he worked with Ms. Booth at Somerville Middle School who invited him to an assembly about How Laws Get Done. As a follow up, 130 sixth graders will be visiting the Borough Hall. It should be informative to the kids and he will ensure that each of them receive a library card application.

Dr. Granville Brady, Somerville Council President and Finance Chair, congratulated the Board on the school budget. He commented that with regards to the redevelopment, the council is not

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anticipating a great number of school-aged children moving into Somerville. One reason is that redevelopment plans for the town do not include recreational facilities for children. Sixty percent of the town is rental therefore, there is no control over the transient population. The Council is willing to have an ongoing dialogue with the Board of Education to address this issue and its impact on property taxes.

Dr. Sadin thanked the Mayor and Council Members who were in attendance to support the Board of Education. She also expressed concern about the transient population of the town and agrees that this places a burden on the resources of a school district. She also said that as a lifelong educator and administrator, it is common practice to seek candidates at job fairs even if districts do not have current open positions.

Ms. Matthews introduced and moved to close Public Comment; Dr. Sadin 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 negotiations and legal matters. 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. Action may be taken.

Ms. Matthews introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Dr. Sadin seconded.

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

The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to be discussed, Dr. Sadin motioned to adjourn and Ms. Matthews seconded the

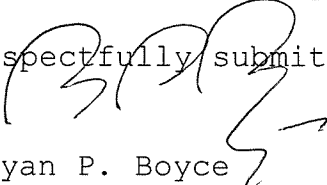
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motion at 8:47 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary

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