

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019
SOMERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

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 9, 2019 at the Somerville Middle School Cafeteria, 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 (retired at 7:50 p.m.; returned at 8:40 p.m.), Mr. Lucien Sergile, Mrs. Erin Sweitzer, Mrs. Denise Van Horn, Mrs. Kristen Fabriczi

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Melissa Sadin

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

PUBLIC COMMENT None

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Mr. Sergile motioned to close Public Comment; Ms. Matthews seconded.

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

**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**

Somerville High School Highlights

Mr. Gerard Foley, Somerville High School Principal

Mr. Gerard Foley, Somerville High School Principal, introduced members of the drama club production of Pippin. Two songs from Pippin were performed. In addition, student Nicholas Merola presented his Eagle Scout project which is the renovation of the Somerville High School courtyard. He was awarded his Eagle Scout certificate and pin by Boy Scouts Troop 185. Thank you to the Neves and Ciempola families for donating the pavers to this project.

College and Career Presentation

Mr. Jeremy Hudson, College and Career Counselor

Mr. Jeremy Hudson, College and Career Counselor, presented the school's mid-year update which included: number of college visits, student registrations, school sponsored trips, college and career fairs, Rider University Instant Decision Day, various career exploration programs and upcoming events such as the Somerville Academy for Liberal Arts (SALA) 12th grade graduation luncheon at Raritan Valley Community Center in May and the first graduating class for the Somerville Medical Science Academy (SMSA) in June. Mr. Hudson also reported on the SALA outcomes.

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy Teehan, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Teehan highlighted various activities at Van Derveer School, Somerville Middle School and

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Somerville High School. He reported that the 2019 Scholar Athletes were announced and that these students will be recognized by Skyland, Somerset County and NJSIAA for their academic achievements and athletic accomplishments. Also, Dr. Teehan announced that Mrs. Karen Gorzynski was selected by Midland School and Midland Adult Services as the 2019 Community Partner of the Year.

Presentation of QSAC Scores

Dr. Timothy Teehan, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Teehan reported that the district recently was monitored by the NJ Department of Education. Their system of monitoring is called Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) which every school district has to undergo. The district scored very well in the areas of personnel (95), operations (100), governance (100), fiscal management (100) and curriculum and instruction (85).

Mr. Sergile announced that Somerville Middle School will be holding their Spring Concert on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS

A. Finance Committee:

Erin Sweitzer, Chairperson

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

1* DONATION TO SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$1,300.00 from the Somerville High School Music Booster Association to be used to fund the work for their Indoor Drum Line.

2* NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY AID PROGRAM

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached New Jersey Nonpublic School Security Aid Program Order Forms for Immaculate Conception School and Immaculata High School.

3* FIELD TRIPS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the

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enclosed request for field trips.

**4* 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 Mrs. Sweitzer and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve Resolution numbers 1* through 4*.

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

B. Policy Committee:

Melissa Sadin, Chairperson

1* FIRST READING

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following regulation for a first reading:

R 3542.5 Procurement Procedures for Child Nutrition Programs

The motion was made by Mrs. Van Horn and seconded by Ms. Matthews to approve Resolution number 1*.

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

Carlson	YES	Sadin	ABSENT
Jess	YES	Sergile	YES
Matthews	YES	Sweitzer	YES

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Olson	YES	Van Horn	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

C. 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 cases #2018-2019:12SMS-NC and #2018-2019:13SMS-NC.

The motion was made by Mrs. Van Horn and seconded by Ms. Matthews to approve Resolution number 1.

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

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

It is recommended that Item 2* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools

**2* 2019
SOMERVILLE HIGH
SCHOOL SUMMER
STEM BRIDGE
PROGRAMS**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached list of the 2019 Somerville High School Summer STEM Bridge Program.

The motion was made by Mrs. Van Horn and seconded by Ms. Matthews to approve Resolution number 2*.

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

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

PERSONNEL **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve

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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. **EMILY PIERETH** APPROVE the appointment of Emily Piereth to the leave replacement position of part-time Teacher of Preschool, a non-tenured position, at Van Derveer School to fill a vacancy caused by a maternity leave (Parsells) effective April 10, 2019 to June 30, 2019 at a salary of \$27,223.50+ (BA Step 1) (prorated).

2. **WENDY HUNT** APPROVE an unpaid childcare leave of absence for Wendy Hunt, teacher at Somerville Middle School in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act effective September 3, 2019 through November 25, 2019.

3. **LESLIE CARROLL** ACCEPT the retirement/resignation of Leslie Carroll from the position of instructional assistant at Van Derveer School effective June 30, 2019.

4. **LANOVA SCHALL** APPROVE the appointment of LaNova Schall to the newly-created position of Assistant Principal at Van Derveer School effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 at a salary of \$90,000.00.

The motion was made by Mrs. Olson and seconded by Mr. Carlson to approve Resolution numbers 1 through 4.

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

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

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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.)

**5* SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER**

APPROVE the appointment of the following individual to the position of substitute teacher for the 2018-2019 school year at the substitute rate:

Julia Bilbao

**6* MEGHAN
BOWERS-MAJOR**

APPROVE the appointment of Meghan Bowers-Major to the position of instructor for the Winter Indoor Drum Line at Somerville High School at a stipend of \$1,300.00 funded through a donation from the Somerville High School Boosters Association.

**7* SUMMER
CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE
HELPER**

APPROVE the appointment of the following individuals to the position of summer custodian/maintenance helper district wide effective May 13, 2019 through August 31, 2019:

Charles Thomas	\$13.50 per hour
Patrick Salako	\$13.00 per hour

8* RYAN URE

APPROVE the appointment of Ryan Ure to the position of head coach for the Unified Bowling Team at Somerville High School for the 2018-2019 school year at a stipend of \$500.00.

**9* DOUGLAS
GRAIVER**

APPROVE the appointment of Douglas Graiver to serve as a member of the School Safety/Climate Team at Somerville High School for the 2018-2019 school year at no additional remuneration.

**10* NICOLE
APPEZZATO**

APPROVE a change in the paid maternity leave for Nicole Appezato, teacher at Somerville High School from April 8, 2019 to May 16, 2019 to April 8, 2019 to May 22, 2019 and a change in the unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from May 17, 2019 through June 30, 2019 to May 23, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

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The motion was made by Mr. Sergile and seconded by Mrs. Van Horn to approve Resolution numbers 5* through 10*.

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

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

11* CHARISSE GUTIERREZ

ACCEPT the resignation of Charisse Gutierrez from the position of Assistant School Business Administrator effective August 2, 2019.

12* KIMBERLY CLELLAND

APPROVE the appointment of Kimberly Clelland to the position of Assistant School Business Administrator (half-time) to fill an anticipated vacancy caused by a resignation (Gutierrez) effective July 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020 at a salary of \$60,000.00.

The motion was made by Mr. Sergile and seconded by Mrs. Van Horn to approve Resolution numbers 11* and 12*.

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

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

13* REBECCA DRAKE

APPROVE an unpaid medical leave of absence for Rebecca Drake, teacher of English at Somerville High School effective April 15, 2019 through May 27, 2019 or if medically cleared to return to work sooner.

14* SHARON MURPHY

APPROVE the appointment of Sharon Murphy to the leave replacement position of teacher of English, a non-tenured position, at Somerville High School, to fill a vacancy caused by a medical leave (Drake) effective April 17, 2019 through May 27, 2019 at a salary of \$59,396.00 (MA Step

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4) (prorated).

15*Carol Cabourg ACCEPT the retirement/resignation of Carol Cabourg from the position of guidance counselor at Somerville High School effective June 30, 2019.

16* SHS APPROVE appointment of the following individuals to the position of volunteer at Somerville High School for the 2018-2019 school year:

VOLUNTEERS

Bryan D'Anunciacao Baseball
Abby Rutka Robotics/Marching Band

The motion was made by Mr. Sergile and seconded by Mrs. Van Horn to approve Resolution numbers 13* through 16*.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS None

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

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

NEW BUSINESS None

Mr. Sergile introduced and moved to close New Business; Ms. Matthews seconded.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT Several parents, students, staff and alumni spoke in support of the Somerville High School gymnastics program. The speakers urged the Board of Education not to eliminate the gymnastics program because of the many benefits to the girls participating in the sport.

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A few parents representing the ice hockey team requested that members of the Board consider more funding to help promote the ice hockey program.

Mr. Herbert Hall, Somerville resident, explained that there will be sound issues in the first 20 minutes of the video-recording of the board meeting. In addition, he wanted to know when the 2019-2020 budget will be made available. Mr. Bryan Boyce responded that the County Business Administrator and Superintendent are still in the process of reviewing the district's budget submission. When available, a user-friendly budget will be posted on the website prior to the public hearing on April 30th. Mr. Hall expressed his concern over the significant number of properties that are exempt from property taxes and commented to please be mindful of those residents who are living on a fixed income.

Mr. Jess and Mr. Sergile thanked all the parents, students, staff and community members who have made comments this evening.

Mrs. Olson introduced and moved to close Public Comment; Mr. Carlson 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 HIB confirmed case #2018-2019:5SHS, grievances, negotiations, and legal matters falling within the attorney-client privilege with respect to these subjects. 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; Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

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The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 10:15 p.m.

***HARASSMENT,
INTIMIDATION AND
BULLYING**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges and approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying confirmed report case #2018-2019:5SHS.

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

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

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

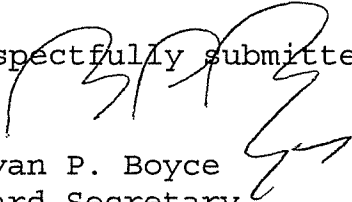
Mr. Jess suggested the survey data regarding high school athletics be shared with the full Board. Mr. Jess also suggested that we reach out to Middlesex Board of Education to determine their contribution towards the co-op ice hockey team.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to be discussed, Mr. Sergile motioned to adjourn and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion at 10:23 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary

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