

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017
SOMERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Mission Statement

Somerville Schools provide the highest quality education through an environment that promotes individual excellence.

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, May 23, 2017 at the Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.

The meeting was called to at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Chin, President.

ROLL CALL **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Norman Chin, Mr. Kenneth Cornell, Mrs. Dianne Durland, Mr. James Jones, Mrs. Carmela Noto, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente, Mr. Daniel Puntillo (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Mrs. Erin Sweitzer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Lucien Sergile

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

Mr. Chin 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's President on January 3, 2017, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

**Teacher of the Year & Educational Support
Specialist of the Year Award Presentations**

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools
Principals

Mrs. Susan Haynes for Van Derveer PK-Grade 2
Sharon Schwarz - Special Education Teacher
Amy Byrnes - Instructional Assistant

Mr. Robert Reavey for Van Derveer Grade 3-5
Megan Lazarte - Special Education Teacher
Patricia Willenbrock - Instructional Assistant

Ms. Georgette Boulegeris for Somerville Middle
School

Matthew DeBlock - Social Studies Teacher
Debra Trifari - Instructional Assistant

Mr. Jerry Foley for Somerville High School
Michael Skomba - Social Studies Teacher
Janet Jacobson - Instructional Assistant

Dr. Purnell and the Board congratulated all the recipients. There was a short recess for a group photo and cake.

Announcement of New Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Chin announced that Mr. Timothy Teehan, current Academic Achievement Officer, will be the new Superintendent of Schools for Somerville Public Schools effective July 1, 2017.

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell announced that the Annual Super's Bowl Event will be held on June 2nd at 5:30 p.m. All donations will benefit Middle Earth. This year, Mrs. Dayle Reavey, will be singing the National Anthem. On May 24, 2017, Commissioner of Education Ms. Kim Harrington will be participating in Van Derveer School *Walk to School*. The walk will begin at the skate park at 8:00 a.m.

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Dr. Purnell reported on various student activities at Van Derveer School, Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Chin acknowledged Mr. Fenster's comments about specific attachments to Board of Education meeting agendas made at a previous Board meeting and announced they will be posted on the district website in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Purnell commented that the increase in school lunch price is mandated by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. Breakfast prices were not raised.

It is recommended that Items 1 through 14 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 case #2016-2017:14SMS-NC and confirmed case #2016-2017-3VDV.

**2. SOMERVILLE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FUTURE READY
SCHOOL
CERTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education identifies value in the process of acquiring certification for Future Ready Schools New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education has committed to adopting goals and providing support for curriculum and instruction that will make our schools and students future ready;

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education agrees to promote the development of district and/or school Future Ready teams that will work collaboratively with staff, students, and the community to infuse digital learning and other future ready practices across multiple disciplines including but not limited to math, technology education, media, arts, science, language arts, and career and technical education (CTE);

RESOLVED, the Somerville Board of Education agrees to participate in Future Ready Schools New

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Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Somerville Board of Education appoints Timothy Teehan, Academic Achievement Officer, Melissa McEntee, Director of 21st Century Education, and Joanne Sung, Director of Curriculum and Instruction to be the district's liaisons to Future Ready Schools New Jersey, who will report to the Board upon the completion of tasks for the certification program and act as responsible agents at the district level to carry out the district's commitment to participate in Future Ready Schools New Jersey Certification program.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned liaisons will follow through with the district's commitment and support our schools to achieve certification through the Future Ready Schools New Jersey Certification Program.

**3. STATE
CONTRACTS**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR BOARDS OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education intends to enter into contracts with the attached Referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Somerville Board of Education

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authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Somerville Board of Education School Board Administrator/Board Secretary shall certify to the availability of sufficient funds prior to the expenditure of funds for such goods or services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the Somerville Board of Education and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Dell	89850	Software, licenses, and support
	89967	NASPO Valuepoint
Computer		
Lakeshore Learning Materials	80991	Library Supplies
School Specialty	80986	School Supplies
Sharp	40468	Copy Machines, Maintenance and Supplies
Lifesavers	84689	Health Supplies

4. SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES

WHEREAS, the Federal Regulations established as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 require a \$.10 increase in lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the establishment of the following prices for breakfast and lunch services in the cafeterias at the Somerville Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year:
(Attachment NB-1)

Breakfast - Middle School/Van Derveer School	\$1.05
Adult	\$1.50
Lunch	
Van Derveer (K-5)	\$2.75
Middle School (6-8)	\$2.90
High School	\$3.05
Adult	\$3.55

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5. **FOOD SERVICES COMPANY 2017-2018** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve a renewal contract with Maschio's Food Services, Inc. as the food service management company for the 2017-2018 school year.
Management Fee \$13,707.00
Profit Guarantee \$20,000.00
6. **DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve a recommendation from the Business Administrator to dispose of BUS 105 - VIN# 1QDJ7T1C41J509378 in accordance with Policy/Regulation 7300 because the vehicle is so outdated as to no longer serve as worthy equipment or is so worn as to preclude effective use and economical repair or restoration.
7. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR VEHICLE SALE** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enclosed Interlocal Vehicle Sale Agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the sale of 2002 GMC/BlueBird 54 -passenger Bus (BUS 105 VIN# 1QDJ77T1C41J509378).
8. **DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve a recommendation from the Director Buildings and Grounds to dispose of a two-man lift in accordance with Policy/Regulation 7300 because the vehicle is so outdated as to no longer serve as worthy equipment or is so worn as to preclude effective use and economical repair or restoration.
9. **VAN DERVEER TOILET ROOM RENOVATIONS CAPITAL PROJECT RESERVE WITHDRAWAL** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorize the withdrawal from capital reserve funds for the purpose of Van Derveer Elementary School Project - Toilet Room Renovation - DOE Project #4820-090-17-2000 in the amount of 187,000.00.
10. **VANDERVEER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TOILET ROOM RENOVATION BID AWARD** **WHEREAS**, the Somerville Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") advertised for bids regarding the Toilet Room Renovations at VanDerveer Elementary School (hereinafter referred to as the "Project");
- WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2017, the Board accepted bids for the Project;

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WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid for this Project was submitted by V&K Construction, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "V&K"), with a base bid in the amount of \$319,000, together with add Alternate A-1 in the amount of \$4,900, for a total contract sum of \$323,900; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by V&K is responsive in all material respects and the Board is desirous of awarding the contract for the Project to V&K.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to V&K Construction, Inc. in a total contract amount of \$323,900.
2. This award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, and an executed A-101, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, and an A-201, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

**11. ATHLETIC
TRAINING
AGREEMENT**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Athletic Training Agreement between Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset and Somerville Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mrs. Durland introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Jones seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sergile	YES
Durland	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jones	YES	Olson	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	N/A

**12. SOMERVILLE
MIDDLE SCHOOL
HEALTHY STEPS**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached grant application for the creation of Healthy Steps at Somerville Middle School in partnership with EmPower Somerset for the 2017-2018 school year to be supervised by parent volunteers.

Mrs. Durland introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Jones seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sergile	YES
Durland	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jones	YES	Olson	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	ABSTAIN	*Noto	N/A

13. FIELD TRIPS

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

**14. 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

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expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount.

Mrs. Durland introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Jones seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sergile	YES
Durland	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jones	YES	Olson	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	N/A

It is recommended that Item 15* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

**15* MAPS
EXTENDED SCHOOL
YEAR FOUNDATIONS
OF MUSIC COURSE**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a Foundations of Music course to run from August 7, 2017 through August 17, 2017, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Somerville High School MAPS Program.

Mrs. Durland introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Cornell seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sergile	YES
Durland	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jones	YES	Olson	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	YES

REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS

A. Student Board Member Report

Arthur J. Akins, Student Representative
Griffin LeBlond, Student Representative

Mr. Griffin LeBlond, Student Representative, spoke about the *Every 15 Minutes* Program held on May 17 and 18. Mr. LeBlond also noted the Senior Prom was held on Friday, May 19.

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B. Finance Committee:
 Daniel Puntillo, Chairperson
 Diane Durland, Member
 Lucien Sergile, Member

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 (April)
- B. Secretary's Report (April)
- C. Investments (April)
- D. Food Services (April)

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF
 MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

- A. Van Derveer School Fund (April)
- B. Middle School Fund (April)
- C. High School Fund (April)
- D. Athletic/Extracurricular Fund (April)

3. PAYROLL

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

DATE	PAYROLL
April 30, 2017	\$1,090,156.14
April 30, 2017	\$ 15,170.11 (FICA)
May 15, 2017	\$ 1,211,367.45
May 15, 2017	\$ 24,638.73 (FICA)

4. BILLS LISTS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District:

Van Derveer and Middle Schools
 Bills List Dated May 23, 2017

10 General Fund	\$ 68,912.68
20 Special Revenue Fund	1537.80
30 Capital Project Fund	12,119.99
TOTAL	\$ 82,570.47

**5. LINE ITEM
 TRANSFERS**

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

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**6. PRESCHOOL
EDUCATION GRANT
TRANSFER**

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

Mrs. Durland introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Cornell seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sergile	YES
Durland	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jones	YES	Olson	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	N/A

It is recommended that Item 7* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

7* BILLS LISTS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District:

High School and Districtwide
Bill List Dated May 1, 2017

10 General Fund	\$	2,048.93
TOTAL	\$	2,048.93

High School and Districtwide
Bill List Dated May 23, 2017

10 General Fund	\$	819,860.16
20 Special Revenue Fund		119,506.51
60 Cafeteria Fund		51,732.43
TOTAL	\$	991,099.10

Mr. Prudente introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Jones seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sergile	YES
Durland	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jones	YES	Olson	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	YES

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Certification of Major Account Status (Read by Mr. Puntillo)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4), the Somerville Board of Education certifies that as of April 30, 2017 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: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. Building and Grounds:

Kenneth Cornell, Chairperson
John Prudente, Member

Mr. Cornell referenced the Facilities Report prepared by Mr. Gabriel. Mr. Cornell highlighted that the cleaning program is coordinated around the summer programs to ensure buildings and grounds are ready or the start of school.

D. Athletics and Student Activities Committee:

Daniel Puntillo, Lucien Sergile, Chairpersons
James Jones, Member

Mr. Puntillo reported that the Committee is currently reviewing policies related to Field Use.

E. Curriculum:

Linda Olson, Chairperson
Lucien Sergile, Member

Mrs. Olson reported that the Committee has recommended providing more reading choices for the Summer Reading Program throughout the district.

**1. SUMMER
READING PROGRAM
FOR VAN DERVEER**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Summer Reading program for Van Derveer School and Somerville Middle School:

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**SCHOOL AND
SOMERVILLE
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Kindergarten - *Kindergarten, Here I Come* and complete choice activity
- First Grade - student will read an animal themed text and complete a choice activity
- Second Grade - students will read a friendship themed text and complete a choice activity
- Third through Fifth Grade - students will read two books and construct a Reader's Notebook, which will continue into the next school year.
- Sixth through Eighth Grade - students are encouraged to read books from different genres and complete activities listed in choice board.

Mr. Cornell introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mrs. Durland seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sergile	YES
Durland	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jones	YES	Olson	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	N/A

**2* SUMMER
READING PROGRAM
FOR SOMERVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Summer Reading program for Somerville High School:

- Ninth through Twelfth Grade - students are encouraged to select books from the suggested list to read during the summer and complete an activity of their choice. If any students wish to read a book that is different from the suggested list, they may do so with parent/guardian permission.

Mrs. Durland introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Cornell seconded.

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

Cornell	YES	Sergile	YES
Durland	YES	Sweitzer	YES

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Jones	YES	Olson	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	YES

F. Policy:

John Prudente, Chairperson
Dianne Durland, Member

No Report

G. Technology Committee:

Norman Chin, Chairperson
Kenneth Cornell, Member

Mr. Chin referenced the Technology Report prepared by Ms. McEntee.

Mr. Cornell requested that a copy of this year's yearbook be provided to the Somerville Library.

H. Borough Council/BOE:

Luc Sergile, Liaison

No Report

I. Somerset County Educational Services: Commission:

Daniel Puntillo, Liaison

Mr. Puntillo reported that times are changing for the Education Services Commissions that necessitate them to reinvent themselves. The Commissions are getting together to determine if they can complement each other's programs and share students and resources.

J. New Jersey School Boards Association:

Daniel Puntillo, Delegate

No Report

K. Somerset County School Association of Boards of Education

Linda Olson, Delegate

Mrs. Olson announced that next meeting is scheduled for June 1st. Dr. Purnell asked the

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Board Members to notify Mr. Boyce if they are planning to attend this meeting. Somerville Board of Education will be recognized for completing certification for Masters of Board of Education.

L. Ad Hoc Security Committee

John Prudente, Chairperson
Kenneth Cornell, Member

Mr. Prudente will schedule an end of the year meeting.

M. Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee

Daniel Puntillo, Chairperson
Norman Chin, Member
John Prudente, Member
Melissa Sadin, Member

Mr. Puntillo reported that negotiations are moving forward. He is pleased to meet with some of the staff and said that it has been a healthy experience to-date.

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.)

PreK-8

Motion by Mr. Prudente seconded by Mr. Cornell that items 1 and 2 be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

**1. 2017 TITLE I
SUMMER READING
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS**

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members to the position of substitute teacher for the 2017 Title I Summer Reading Program to be held July 5, 2017 to August 3, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at one-half (1/2) their per diem rate:

Lauren Harrsch
Karen Kucharski

**2. ALEXANDRA
AUGUSTINE**

APPROVE the appointment of Alexandra Augustine to the position of teacher of Spanish;

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instructional, teacher of Spanish certification, at Somerville Middle School to fill a vacancy caused by a non-renewal effective September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 at a salary of \$54,447.00+ (BA Step 1).

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

Cornell	YES	Sergile	YES
Durland	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jones	YES	Olson	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	N/A

9-12, Districtwide

Motion by Mr. Prudente seconded by Mrs. Durland that items 3* through 6* be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

- 3* KELLY RACHEL** APPROVE a unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act for Kelly Rachel, teacher of science at Somerville High School effective September 5, 2017 through January 19, 2018.
- 4* 2017-2018 SHS COACHES** APPROVE the appointment of the following individuals to the position of coach at Somerville High School for the 2017-2018 school year:
- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Kelly McCall | |
| Head Cheerleading Coach | \$ 6,880.40+ |
| Elizabeth Teeling | |
| Assistant Cheerleading Coach | \$ 4,320.85+ |
| Timothy Ortelli | |
| Head Boys Basketball Coach | \$10,062.07+ |
- 5* KERRI IRELAND** APPROVE the appointment of Kerri Ireland to administer Advanced Placement Exams for the May 2017 testing window at a rate of \$36.00 per hour.
- 6* WALTER FOOTE** APPROVE the appointment of Walter Foote to the position of summer painter district-wide effective June 26, 2017 to August 31, 2017 at a hourly rate of \$13.50 not to exceed \$4,500.00.

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

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Cornell	YES	Sergile	YES
Durland	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jones	YES	Olson	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	YES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Purnell expressed that he is extremely proud of the first cohort that will be graduating from the Somerville Liberal Arts Academy at Raritan Valley Community College. This cohort will be earning their Associates Degree. Dr. Purnell requested to please provide feedback on our district website. The survey is available on-line to complete. Lastly, Dr. Purnell acknowledged the principals and administrators for their leadership and being instrumental in cultivating a learning environment for teachers to feel safe and take risks.

Mr. Carlson, parent, thanked the Board and Administration for the Somerville Liberal Arts Academy Program. It benefited his daughter who completed her Associates Degree. It involved a lot of work but she was still able to participate in co-curricular activities. One recommendation is to ensure that students in this program are present and included in other programs like Student of the Month and *Every 15 Minutes*.

Mr. Patrick Frain, 201 Scobee Ln., Somerset, SEA President, asked if there is a set protocol for terminating staff go so that they do not find out on Board Agenda.

Mr. Bob Fenster, 172 East High St., Somerville, thanked the Board for making a couple of attachments available. He appreciates the transparency. In referencing attachments for Travel Expense and Field Trips, he recommended that purpose of these trips be disclosed. He requested that Committee Reports referenced on the Agenda be made available. Lastly, he requested that E-mail addresses of Board Members be made available so that the public can communicate with the Board. Dr. Purnell responded that E-mail addresses are in fact available on the district website for all Board Members.

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**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss student matters, an employee discussion and the Superintendent candidate. 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.

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

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

Cornell	YES	Sergile	YES
Durland	YES	Sweitzer	YES
Jones	YES	Olson	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	N/A

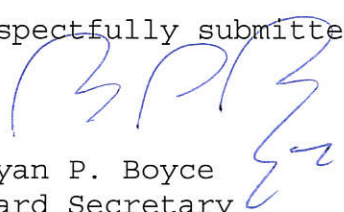
The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 8:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mrs. Noto motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Olson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary