

SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
51 West Cliff Street
Somerville, NJ 08876
AGENDA
Tuesday, September 10, 2013
Van Derveer Elementary School Media Center
6:00 P.M.

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.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

IV. PUBLIC NOTICE

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 Regular Meeting of August 20, 2013. Notice has been provided 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.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session to discuss 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.

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 - e. *Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.*

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Van Derveer School New Addition
 Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Somerville Middle School Schedule Presentation
 Miss Georgette Boulegeris, Somerville Middle School Principal
 Mr. Robert Reavey, Somerville Middle School Assistant Principal

Highly Qualified Teacher Status Report
 Mrs. Melissa McCooley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

QSAC Presentation Action Plan
 Mrs. Melissa McCooley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the attached QSAC District improvement plan for the 2013-2014 school year. (Attachment U-1)

District Highlights
 Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

VIX. NEW BUSINESS

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

1. Tuition for student attending Van Derveer School

* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a student from out of district to attend Van Derveer School for the 2013-2014 school year at the tuition rate of \$11,830.00.

2. IDEA Funds

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the application for funds under The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for the fiscal year 2014.

IDEA Basic	\$511,417.00
IDEA Preschool	\$ 16,165.00

It is recommended that Items 3* through 9* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

3* Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report Form

RESOLVED that the Board of education approve the attached Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report Form for use in reporting cases district-wide. (Attachment NB-1)

4* Update to a Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed Update to a Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2013-2014 school year. (Attachment NB-2)

5* A Resolution Binding The Somerville Board of Education To Purchase Natural Gas Services Through The Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System Id#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue

* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.
NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially

lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2018 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

6* Resolution Binding The Somerville Board of Education To Purchase Electric Generation Services Through The Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System Id#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

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7* Athletic/Co-Curricular Transportation Services

RESOLVED that the Board of Education award a renewal contract to James Hager, Inc. of Ringoes, New Jersey for Athletic/Co-curricular Transportation services for the 2013-

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2014 school year, as needed, at a cost of \$69.00 per hour. This represents an increase over the 2012-2013 school year of .07%.

8* No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Subgrant

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the application for The No Child Left Behind Act Consolidated Subgrant for the fiscal year 2014 and accept the following grant amounts.

Title I	\$410,964.00
Title IIA	\$ 82,021.00
Title III	\$ 18,534.00

9* 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. (Attachment NB-3)

X. PERSONNEL

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the following appointment(s) upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. (Appointment(s) and salaries contingent upon verified documentation.)

1. To approve the appointment of Sandra Vladyka-King to the position of Public Relations Officer at Somerville Middle School effective October 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 school year at a salary of \$35,000.00 (prorated).
2. To rescind the appointment of Gary Knoeppel from the position of special education instructional assistant at Van Derveer School effective August 30, 2013.

9-12 and Districtwide

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the following appointment(s) upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. (Appointment(s) and salaries contingent upon verified documentation.)

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- 3* To approve the appointment of Gary Knoepfel to the leave replacement position of teacher of health and physical education at Somerville High School to fill a vacancy caused by a leave of absence (Evans) effective September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a salary of \$57,554.00 (MA Step 1).
- 4* To approve a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Hannah Rodriguez, teacher of English at Somerville High School effective November 4, 2013 to December 17, 2013 and an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from December 18, 2013 to June 30, 2014.
- 5* To accept the resignation of Noelle Hartje from the leave replacement position of teacher of health and physical education effective August 30, 2013.
- 6* To approve the appointment of Taurin Wheeler to the position of assistant girls basketball coach at Somerville High School for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of \$6,474.00.
- 7* To approve the appointment of Gerard Foley to the position of Interim Principal at Somerville High School effective September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a stipend of \$1,000.00 a month.
- 8* To approve the appointment of Dr. Tanya Romasz-McDonald to the position of Interim Director of Guidance/Assistant Principal at Somerville High School effective September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a stipend of \$1,250.00 a month.
- 9* To approve the appointment of Johanna Scholl as the parent representative on the Somerville High School Safety Team for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 10* To approve Joseph Schiavone to maintain the District Policy Management System at a stipend of \$1,500.00 for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 11* To approve a change in the job description title of security officer to public relations officer.
- 12* To approve the appointment of Ami Opalski to the position of summer athletic trainer during the month of August 2013 at the contractual stipend of \$2,086.00.

XI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND NON AGENDA ITEMS

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