

**WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

Mission Statement

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

**TIME AND PLACE** The Board of Education of the Borough of Somerville in the County of Somerset, New Jersey convened a Meeting on February 2, 2016 at the Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Norman Chin, Board President; who asked all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Norman Chin, Mr. Kenneth Cornell (video conference), Mrs. Dianne Durland, Mrs. Carmela Noto, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Mrs. Melissa Sadin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. James Jones, Mr. Lucien Sergile

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

Mr. Chin announced that adequate notice of this meeting in compliance with Chapter 231 of Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," has been provided by action of the Board of Education on January 5, 2016, 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** The was no public comment.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Technology Update  
Ms. Melissa McEntee, Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education

Dr. Purnell introduced Ms. Melissa McEntee, Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education. He commended

her for doing an outstanding job on her presentation at Techspo. He commented that she is responsible in fostering learning environments that integrate technology seamlessly in the classroom.

Ms. McEntee presented Somerville Public Schools - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education - Technology Highlights which included: SHS Chromebook 1:1, Blended Learning, Digital Content, Communication, Data Driven Decisions and Professional Development.

Discussion/Comment:

Mr. Puntillo asked how we compare to other school districts. Ms. McEntee explained that through professional development, we have technology that is being used in a purposeful way. Some districts may have technology however, may not know how to harness or use it in a meaningful way. Dr. Purnell added that it is the students and teachers who have driven this change.

EVVRS Mid-Year Report

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell provided the EVVRS Mid-Year Report for the reporting period September 2015 through December 15, 2015. This report is mandated by the Anti-bullying Bill of Rights Act and includes information on: count of incidents by reporting category (e.g. violence, weapons, substance abuse); count of incidents by school, offender information, victim information. Report also includes HIB information such as nature of HIB based on one of the protective categories, number of confirmed HIB cases. Dr. Purnell highlighted the training and programs implemented by the district as well as other programs and guiding policies. The district has posted the 2014-2015 HIB grades on the district website and this mid-year report will also be posted shortly.

Discussion/Comment:

Mr. Prudent reported that the State came out with a report that shows a decrease in bullying incidents across the state and believes that these programs are working. He is pleased that Somerville has zero confirmed cases of HIB to-date.

Mrs. Sadin commented that data on offender information showing students with a disability numbers are low compared to general education is an anomaly since it is usually the other way around. This is low compared to statistical data across the country and she attributes that to the efforts of the district staff.

#### District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell reported that we weathered our first snow storm and complimented Mr. Sal Gambino and his team for effectively clearing snow. He also thanked the Somerville Police Department for assisting with traffic on Orchard St. Dr. Purnell advised the members of the board that a presentation schedule was included in their packets. He also reported on the various student activities at Van Derveer Elementary School, Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

#### **1. HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING REPORT**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the monthly Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying unconfirmed report case #2015-16:2SMS-NC and a modification of the discipline consequences for the confirmed case #2015-16:1SHS.

#### **2. DENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Dr. Robert Peterman, a local orthodontist, to present a dental health presentation to the fourth and fifth graders at Van Derveer School on Thursday, February 18, 2016 and Friday, February 19, 2016.

#### **3. DONATION TO SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$2,100.00 from *AirLiquide* for Somerville High School for the purpose of purchasing an incubator for the DNA Club.

**4. CREATION OF  
CONSTRUCTED  
RESPONSE TASKS  
FOR PORTFOLIO  
APPEAL**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the creation of a Constructed Response Task for Portfolio Appeal at Somerville High School for students who have not tested proficiently on an approved test to submit a Portfolio Appeal which will be created by Somerville High School teachers.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve a change of date for the July Board of Education meeting from July 12, 2016 to July 26, 2016.

**6. REQUEST FROM  
MAPS STUDENTS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve a request from two students in the MAPS Program, student #10570 and student #10571, to finish the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year due to the family relocating out of Somerville.

**7. FIELD TRIPS**

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

**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.

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

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

Chin	YES	Prudente	YES
Cornell	YES	Puntillo	YES
Durland	YES	Sadin	YES
Jones	ABSENT	Sergile	ABSENT
Olson	YES	*Noto	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.)*

**K-8**

Motion by Mr. Prudente, seconded by Mrs. Sadin that **K-8** items **1 through 5** be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

**1. FRANCINE PASCAL**

**APPROVE** the appointment of Francine Pascal to the leave replacement position of secretary to the Van Derveer PS-2 Principal to fill a vacancy caused by a maternity leave (Alessio) effective February 15, 2016 to June 30, 2016 at a salary of \$52,444.00 (Step 3B) (prorated).

**2. RYAN ZAMORSKI**

**APPROVE** the appointment of Ryan Zamorsky to the leave replacement position of teacher of Physical Education to fill a vacancy caused by a maternity leave (Ianella) effective February 5, 2016 to June 30, 2016 at a salary of \$54,026.00 (BA, Step 1) (prorated).

**3. SMS CROWD CONTROL MONITORS 2015-2016**

**APPROVE** the appointments of all staff members at Somerville Middle School to the positions of crowd control monitor throughout the 2015-2016 school year for one staff member per game at the collective bargaining rate.

**4. SMS CLOCK OPERATORS 2015-2016**

**APPROVE** the appointments of all staff members at Somerville Middle School to the positions of clock operator throughout the 2015-2016 school year for one staff member per game the collective bargaining rate.

**5. DANIELLE DORSEY**

**APPROVE** the appointment of Danielle Dorsey to the position of cafeteria/playground aide at Van Derveer School effective February 3, 2016 to June 30, 2016 at the rate of \$14.50 per hour.

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

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

**9-12 and Districtwide**

Motion by Mr. Prudente, seconded by Mr. Cornell that **9-12 and Districtwide** items **6\* through 9\*** be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

**6\* KATHLEEN MCCABE**

**APPROVE** a change in dates for Kathleen McCabe for a paid maternity leave effective January 22, 2016 to February 22, 2016 to January 11, 2016 to February 8, 2016 and an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act effective February 23, 2016 to April 1, 2016 to February 9, 2016 to April 1, 2016.

**7\*CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE TASK STAFF MEMBERS**

**APPROVE** the following staff members to create constructed response task for students who have not tested proficiently on an approved tests at a rate of \$36.00 per hour not to exceed a cumulative total among all teachers of twelve hours for mathematics and eight hours for English:

<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>English</u>
Jeanine Dilling	Lisa Engel
Nicole Pierce	Barbara Reeves
Joseph Pugh	
Ruth Ann Scherr	

**8\* DEVIN SMITH**

**APPROVE** the appointment of the following individual to the position of substitute teacher for the 2015-2016 school year at \$90.00 per diem:  
Devin Smith

**9\* RALPH SENA**

**APPROVE** the appointment of the following individual to the position of volunteer for the 2015-2016 school year:  
Ralph Sena                      Color Guard

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

\* Branchburg Vote Eligible.

Chin	YES	Prudente	YES
Cornell	YES	Puntillo	YES
Durland	YES	Sadin	YES
Jones	ABSENT	Sergile	ABSENT
Olson	YES	*Noto	YES

**PUBLIC COMMENT** There was no public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session at 7:40 p.m. 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. No action will be taken.

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

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

Chin	YES	Prudente	YES
Cornell	YES	Puntillo	YES
Durland	YES	Sadin	YES
Jones	ABSENT	Sergile	ABSENT
Olson	YES	*Noto	YES

The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 8:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mr. Chin motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Prudente that the meeting be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan P. Boyce  
Board Secretary

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