

**WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 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, April 9, 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, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente, Mr. David Rehe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Al Kerestes

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

Mrs. Olson 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**

Van Derveer Elementary School Highlights and
Safety Team Presentation

Ms. Susan Haynes, Principal and Staff

Mrs. Haynes and two Van Derveer students presented the Board of Education members with a door hanger with puzzle pieces for Autism Awareness Month. A video was shared with the Board of Education highlighting Van Derveer School. Two fifth grade students narrated the video and were present at the Board meeting.

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. Dr. Purnell also announced that the district is looking for mentors for the recently established mentorship program.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Items 1 and 2 be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

**1. VAN DERVEER
SCHOOL MEDIA
CENTER USAGE**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Somerville Public Library be allowed to occupy the Van Derveer School Media Center during the period of July 1, 2013 to August 8, 2013, Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. while the Somerville Public Library is being renovated.

**2. JOINT
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education enter into the following joint transportation agreement with Bridgewater-Raritan Regional Board of Education for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Bridgewater-Raritan Regional Board of Education will be the host district.

Somerset Academy \$1,785.00 1 student

Mrs. Olson introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Chin 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	ABSENT	*Rehe	N/A

It is recommended that Items 3* through 7* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

3* TRANSMITTAL OF TAX MONIES

RESOLVED that the Board of Education request the following transmittal of tax monies from the Borough of Somerville for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$22,123,850.00 such sum being reported on the Certificate and Report of School Taxes.

August 10, 2013	\$5,530,927.75
November 10, 2013	\$5,530,927.75
February 10, 2014	\$5,530,997.25
May 10, 2014	\$5,530,997.25

4* MARINE CORPS LEADERSHIP MADNESS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the participation of the Somerville High School football team in a leadership training program on July 10, 2013, to be conducted by the Marine Corps.

5* OPPOSING S-1191/A-3627 (UNDERMINING A SCHOOL BOARD'S ABILITY TO SUBCONTRACT SERVICES)

WHEREAS, New Jersey's boards of education represent the community's interests in the governance and budget oversight of school districts that collectively serve the health and educational needs of nearly 1.4 million children; and

WHEREAS, school boards continually strive to provide cost-effective ways to deliver services, which will free up additional funds to be used in the classroom or for property-tax relief; and

WHEREAS, many New Jersey school boards have found subcontracting of services such as transportation, cafeteria and maintenance is an option that has saved millions of tax dollars every year; and

WHEREAS, 40 percent of school districts responded to a 2009 survey conducted by the New Jersey School Boards Association, which found the

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responding districts saved more than \$34 million annually through subcontracting services; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1191 and Assembly Bill 3627 of the 2012-2013 Legislative Session is a union-backed bill that would place severe obstacles in the way of a school board's ability to subcontract services and save tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of Senate Bill 1191 and Assembly Bill 3627 is to undermine a board's ability to subcontract services, thereby increasing school employees and increasing the rolls of union membership, which generates more dues for union coffers; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1191 and Assembly Bill 3627 would remove a school board's option to subcontract services, thereby diverting funds from the classroom and burdening property taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education, in its continued effort to provide cost-effective school operations to the community, opposes Senate Bill 1191 and Assembly Bill 3627; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Somerville Board of Education calls on the New Jersey Legislature to reject any such measures that will have the effect of depleting limited resources from our classroom; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to members of the 16th legislative district delegation, legislative leadership and to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

6* FIELD TRIPS

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

**7* 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.

Mrs. Olson introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Garot 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	ABSENT	*Rehe	YES

It is recommended that **Item 8*** be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

8* CERTIFICATION OF TITLE I AUDIT

RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education certify the findings contained in the fiscal audit of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Title I Grant for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 were discussed in a public board meeting pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.6; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appeals to Findings #1 and #3 and the Correction Action Plan for Findings #2 and #4 are hereby approved.

Mrs. Olson introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Chin 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

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Kerestes ABSENT *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 Mrs. Olson, seconded by Mr. Puntillo that K-8 items 1 to 5 and 17 be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

1. JENNIFER OSBORN

APPROVE a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Jennifer Osborn, teacher of first grade at Van Derveer School effective May 13, 2013 to June 30, 2013 and an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from September 3, 2013 to January 10, 2014.

2. BARBARA GLINKA

APPROVE a change in a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Barbara Glinka, teacher of third grade at Van Derveer School from April 22, 2013 to June 3, 2013 to the period of April 15, 2013 to May 28, 2013 and a change in an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from June 4, 2013 to June 30, 2013 to the period of May 29, 2013 to June 30, 2013.

3. DAVID ZUBIA

APPROVE the appointment of David Zubia to the position of Somerville Middle School Intramural Soccer Co-advisor for the spring 2013 season at a stipend of \$794.50.

4. CHRISTINE KEATING

APPROVE the appointment of Christine Keating to the position of part-time one on one instructional assistant at the Somerville Preschool effective April 16, 2013 to June 30, 2013 at a salary of \$17,251.00 (Step 3) (Prorated) (Emergent Hiring).

5. DANA HARDOCK

APPROVE the appointment of Dana Hardock to the temporary position of teacher of mathematics at the middle school to fill a vacancy caused by a retirement (Laskowski) effective April 16, 2013

at a salary of \$53,651.00 (BA+15, Step 1) (Prorated) (Emergent Hiring).

17 FREDDIE SHAKER

APPROVE the appointment of Freddie Shaker to the position of teacher of mathematics, instructional, certificate of mathematics K- 12, at the Somerville Middle School to fill a vacancy caused by a retirement (Laskowski) effective September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a salary of \$57,554.00. (MA, Step 1)

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	ABSENT	*Rehe	N/A

9-12 and Districtwide

Motion by Mrs. Olson, seconded by Mr. Chin that **9-12 and Districtwide** items **6* to 16*** be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

6* BARBARA WEISBLATT

APPROVE the retirement/resignation of Barbara Weisblatt from the position of teacher of world languages at Somerville High School effective July 1, 2013.

7* LISA LERNER

APPROVE the retirement/resignation of Lisa Lerner from the position of teacher of special education at Somerville High School effective July 1, 2013.

8* MARY LYNN DEVITO

APPROVE the retirement/resignation of Mary Lynn DeVito from the position of school social worker districtwide effective July 1, 2013.

9* SUMMER CUSTODIAL HELPER

APPROVE the following Somerville High School students to the position of summer custodial helper effective July 1, 2013:

- Ray Mamone - \$8.50 per hour
- Jacob Belardo - \$8.25 per hour

10* MARQUES L. JACKSON

APPROVE the appointment of Marques L. Jackson to the position of summer custodial helper at a rate of \$9.25 per hour effective June 3, 2013.

11* SHS VOLUNTEER

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

- Robert Flanagan
- Christopher Evans
- Boys Lacrosse
- Marching Band

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12*AMI OPALSKI **APPROVE** Ami Opalski, athletic trainer at Somerville High School to verify all student-athletes physical exam paperwork during the summer months and additionally during the course of the 2013-2014 school year to be paid at her per diem rate not to exceed 10 working days.

13* MATTHEW KREMPASKY **APPROVE** the appointment of Matthew Krempasky and Stephen Loreti to the position of band instructors for the 2013 Summer Band Camp to be paid at their per diem rate not to exceed five days.

14* SHS SUMMER WEIGHT ROOM ADVISORS **APPROVE** the following staff members as weight room advisors for the 2013-2014 school year at the contractual rate of \$43.00 per hour for a total of 330 hours. The weight room will be available for use by all students of Somerville High School.
Joseph D'Alessandro - 30 hours
Skip Fuller - 300 hours

15* DR. THOMAS SHAFFREY **APPROVE** the appointment of Dr. Thomas Shaffrey to the position of football team physician for the 2013 season to provide coverage at all home football games at a cost not to exceed \$900.00.

16* SUMMER WORKS SHS GUIDANCE COUNSELORS **APPROVE** the following Guidance Counselors for summer employment at their per diem rate for up to three (3) days each during the week of June 24, 2013:
Greg Arakelian
Carol Cabourg
Sandy Cirello
Kathleen DeLuca
Christine Thompson

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	ABSENT	*Rehe	YES

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session at 8:43 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation, a contractual matter, SPSA negotiations and student

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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.

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

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

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

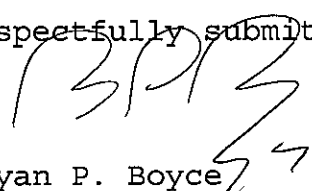
RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to return to public session at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mrs. Olson motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Puntillo that the meeting be adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,


 Bryan P. Boyce
 Board Secretary

