

**WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

Mission Statement

Somerville 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 Meeting on May 8, 2018 at the Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.
- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Linda Olson, Board President; who asked all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL**
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Kristen Fabriczi, Mr. Derek Jess, Ms. Candace Matthews, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Mrs. Erin Sweitzer and Mrs. Denise Van Horn
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Kenneth Cornell, Mr. Lucien Sergile
- ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Timothy Teehan, 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 Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," has been provided by action of the Board of Education on November 21, 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** Mrs. Olson expressed gratitude and appreciation to all Somerville Public School Teachers, for Teacher Appreciation Week, on behalf of the Board of Education.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** District Highlights  
Dr. Timothy M. Teehan, Superintendent of Schools

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

**OLD BUSINESS** None

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

**1. HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING REPORT** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the monthly Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying unconfirmed report cases #2017-2018:5VDV-NC and #2017-2018:8SMS-NC.

Mr. Prudente introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mrs. Van Horn seconded.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

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

**2\* 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR INTERLOCAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT** **WHEREAS**, Somerville Board of Education ("Board") desires to transport special education, non-public, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

**RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION** **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 4%, as presented to the Board as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC. 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 SCESC, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

1. 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 information necessary for the accurate submission of the District Report of Transported Resident Students;
  - e. all necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
  - f. constant/timely review and revision of routes;
  - g. transportation as soon as possible after receipt of the formal written request;
- and
- h. timely submission of contracts, contract renewals or contract addenda to the county office for approval.

2. It is further agreed that the Board will provide the SCESC with the following:

- a. copies of district policies as they relate to ride time or other specific transportation parameters;
- b. requests for transportation on forms to be provided by the SCESC, completed in full and signed by authorized district personnel;
- c. forms will contain all necessary and relevant information, medical or otherwise, regarding individual student's condition and transportation needs;
- d. withdrawal for any transportation must be provided in writing and signed by authorized

district personnel; and  
e. strict adherence to the established payment schedule.

3. Additional Cost - all additional costs generated by unique requests, including but not limited to, mid-day runs or early dismissals will be borne by the district making such request.

4. It is understood that any change in the number of students being transported on each route, or changes in mileage during the course of the year will necessitate a reapportionment and adjustment of costs.

5. The SCESC accepts no responsibility for assuring a pupil's use of arranged transportation or attendance on an established route. Once assigned to a route the monthly billings for the pupil's reserved seat will continue until the SCESC is otherwise notified, in writing, to delete the pupil from the assigned route.

6. The SCESC will contract transportation each day while school or classes attended are in session unless the Board's district is closed due to weather conditions (snow, ice, flooding, etc.) The SCESC accepts no responsibility for defaults by transportation contractors; however, the SCESC will make every effort to reestablish transportation expediently.

7. Other Services: the SCESC also provides coordinated regional bus maintenance services, safety training, and other related transportation services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the Board may participate at any time.

8. Length of Agreement: This agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019.

9. Entire Agreement: This agreement constitutes the entire and only agreement between the parties and may be amended by an instrument in writing over authorized signature.

10. It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that this agreement shall be without force and effect until it shall have been approved by the Executive County Superintendent of the County of Somerset and any additional County Superintendent, where applicable.

**3\* FIELD TRIPS**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 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.

Mrs. Van Horn introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mrs. Fabriczi seconded.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

**APPOINTEES**      It is recommended that Items 1 through 11 be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

1. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER/TITLE IX COORDINATOR**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Joanne Sung to the position of Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX Coordinator for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at no additional remuneration.
2. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER LIAISON**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Jennifer DePace to the position of Affirmative Action Officer Liaison for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at no additional remuneration.
3. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER LIAISON**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Valentina Carleo to the position of Affirmative Action Officer Liaison for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at no additional remuneration.
4. **504 OFFICER**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Tanya McDonald to the position of 504 Officer district-wide for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at no additional remuneration.
5. **HOMELESS LIAISON**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Tanya McDonald as the Homeless Liaison for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at no additional remuneration.
6. **DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (PACO)**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Bryan P. Boyce to the position of Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at no additional remuneration.
7. **DESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAN OF SCHOOL RECORDS**      **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Bryan P. Boyce to the position of Custodian of School Records for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at no additional remuneration.
8. **BID THRESHOLD AND APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT**      **WHEREAS**, the recent changes to the Public Contracts Law gave board of educations the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$40,000.00; and  
  
**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

**WHEREAS**, Bryan P. Boyce possess the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Somerville Board of Education desires to increase the bid threshold as provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Somerville Board of Education, in the County of Somerset, in the State of New Jersey hereby increases its bid threshold to \$40,000.00, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to award contracts up to his bid threshold of \$40,000.00 and establish the quote threshold at \$6,000.00 as per the N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2.

**RESOLVED**, that the governing body hereby appoints Bryan P. Boyce as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at no additional remuneration to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2b, with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education.

**9. TRANSFER  
AUTHORITY**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education as provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 amended, the Superintendent of Schools be designated to approve such line item budget transfers as are necessary between Board of Education meetings, and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Education, ratified and dully recorded in the minutes of such meeting not less than monthly.

**10. APPOINTMENT OF ASBESTOS/AHERA COORDINATOR** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Jimmy Gabriel as the district's designated person and program manager to carry out the duties required under the AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) 40 CFR-763 for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

**11. APPOINTMENT OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Jimmy Gabriel as the district's designated IPM (Integrated Pest Management) Coordinator as per N.J.A.C 7:30-13-3 for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Mrs. Van Horn introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Prudente seconded.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

It is recommended that Item 12\* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

**12\* APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint Bryan P. Boyce to the position of Board Secretary for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at no additional remuneration.

Mr. Jess introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mrs. Matthews seconded.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

**MOTIONS** It is recommended that Items 1 through 6 be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.



**1. DESIGNATION  
OF OFFICIAL  
DEPOSITORIES  
AND INDIVIDUALS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorize the following official depositories and individuals authorized to sign checks:

**AUTHORIZED TO  
SIGN CHECKS**

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Required Signatures</u>
<b>TD Bank</b>		
	Warrant Account	President/ Board Secretary
	Capital Projects	Board Secretary
	Payroll Account	Board Secretary
	Payroll Agency	Board Secretary
	Unemployment Trust Fund	Board Secretary
	SEA Summer Savings Account	Board Secretary
	SHS Student Activities Fund	Principal/Board Secretary
	SMS Student Activities Fund	Principal/Board Secretary
	VDV Student Activities Fund	Principal/Board Secretary
	SHS Student Activities/Athletic Fund	Principal/Board Secretary
<b>NJ Cash Management Fund</b>		
	General Investment Fund	Board Secretary
	Capital Reserve Fund	Board Secretary
	Maintenance Reserve Fund	Board Secretary
	Tuition Adjustment Reserve Fund	Board Secretary

**2. AUTHORIZE  
ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE  
FOLLOWING PETTY  
CASH FUNDS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorize the establishment of the following Petty Cash Funds for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019:

School Business Office/Building & Grounds	300.00
Superintendent's Office	300.00
Curriculum & Instruction	200.00
Federal and State Programs	100.00
Somerville High School	100.00
Somerville Middle School	100.00
Van Derveer Elementary School	200.00
Preschool Program	100.00

**3. DESIGNATION  
OF OFFICIAL  
NEWSPAPER**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorize the Courier News and Star Ledger be adopted as the official newspapers to be used for the advertisement of meetings and legal ads and all

other necessary public notifications for the 2018-2019 school year.

**4. TRANSMITTAL  
OF TAX MONIES**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education request the following transmittal of tax monies from the Borough of Somerville for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$24,246,211.00 such sum being reported on the Certificate and Report of School Taxes:

August 10, 2018	\$6,061,518.25
November 10, 2018	\$6,061,518.25
February 10, 2019	\$6,061,587.25
May 10, 2019	\$6,061,587.25

**5. AUTHORIZE  
BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATOR/  
BOARD SECRETARY  
TO INVEST FUNDS  
AND APPROVE  
WIRE TRANSFERS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to invest available funds and approve wire transfers on behalf of the school district, for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

**6. AUTHORIZATION  
TO CERTIFY  
PAYROLLS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President, Board Secretary and Superintendent of Schools to certify all payrolls for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Mr. Jess introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mrs. Matthews seconded.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

**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.)*

**PS-8**

Motion by Mr. Puntillo, seconded by Mrs. Van Horn that **PS-8** items 1 through 14 be moved, upon

recommendation of the Superintendent.

1. **PAIGE AGNELLO** **APPROVE** Paige Agnello, a student at Rutgers University, to complete her internship placement as a Master of Social Work student at Van Derveer Elementary School effective June 4, 2018 to June 30, 2018 and September 1, 2018 through April 22, 2019 supervised by Karen Tovi-Jones, Social Worker at Van Derveer School.
  
2. **CAMP SMS CO-COORDINATORS** **APPROVE** the appointment of the following individuals to the position of Camp SMS co-coordinators at Somerville Middle School on Monday, August 27, 2018 and Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at the rate of \$36.00+ per hour not to exceed 8 hours each:
  - David Zubia
  - Courtney Ball
  
3. **CAMP SMS COUNSELORS** **APPROVE** the appointment of the following individuals to the position of counselor for Camp SMS at Somerville Middle School being held on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 and Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the rate of \$36.00+ per hour:
  - Nancy Jenkins
  - David Zubia
  - Wendy Hunt
  - Allison Parajon
  - Sandy Catenaro
  - Mary Honrath
  - Courtney Ball
  - Aubree Deminski
  - Sierra Schweighardt-Gomes
  
4. **ASEEL ALKHAFAJI** **APPROVE** an unpaid medical leave of absence for Aseel Alkhafaji, instructional assistant, at Van Derveer School effective April 5, 2018 to June 3, 2018.
  
5. **2018 SUMMER SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM** **APPROVE** the appointment of the following individuals to the position of instructional assistant for the 2018 Summer Special Education Program being held Mondays through Thursdays from July 2, 2018 through August 2, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at two-thirds (2/3) their per diem rate:
  - Cari Plotkin
  - Lisa Gallagher
  
6. **2018 TITLE I SUMMER READING PROGRAM** **APPROVE** the appointment of the attached list of staff members to the positions indicated for the 2018 Title I Summer Reading Program being held July

2, 2018 through July 26, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at one-half (1/2) their per diem rate.

7. BRENNEN  
THOMPSON

APPROVE the transfer of Brennen Thompson from the position of instructional coach to the position of teacher of special education at Van Derveer School effective September 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at a salary of \$60,768.00+ (MA Step 6).

8. EMPLOYEE  
ID#4238

APPROVE that employee ID#4238 is hereby reduced in force pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:28-9 for reasons of efficiency and economy.

9. YOLIMA  
VASQUEZ

APPROVE a paid medical leave of absence for Yolima Vasquez, instructional assistant at Van Derveer School, effective May 7, 2018 to June 30, 2018.

10. LINDA  
KERESTES

APPROVE an extension to the paid medical leave for Linda Kerestes from May 14, 2018 to June 30, 2018.

11. KRISTY  
STANTON

ACCEPT the resignation of Kristy Stanton from the position of teacher of Preschool, at Van Derveer School PS-2 effective June 30, 2018.

12. CLAUDIA  
FALCONIERI

ACCEPT the resignation of Claudia Falconieri from the position of teacher of fifth grade, at Van Derveer School 3-5 effective June 30, 2018.

13. CHRISTINE  
IACUZIO

ACCEPT the resignation of Christine Iacuzio from the position of teacher of Preschool, at Van Derveer School PS-2 effective June 30, 2018.

14. SUNIL GANU

ACCEPT the resignation of Sunil Ganu from the position of teacher of special education at Van Derveer School 3-5 effective June 30, 2018.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	N/A

9-12 and Districtwide

Motion by Mrs. Van Horn, seconded by Mrs. Olson that 9-12 and Districtwide items 15\* through 28\* be

moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

- 15\* 2018-2019  
MANAGEMENT  
CONFIDENTIAL  
EMPLOYEES      APPROVE salary increases for management confidential employees and those employees not covered under contract for the 2018-2019 school year in the total amount of \$41,342.00 which represents 2.5% to be individually distributed among those employees as determined by the Superintendent of Schools.
- 16\* 2018-2019  
STAFF MEMBERS      APPROVE the attached list of staff members for the 2018-2019 school year.
- 17\* MICHELLE  
VALDES      ACCEPT the resignation of Michelle Valdes from the position of teacher of biology at Somerville High School effective April 23, 2018.
- 18\* ASHLEY  
MADALON      ACCEPT the resignation of Ashley Madalon from the position of teacher of biology at Somerville High School effective April 26, 2018.
- 19\* ASHLEY  
MADALON      RESCIND the appointment of Ashley Madalon from the position of student council co-advisor at Somerville High School for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 20\* HANNAH  
HUGGER      APPROVE the appointment of Hannah Hugger to the position of student council co-advisor at Somerville High School for the 2017-2018 school year at a stipend of \$2,505.99+.
- 21\* TONI  
SALVATORE      APPROVE a change in the paid child care leave of absence for Toni Salvatore, teacher of physical education at Somerville High School to an unpaid childcare leave of absence (one day per week) in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act effective May 9, 2018 to June 6, 2018.
- 22\* SARAH  
LIGUORI      APPROVE the appointment of Sarah Liguori to complete her supervised practicum in the Somerville Public Schools for the 2018-2019 school year to be supervised by Michelle Turnbull, LDTC/Behaviorist.
- 23\* ROSE BAUER      APPROVE the appointment of Rose Bauer to the position of substitute teacher for the 2017-2018 school year at the rate of \$105.00 per diem.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

24\* TIMOTHY  
ORTELLI

**ACCEPT** the resignation of Timothy Ortelli from the position of head boys' basketball coach at Somerville High School effective April 30, 2018.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	ABSTAIN	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

25\* NICOLE  
ZIVKOVIC

**APPROVE** the appointment of Nicole Zivkovic to the position of choreographer for the 2018-2019 musical performance at Somerville High School to be paid from the drama account not to exceed \$2,400.00.

26\* JANET  
JACOBSEN

**APPROVE** the appointment of Janet Jacobsen to the position of costumer for the 2018-2019 musical performance at Somerville High School to be paid from the drama account not to exceed \$2,000.00.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

27\* 2017-2018  
SHS CLUB  
ADVISORS

**APPROVE** the appointment of the following individuals to the position of club advisor at Somerville High School for the 2017-2018 school year:

Jeff Carlson	Theatre Arts	\$3,351.62*
John Girardina	Robotics/FIRST	\$5,824.65*
Joe Harris	Winter Indoor Guard	\$3,000.00
Jay Drake	Winter Indoor Guard	\$2,500.00

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	ABSTAIN	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

**28\* KELLY LIN**

**ACCEPT** the resignation of Kelly Lin from the position of teacher of Mathematics at Somerville High School effective June 30, 2018.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Herbert Hall commented that Board Member Ken Cornell was absent for the eighth time this year.

He was under the impression that district policy only allows three absences and three Skype conference. He wanted to know what action the Board will take. Dr. Teehan responded that the policy states three consecutive absences.

Mr. Patrick Frain, 201 Scobee Lane, Somerset, Somerville Education Association President, thanked Mr. Jerry Mantone for all he has done for the students of Somerville High School. Mr. Frain commented that the district spent more money on the negotiations attorney than the salary of a first year teacher. In addition, the district spent \$500 on fees relating to the investigation of a teacher who has been in this district for 15 years.

Mr. Jerry Mantone, 1 Highland Avenue, Madison. Mr. Mantone wanted the Board and taxpayers to have a clear picture of what he does as Public Relations Officer at the Somerville High School and why he does it. He outlined his daily schedule of activities as well as volunteer work for the school district.

Alice Fahy-Elwood, 21 Deerhill Road, Branchburg. Ms. Fahy-Elwood is a Science Teacher at the High

School. She wished all the teachers a happy Teacher's Appreciation Week. She added that there is no better way for the Board of Education to show appreciation to our educators than by settling a fair contract.

Amy Lawless, 19 Skytop Road, Lebanon. Ms. Lawless is a Science Teacher at the High School. She said when she was interviewing with Dr. Leary, previous Superintendent, the enticement to work for Somerville Public Schools was that teachers contract was settled quickly. She urged the Board to consider paying the staff a fair contract.

Denise Lang, 201 Grandview Drive, Neshanic Station - Somerville Education Association Grievance Chair. Ms. Lang wanted the Board and community to be aware of the unfair treatment of staff members based on their sex. This treatment has led to a lawsuit and Affirmative Action Equal Employment Opportunity reports which are being handled by an out of district Affirmative Action investigator. She requested for an investigation and urged to support the fair and equal treatment of female staff members of the district.

Ben Weiland, 463 Lomerson Lane, Glen Gardner - Somerville Education Association Grievance Chair. Mr. Weiland stated that for the last eight years, Somerville staff has taken home less income each year and have been working without a contract for an entire year. He added that the Somerville Education Association believes this Board will continue to cut staff pay and seems to be satisfied with losing good teachers to other districts. He believes this trend will affect the overall quality of education causing highly qualified teachers to leave. He said Somerville staff cannot afford to keep getting pay cuts every year and that the situation the district created is not sustainable for the staff.

Nick Cucci, 24 Watchung Trail, Branchburg - Mr. Cucci was a previous student at Somerville High School who has expressed support for Mr. Jerry Mantone. He described Mr. Mantone as one of the best things that ever happened to Somerville High



School. He stated that it would be a loss if the district lets him go.

**\*EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss a HIB case #2017-2018:2SMS and a Somerville Education Association grievance. 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. No action will be taken.

Mr. Jess introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mrs. Van Horn seconded.

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

Cornell	ABSENT	Sweitzer	YES
Jess	YES	Van Horn	YES
Matthews	YES	Sergile	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Olson	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Fabriczi	YES

The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 8:19 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mr. Prudente motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Van Horn that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan P. Boyce  
Board Secretary

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