

**REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM**

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 Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at the District Conference Room, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.
- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Kerestes, President.
- ROLL CALL**
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. James Adamec, Mr. Norman Chin, Mr. Kenneth Cornell, Mr. Dennis Garot, Mr. Al Kerestes, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Mr. Lucien Sergile
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. David Rehe
- ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Bryan P. Boyce, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator
- Mr. Kerestes 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 March 21, 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.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings as

supervisor would be responsible for Prekindergarten through Grade 5 including PARCC and the other supervisor would be responsible for departmentalized subject areas in Grades 6 through 12.

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell stated that the Somerville Board of Education was the recipient of a New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group 2012 Safety Award. Dr. Purnell also reported on student activities during the past three weeks at the Preschool, Van Derveer School, Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**It is recommended that Items 1 through 16\* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.**

**1. PRESCHOOL  
PROGRESS REPORT**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached progress report for the Preschool.

**2. STUDENT  
REQUEST FROM VAN  
DERVEER SCHOOL**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enclosed request for Van Derveer Student #994 to complete her fifth grade school year due to her family relocating out of Somerville.

**3. INTERLOCAL  
AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE  
COUNTY OF  
SOMERSET AND THE  
SOMERVILLE BOARD  
OF EDUCATION FOR  
ENGINEERING  
SERVICES FOR VAN  
DERVEER SCHOOL  
PARKING LOT**

This Agreement, made this 28th day of May, 2013 between the Somerville Board of Education, having its principal offices at 51 West Cliff Street in the Borough of Somerville, hereinafter called "Board of Education", and the County of Somerset, a body politic in the State of New Jersey, having its principal offices at 20 Grove Street in the Borough of Somerville, Hereinafter called "County".

**WHEREAS**, the Somerville Board of Education is desirous to entering into a joint venture with the County of Somerset for engineering services for the design of a new parking lot at Van Derveer School; and

**WHEREAS**, the Somerville Board of Education owns and maintains Van Derveer School site and associated parking lots; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the most expeditious way to proceed with the design of a new parking lot would be as a joint venture, with Somerset County designing the project and the Somerville Board of Education advertising for receipt of bids, inspecting, and entering into a contract for construction of the new parking lot at Van Derveer School as more specifically set forth in this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the purpose of this Agreement to set forth the various duties, responsibilities and obligations of the parties thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Service Act (N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et seq.) authorizes and empowers the County and Board of Education to enter into this Agreement for the purposes of having the County provide the services contemplated by this Agreement to the Board of Education;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual and joint obligations set for herein and other valuable considerations, the Board of Education and County do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. In order to implement the engineering services for Van Derveer School Parking Lot as aforesaid, the County agrees to furnish, supply and/or undertake the following:
  - a. Provide all necessary services for the engineering design of the project, including plans, specifications, and estimates.
  - b. Prepare applications, submit, and obtain land use permits that may be required by local, County, or State agencies.
  - c. Respond to questions regarding the

plans, specifications, and estimates during the bidding process including assisting with review of bid proposals.

- d. Respond to questions regarding the plans and specifications during construction of the project.
2. In order to implement the engineering services for Van Derveer School Parking Lot as aforesaid, the Board of Education agrees to furnish, supply and/or undertake the following:
    - a. Adopt any and all resolutions to accomplish the engineering services for Van Derveer School Parking Lot as aforesaid and as may be required by law in order to accomplish the purposes of this Agreement.
    - b. Pay for all the costs (100%) of the services provided by the County.
    - c. Pay for all the costs (100%) of permit fees that may be required for the project approvals by local, County, or State agencies.
  3. The County and the Board of Education further mutually agree as follows:
    - a. It is agreed that the Board of Education shall be responsible for the complete undertaking for construction of the Van Derveer Parking Lot.
    - b. Compensation of County and Board of Education employees shall be borne by the respective public bodies and shall not form a part of any cost for the project.
    - c. The Board of Education shall reimburse the County for Engineering Design and construction support services pursuant to this agreement for engineering and

related services with the County of Somerset.

- d. The County shall at times hereafter indemnify and hold the Board of Education harmless from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and suit for damages for property and injury to and/or death to persons caused or resulting from the actions or in-actions of the County in regard to any of its obligations agreed to herein.
- e. The Board of Education shall at times hereafter indemnify and hold the County harmless from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and suit for damages for property and injury to and/or death to persons caused or resulting from the actions and in-actions of the Board of Education in regard to any of its obligation agreed.
- f. The parties hereto will comply with all applicable rules, regulations, statutes and ordinances of the State of New Jersey and agree that the bidding and award of the construction contract will follow the Public Contract Laws of the State of New Jersey.
- g. This agreement shall become effective upon the passage of an authorizing Resolution by the Board of Education and a Resolution by the County as required by the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-4. This Agreement shall remain in effect until completion of all of the duties, obligations and responsibilities of the respective parties as set forth in this Agreement.
- h. This Agreement may not be assigned to one part without the written consent of the other.

- i. This Agreement sets for the entire understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the transactions contemplated herein. No change of modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless the same be in writing and signed by all of the parties hereto.
- j. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Agreement shall be adjudged to invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined on its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof, directly involved to the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

**IN WITNESS THEREFORE,** The COUNTY and The BOARD OF EDUCATION shall cause this Agreement to be executed by their proper officials and their proper seals affixed this day and year above written.

**4. VAN DERVEER  
SCHOOL FIVE  
CLASSROOM  
ADDITION -  
CHANGE ORDERS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following change orders related to the Van Derveer School Five Classroom Addition Project:

Belmont Construction Corp. - Change Order No. - 1  
This change order is issued for the following:  
Belmont's site work subcontractor GMP was asked to relocate a pile of excess subsoil material outside of the construction worksite. \$3,537.00 will be charged against the General Repair Allowance.

Belmont Construction Corp. - Change Order No. - 2  
This change order is issued for the following:  
Belmont's site work subcontractor GMP was asked to remove and relocate the existing outdoor classroom sign at the Van Derveer School courtyard which had been installed following the project design/bidding and was outside the scope of the original project. \$1,386.00 will be charged against the General Repair Allowance.

Belmont Construction Corp. - Change Order No. - 3  
 This change order is issued for the following:  
 Belmont's site work subcontractor GMP was asked to provide an underslab extension for a roof drain storm line discovered exiting from under the slab of Van Derveer School "C" wing which needed continuity to the nearest storm drain. \$7,970.00 will be charged against the General Repair Allowance.

Belmont Construction Corp. - Change Order No. - 4  
 This change order is issued for the following:  
 Belmont was asked to correct a structural deficiency discovered at the footing of the NW Corner of Van Derveer School "C" wing which required forming and underpinning. \$1,525.00 will be charged against the General Repair Allowance.

Belmont Construction Corp. - Change Order No. - 5  
 This change order is issued for the following:  
 Belmont was asked to defer work activities from a normal 7am to 3pm work schedule to a partial second shift operation during the week of May 13<sup>th</sup> thru May 17<sup>th</sup> when Van Derveer School held critical state testing to measure student performance. \$12,500.00 will be charged against the General Repair Allowance.

Belmont Construction Corp. - Change Order No. - 6  
 This change order is issued for the following:  
 Belmont was asked to furnish and install a pair of Dyson Airblade V hand dryers within the new boys and girls toilet rooms in the addition wing. \$3,924.00 will be charged against the General Repair Allowance.

**5\* CHANGE IN  
 BOARD OF  
 EDUCATION  
 MEETING DATE**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education change the date of the Board of Education Workshop Meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 2013 to Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

**6\* SCHOOL  
 BREAKFAST/LUNCH  
 PRICES**

**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 2013-2014 school year. This represents a \$.10 increase in

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

lunch prices and no increase in breakfast prices. The \$.10 increase is due to federal regulations established as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

Breakfast-Middle School/Van Derveer School \$1.05  
Adult \$1.50

Lunch

Van Derveer (K-5) \$2.45 Middle School (6-8) \$2.60  
High School \$2.75 Adult \$3.25

**7\* ENGINEERING DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT EVENT AT SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Engineering Design and Development students at Somerville High School host an event on June 4, 2013 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 112 at Somerville High School. This event will highlight and showcase the work the students have studied this year.

**8\* DONATION TO SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$350.00 from the Courtside Racquet Club to offset costs incurred by the tennis team throughout the season.

**9\* APPROVAL OF 2013 SUMMER HOURS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2013 summer hours for all twelve-month employees with no reduction of hours per week as per the enclosed.

**10\* USE OF DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION FOR PROJECT GRADUATION 2013**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve a request from the Somerville High School for the use of Somerville Public School District transportation for Project Graduation 2013.

**11\* RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED FY2014 SDA ASSESSMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in Fiscal Year 2011, the State began assessing a fee equal to 15 percent of the debt service it incurred to provide construction grants to regular operating districts through the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act of 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the so-called School Development Authority (SDA) assessment for FY2013 totaled \$20.9 million for all regular operating districts; and



**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget for FY2014 includes an SDA assessment of \$33.95 million, an increase of 62 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, for a significant number of school districts, the assessment results in a net loss in available revenue to fund educational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act of 2000, at N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-14h, gives the state authority to charge only for administrative and organizational costs related to the financing of its grants; and

**WHEREAS**, neither the aforementioned act nor any subsequent law authorizes the state to assess fees associated with the principle and interest incurred in financing the construction grants; and

**WHEREAS**, the so-called SDA assessments run contrary to the stated goals of the 2000 construction act, which included providing non-Abbott districts with up-front grants to reduce the long-term debt incurred by local property taxpayers to support school construction and renovations; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed FY2014 SDA assessments are based on calculations made in December 2012 and not in January 2013, when the state's debt service payments had been substantially lowered through refinancing of some of the debt; and

**WHEREAS**, using the more recent estimates would result in a statewide SDA assessment of \$25.8 million for regular operating districts, a reduction of over \$8 million from the assessment included in the proposed FY2014 budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the state Senate and General Assembly are currently deliberating over the proposed FY2014 budget. Now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Somerville Board of Education

urges the state Legislature to amend the proposed FY2014 state budget to relieve regular operating school districts from the burdensome SDA assessments now reflected in the appropriations act; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Steve Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairman Paul Sarlo, Assembly Budget Committee Chairman Vincent Prieto, state Senator Christopher Bateman and Assembly Representatives Jack M. Ciattarelli and Donna M. Simoin; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution also be forwarded to the New Jersey School Boards Association and the Somerset County School Boards Association.

**12\* BAYADA  
NURSES INC. -  
NURSING SERVICES**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Bayada Nurses, Inc. to provide nursing services at a rate of \$44.50 per hour to students pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1) for the 2013-2014 school year. This represents a decrease over the 2012-2013 school year.

**13\* 2013-2014  
SCHOOL YEAR  
INTERLOCAL  
TRANSPORTATION  
SERVICES  
AGREEMENT  
RESOLUTION FOR  
PARTICIPATION IN  
COORDINATED  
TRANSPORTATION**

**WHEREAS**, Somerville School District desires to transport special education, non-public, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the SCESC, offers coordinated transportation services; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCESC will organize, provide and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 6%, as presented to the Somerville School District as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC's Board of Education. Said formula shall be based on a route

cost divided by home to school mileage of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to district will be adjusted based on actual costs. Payments will be due within 30 days of receipt by the district and deemed late after 60 days with an additional 1% fee for late payments. At the discretion of the Commission Superintendent, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

I. The SCESC will provide the following services:

- a. routes coordinated with other districts to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
- b. monthly billing and invoices;
- c. computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by SCESC;
- d. all necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
- e. constant review and revision of routes;
- f. It is further agreed that the Somerville School District will provide the SCESC with the following:
  1. requests for any additional transportation on approved forms to be provided by the SCESC, completed in full and signed by previously authorized district personnel;
  2. withdrawal for any transportation must be provided in writing and signed by authorized district personnel; no billing adjustments will be made without this completed form and will become effective on the date the form is received;

II. Additional Cost - all additional costs generated by unique requests such as mid-day runs or early dismissals will be borne by the district. All such costs must first be approved by the Somerville School District

III. Whereas, the SCESC also provides coordinated regional bus maintenance services, safety training, coordinated purchasing, professional development and other related transportation

services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the LEA (district board of education) may participate at any time.

IV. Length of Agreement - this agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014 in writing over authorized signature.

**14\* OPTION 2 PROGRAM FORM**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enclosed form for Somerville High School students to complete prior to enrollment in an approved Option 2 program such as an Independent Study Program, Advanced Credit or Online Coursework.

**15\* FIELD TRIPS**

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

**16\* 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.

Mr. Kerestes 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

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

Garot	YES	Sergile	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Rehe	ABSENT

**REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS**

**A. Finance Committee:**

Dennis Garot, Chairperson  
James Adamec, 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:

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

**2. 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 28, 2013

10 General Fund	\$	345,396.06
20 Special Revenue Fund		837.03
TOTAL	\$	346,233.09

Mr. Garot introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Cornell 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	YES	*Rehe	ABSENT

**3. PAYROLL PAYMENTS**

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
April 30, 2013	\$ 470,898.76 (MS & VDV)
May 15, 2013	\$ 522,400.08 (MS & VDV)

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

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

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

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

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

**4\* 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)

**5\* ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

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

**6\* BILL LISTS**

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

District Wide and High School  
Bill List Dated May 28, 2013

10 General Fund	\$	827,424.07
20 Special Revenue Fund		28,532.99
60 Cafeteria Fund		74,703.23
	TOTAL	\$ 930,660.29

**7\* PAYROLL PAYMENTS**

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
April 30, 2013	\$564,350.83 (ADMIN & HS)
April 30, 2013	\$ 14,458.18 (FICA)
May 15, 2013	\$619,216.26 (ADMIN & HS)

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

May 15, 2013 \$ 22,711.65 (FICA)

**8\* LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

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

Mr. Garot introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Cornell 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	YES	*Rehe	ABSENT

Certification of Major Account Status  
 (Read into record - Mr. Dennis Garot)  
 Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2:11(c)r, the Somerville Board of Education certifies that as of April 30, 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. Building and Grounds:  
 Kenneth Cornell, Chairperson  
 Norman Chin, Member  
 Al Kerestes, Member

Mr. Cornell reported on the progress with construction of the five classroom addition at Van Derveer School.

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

Mr. Prudente reviewed the success of the spring athletic teams including those who won division championships. Mr. Prudente also noted that the

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

Boys Lacrosse team won the Group 2 Sectional Championship and will play for the State Championship on May 29, 2013. Mr. Prudente also acknowledged the outstanding performances of Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School Bands at the Somerville Memorial Day Parade.

**1\*** Table Tennis Club at Somerville High School  
**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached recommendation for a Table Tennis Club at Somerville High School. Nicole Battaglia, teacher of mathematics at Somerville High School will supervise the club.

Mr. Prudente introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Cornell 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	YES	*Rehe	ABSENT

**2\*** Athletic Training Services Agreement  
**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Somerset Medical Center to provide Athletic Training Services to students per the attached agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1) for the 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Prudente introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Cornell 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	YES	*Rehe	ABSENT

D. Curriculum:  
 Linda Olson, Chairperson



Mrs. Olson stated that the Curriculum Committee has been working on the One Book, One Community Program and plans on selecting the book at its June 2013 meeting.

E. Policy:

Al Kerestes, Chairperson

\*First Reading

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

- P 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Non Resident Pupils
- P 6620 Petty Cash

Mr. Kerestes introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Sergile 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	YES	*Rehe	ABSENT

F. Technology Committee:

Norman Chin, Chairperson  
James Adamec, Member

Mr. Adamec stated that the Technology Committee met and reviewed plans for work over the summer including installation of Smartboards and updating of computers. Mr. Adamec also noted the district received County approval of its Three Year Technology Plan.

G. Borough Council/BOE:

John Prudente, Liaison

Mr. Prudente stated that the Mayor and Council hired a new police officer at its last Council meeting.

H. Somerset County Educational Services:

Commission: Daniel Puntillo, Liaison

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

Mr. Puntillo stated the next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2013.

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

Mr. Puntillo reported on the New Jersey School Boards Annual Delegate Assembly meeting at which the Delegates called on NJSBA staff to conduct a study to evaluate the impact of the state's superintendent salary caps, approved a measure regarding the sale and use of firearms and approved a resolution calling for municipalities to provide notice to the school board before discussing whether to move the school elections.

J. Somerset County School Association of Boards of Education John Prudente, Delegate

No Report

K. AD HOC - Security Committee  
John Prudente, Chairperson  
James Adamec, Member  
Norman Chin, Member  
Kenneth Cornell, Member  
Al Kerestes, Member

Mr. Prudente stated that the Committee is exploring shared service opportunities with the Borough of Somerville.

**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, 9-12 and Districtwide**

Motion by Mr. Kerestes seconded by Mr. Cornell that items **1 through 26\*** be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

**1. STAFF LIST - SPECIAL**

**APPROVE** the enclosed staff members for the Special Education Extended School Year program.

**EDUCATION ESY** The program will run from June 24, 2013 to August 2, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The staff will be paid at their half-day per diem rate and a portion (\$25,000) will be funded by the 2013 IDEA Grant.

**2. STAFF MEMBERS - 2013 TITLE I SUMMER INTERVENTION READING PROGRAM** **APPROVE** the enclosed staff members for employment in the 2013 Title I Summer Intervention Reading Program under the direction of the summer school principal for students entering grades 1 through 5 pending sufficient enrollment. The program will be held June 25 through July 25, 2013, Monday through Thursday for twenty (20) half-day sessions (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.). Teachers and instructional assistant will be compensated at one-half of their per diem rate.

**3. DEIRDRE RAJOPPI** **APPROVE** a change in assignment for Deirdre Rajoppi, speech therapist, from three-fifths (3/5) position to four-fifths (4/5) position effective with the 2013-2014 school year.

**4. ALLISON CUNNINGHAM** **APPROVE** an unpaid childcare leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act for Allison Cunningham, teacher of kindergarten, effective September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

**5. DANIELLE MATTIA** **APPROVE** a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Danielle Mattia, teacher of first grade, effective September 3, 2013 to October 1, 2013 and an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act effective October 2, 2013 to January 24, 2014.

**6. ALYSSA BREEMAN** **APPROVE** the appointment of Alyssa Breeman to the position of teacher of physical education, Instructional: with health and physical education certification, at Somerville Middle School to fill a vacancy caused by a transfer (Iannelli) effective September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a salary of \$53,219.00 (BA, Step 2).

**7. EMPLOYEE I.D. #5166** **APPROVE** the termination of employment for Employee I.D. #5166 effective immediately for position abandonment.

- 8. GABRIELA COLON** **APPROVE** the appointment of Gabriela Colon to the position of teacher of preschool, instructional: certificate of teacher of Preschool through grade three, at the Somerville Preschool to fill a vacancy caused by a retirement (Palmer) effective September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a salary of \$57,707.00 (MA, Step 2).
- 9. JESSICA EITNER** **ACCEPT** the resignation of Jessica Eitner from the position of teacher of English at the Somerville Middle School effective June 30, 2013.
- 10. NEWLY CREATED POSITION** **APPROVE** a newly created position of PreK-5 Curriculum Supervisor at Van Derveer Elementary School.
- 11. JOB DESCRIPTION - PREK-5 CURRICLUM SUPERVISOR** **APPROVE** the enclosed job description for the position of PreK-5 Curriculum Supervisor at Van Derveer Elementary School.
- 12. NEWLY CREATED POSITION** **APPROVE** a newly created position of Title I Summer Program Principal.
- 13. JOB DESCRIPTION - TITLE I SUMMER PROGRAM PRINCIPAL** **APPROVE** the enclosed job description for the position of Title I Summer Program Principal.
- 14. DOUG BARIST** **APPROVE** the appointment of Doug Barist to the position of afterschool monitor at Van Derveer School for the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of \$34.00 per hour.
- 15\* SUMMER CHILD STUDY TEAM WORK** **APPROVE** that the following staff members be approved for summer work to complete Child Study Team Evaluations and Re-Evaluations. They will be paid at their per diem rate and a portion (\$18,000) will be funded by the 2013 IDEA Grant.
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| Francine O'Connor | (12 days)   |
| Lisa Mulhearn     | (12 days)   |
| Cathy Hons        | (12 days)   |
| Tanya McDonald    | (12 days)   |
| Karen Tovi-Jones  | (12 days)   |
| Dayle Reavey      | (as needed) |
| Patricia Clark    | (as needed) |

- 16\* RYAN TAPIA**      **APPROVE** the appointment of the following individual to the position of volunteer at Somerville High School for the 2012-2013 school year:  
                                Ryan Tapia                          Baseball
- 17\* GARY DOMANSKI**      **APPROVE** the appointment of Gary Domanski to the position of assistant track coach for the 2012-2013 track season at a stipend of \$6,240.00.
- 18\* SHS AFTERSCHOOL CENTRAL DETENTION MONITORS**      **APPROVE** all certified teachers employed by the Somerville Board of Education to be able to provide afterschool central detention monitoring at Somerville High School for the 2013-2014 school year at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.
- 19\* SHS AFTERSCHOOL HALL MONITORS**      **APPROVE** all certified teachers employed by the Somerville Board of Education be able to serve as afterschool hall monitors at Somerville High School for the 2013-2014 school year at the rate or \$34.00 per hour.
- 20\* SUBSTITUTES**      **APPROVE** the following list of substitutes for the 2012-2013 school year:  
  
                                James Griffin - Substitute Teacher \$90.00 per diem  
                                Christina Meriscar - Substitute Teacher \$90.00 per diem  
                                Teresa Bierwisch - Substitute Secretary \$96.00 per diem
- 21\* DAVID MILLER**      **APPROVE** a salary differential of \$1,000.00 for obtaining a school bus driver's license to David Miller, custodian for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 22\* BRYAN P. BOYCE**      **APPROVE** the enclosed employment contract for Bryan P. Boyce, Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.
- 23\* NOELLE HARTJE**      **APPROVE** an extension in the leave replacement position for Noelle Hartje, teacher of physical education, to be extended to September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

**24\* DR. TANYA  
MCDONALD**

**APPROVE** Dr. Tanya McDonald, school psychologist, to assist with scheduling and guidance department responsibilities at Somerville High School at no additional remuneration.

**25\* GEORGE  
MELLORS**

**APPROVE** George Mellors, Robotics Advisor and teacher of engineering at Somerville High School as a volunteer for five days during the summer to work with the robotics students and the FIRST Robotics Foundation.

**26\* LAURA  
VANHOUTEN**

**APPROVE** the appointment of Laura VanHouten to the position of teacher of French, instructional: certificate of teacher of French, at Somerville High School to fill a vacancy caused by a retirement (Weisblatt) effective September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a salary of \$67,541.00 (MA, Step 10).

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	YES	*Rehe	ABSENT

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, SPSA negotiations and a legal matter. 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.

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

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

Adamec	YES	Olson	YES
Chin	YES	Prudente	YES
Cornell	YES	Puntillo	YES

Garot	YES	Sergile	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Rehe	ABSENT

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education move to return to public session at 8:20 p.m.

**\*EMPLOYEE I.D.  
#4480**

**RESOLVED**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:29-14, that the employment and adjustment increments for Employee I.D. #4480 are hereby withheld for the 2013-2014 school year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said employee's increments will not be restored in future years unless and until formal action is taken by the Board; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that within ten (10) days, the Superintendent shall notify the employee of this action and the reasons for same.

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

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

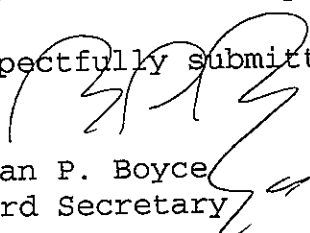
Adamec	YES	Olson	YES
Chin	YES	Prudente	YES
Cornell	YES	Puntillo	YES
Garot	YES	Sergile	YES
Kerestes	YES	*Rehe	ABSENT

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mrs. Olson motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Chin that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bryan P. Boyce  
Board Secretary

