

SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

51 West Cliff Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Somerville Middle School Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

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

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 on January 5, 2016. Notice has been provided 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.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, comment is invited on any matter related to agenda items.

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 - c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the*

- meeting;*
- d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and*
- e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.*

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings as follows:

December 15, 2015	Regular Meeting
January 5, 2016	Organization/Workshop/Regular Meeting
January 5, 2016	Executive Session

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PS-2 Highlights

Mrs. Susan Haynes, Principal

#allin4theVille Award Recognition

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Retirement Recognition

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

PTO Reports

Tara Chichetti – Pre-K-8 PTO

Michelle Grimm- Branchburg K-12

Somerville Educational Foundation Report

Mrs. Lisa Werner

Mrs. Lisa Gallagher

Branchburg Educational Foundation Report

Dr. Joanna Miller, Grants Chairperson

Mr. Greg Confer

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Items **1** through **8** be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

1. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the monthly Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying confirmed and unconfirmed report cases #2015-16:1SMS-NC and 2015-16:1SHS.

2. 7th Grade D.A.R.E Program

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the D.A.R.E. Program provided by the Somerville Police Department be offered to the seventh grade students at Somerville Middle School one day a week starting February 2016 through May 2016.

3. School Board Members Recognition Month

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2016 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Somerville Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Somerville Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Somerville Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2016 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH: and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Somerville Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

4. Request For Student to Remain at Van Derveer School

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve student #12239 to complete the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year at Van Derveer School due to the family relocating out of Somerville.

5. Cancel Outstanding Checks

RESOLVED that the Board of Education cancel the attached list of outstanding checks. (Attachment NB-1)

6. Independent Study Program

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Independent Study Programs for three Somerville High School M.A.P.S. students for the 2015-2016 school year. (Attachment NB-2)

7. Field Trips

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed request for field trips. (Attachment NB-3)

8. 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-4)

X. REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS

A. Student Board Member Report
Christina Schuler, Student Representative
Arthur J. Akins, Student Representative

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

It is recommended that Items 1 through 5 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 (December) (Attachment B-1)
- B. Secretary's Report (December) (Attachment B-2)
- C. Investments(December) (Attachment B-3)
- D. Food Services (December) (Attachment B-4)

2. Acceptance of Monthly Reports

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the monthly reports as listed below: (Attachment B-5)

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

3. Payroll

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

DATE	PAYROLL
December 15, 2015	\$1,165,169.59
December 15, 2015	\$ 21,240.06 (FICA)
December 23, 2015	\$1,094,601.65
December 23, 2015	\$ 15,873.17 (FICA)
January 15, 2016	\$1,214,760.44
January 15, 2016	\$ 24,882.51 (FICA)

4. Bills Lists

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District: (Attachment B-6)

Van Derveer and Middle Schools	
Bills List Dated January 19, 2016	
10 General Fund	\$ 82,586.99
20 Special Revenue Fund	19.95
30 Capital Projects Fund	36,677.60
TOTAL	\$ 119,284.54

5. Line Item Transfers

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed December line item transfers. (Attachment B-7)

It is recommended that Item 6* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

6* Bills Lists

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following obligations of the School District: (Attachment B-8)

High School and Districtwide Bill List Dated January 19, 2016	
10 General Fund	\$ 750,403.29
20 Special Revenue Fund	25,582.75
40 Debit Service	237,556.88
60 Cafeteria Fund	47,224.47
TOTAL	\$ 1,060,767.39

Certification of Major Account Status

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4), the Somerville Board of Education certifies that as of December 31, 2015 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. Buildings and Grounds Committee:
Kenneth Cornell, Chairperson
John Prudente, Member

Facilities Report (Attachment C-1)

- D. Athletics and Student Activities Committee:
Daniel Puntillo, Lucien Sergile
James Jones, Member

1. Van Derveer School 3-5 Computer Club

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the newly-created Computer Club at Van Derveer School 3-5 for grades four and five one day a week on Mondays from 3:00-4:00 p.m for the 2015-2016 school year.

2. Van Derveer School 3-5 Book Club

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the newly-created Book Club at Van Derveer School 3-5 for grades three, four and five every other Tuesday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. for the 2015-2016 school year.

- E. Curriculum Committee:
Linda Olson, Chairperson

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

Lucien Sergile, Member
Melissa Sadin, Member

Curriculum Committee Report (Attachment C-2)

1. Revision of Curriculum Maps

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the revisions of the following curriculum maps:

Middle School

Real World Math – Grade 6
Writing Through Art – Grade 6
Writing Through Music – Grade 6
Reading Through Art – Grade 7
Reading Through Music – Grade 7
Real World Math – Grade 7

2. Removal of Summer Reading Book

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the removal of the tenth grade summer reading book Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer for inappropriate content.

F. Policy Committee:
John Prudente, Chairperson
Dianne Durland, Member

1. Second Reading

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following policies for a second reading:
(Attachment C-3)

P 5200 Attendance
P 5600 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct

G. Technology Committee:
Norman Chin, Chairperson
Kenneth Cornell, Member

Technology Committee Report (Attachment C-4)

H. Borough Council/B.O.E. Liaison:
Lucien Sergile, Liaison

I. Somerset County Educational Services Commission:
Daniel Puntillo, Liaison

J. New Jersey School Boards Association:
Melissa Sadin, Delegate

K. Somerset County Association of Boards of Education:
Melissa Sadin, Delegate

XI. PERSONNEL

PreK-8

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the Superintendent of School's recommendations as follows: (appointments and salaries contingent upon verified documentation)

1. To approve the appointment of Tristan Miller, teacher at Van Derveer School to supervise the newly created computer club for grades four and five for the 2015-2016 school year at no additional remuneration.
2. To approve the appointment of Tristan Miller, teacher at Van Derveer School to supervise the newly created book club for grades three, four and five for the 2015-2016 school year at no additional remuneration.
3. To approve a change in the unpaid childcare leave of absence for Dayle Reavey, Speech Teacher at Van Derveer School to return to her position from February 1, 2016 to September 1, 2016.
4. To approve the appointment of the following individuals to the position of volunteer at Somerville Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year:

Liana Fross	Softball
Kristy Stanton	Softball
Stacey Jaconski	Softball
5. To approve a change in salary guide placement for the following staff members effective February 1, 2016:

Patricia Helwig	BA+15
Kelly Mulligan	BA+30
6. To approve the appointment of Alyssa Breeman as a member of the Somerville Middle School Safety team for the 2015-2016 school year at no additional remuneration.
7. To approve the appointment of Sunil Ganu to the leave replacement position of teacher of third grade special education at Van Derveer School 3-5 to fill a vacancy caused by a maternity leave (Lazarte) effective February 22, 2016 to May 30, 2016 at a salary of \$54,026.00 (BA Step 1) (prorated).

9-12 and Districtwide

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the Superintendent of School's recommendations as follows: (appointments and salaries contingent upon verified documentation)

- 8* To approve a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Johanna Pittenger, Child Study Team Social Worker, effective April 20, 2016 to May 31, 2016 and an unpaid child care leave of absence

* Branchburg Vote Eligible

in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act effective June 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

9* To accept the retirement/resignation of George Mellors, teacher of mathematics at Somerville High School effective February 29, 2016.

10* To approve a change in salary guide placement for the following staff member effective February 1, 2016:

Anna Obarzanek MA+15

11* To approve Liliya Borodkin, a Raritan Valley Community College Professor, to teach the SALA program at Somerville High School from January 22, 2016 to May 31, 2016.

12* To approve the appointments of the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year at \$90.00 per diem:

Emily Granger
Claudia Falconieri

XII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to return to public session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT