

SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

51 West Cliff Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
District Conference Room
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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- 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:

January 19, 2016	Regular Meeting
January 19, 2016	Executive Session

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Somerset County Educational Services Commission Presentation
Mr. Harold Dunsavage, Superintendent of Schools

Retirement Recognition
Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Van Derveer School Grades 3-5 Highlights
Mr. Robert Reavey, Van Derveer School 3-5 Principal

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

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Items **1** through **9** be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

- 1.** Donation to Van Derveer School
RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation from Donors Choose of 5 Eva Medical Pedal Exerciser Chrome frames valued at \$32.99 for a project called "Stationery Student Peddlers for a Deskless Class" in Kerry Foote's first grade classroom at Van Derveer School.
- 2.** Somerville Middle School Grade 8 Color Run Fundraiser
RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the endorsement of the Somerville Middle School eighth grade Color Run fundraiser to be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016.
- 3.** 2016-2017 School Calendar
RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. (Attachment NB-1)

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4. Resolution Of The Board Of Education Of Borough Of Somerville In The County Of Somerset, New Jersey Approving, On First Reading, A Refunding School Bond Ordinance Providing For The Refunding A Portion Of Its Outstanding Refunding School Bonds Dated March 2, 2006

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Somerville in the County of Somerset, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The Refunding Bond Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice of public hearing for the Refunding Bond Ordinance to be held on March 8, 2016 in the Courier News, in the form and at the time required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately. (Attachment NB-2)

5. Disposal of Instructional Property
RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached recommendation from the Somerville High School Principal to dispose of instructional property in accordance with Policy/Regulation 7300 because the materials are so outdated as to no longer serve as worthy instructional tools or are so worn as to preclude effective use and economical repair or restoration. (Attachment NB-3)
6. Nonpublic School Security Aid
RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program Order Forms from Immaculata High School. (Attachment NB-4)
7. Anonymous Donation
RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$75.00 from an anonymous donor to be used towards the purchase of the movie "Paper Tigers".
8. Field Trips
RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed request for field trips. (Attachment NB-5)
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-6)

It is recommended that Items **10*** and **11*** be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

10* Somerville High School Tuition Rate

RESOLVED that the Board of Education establish the tentative Somerville High School tuition rate at \$14,033.00 per pupil for the 2016-2017 school year.

11* Tuition Contract – Branchburg Board Of Education

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed tuition contract with the Branchburg Board of Education for the 2016-2017 school year. (Attachment NB-7)

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
Dianne 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 (January) (Attachment B-1)
- B. Secretary's Report (January) (Attachment B-2)
- C. Investments(January) (Attachment B-3)
- D. Food Services (January) (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 (January)
- B. Middle School Fund (January)
- C. High School Fund (January)
- D. Athletic/Extracurricular Fund (January)

3. Payroll

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

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DATE	PAYROLL
January 30, 2016	\$1,089,830.31
January 30, 2016	\$ 15,719.22 (FICA)
February 15, 2016	\$1,313,135.89
February 15, 2016	\$ 32,614.38 (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 February 23, 2016	
10 General Fund	\$ 104,686.08
20 Special Revenue Fund	149.24
TOTAL	\$ 104,835.32

5. Line Item Transfers

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed 2015-16 Preschool Education Act and January 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 February 23, 2016	
10 General Fund	\$ 1,283,038.06
20 Special Revenue Fund	221,635.99
30 Capital Projects Fund	33.00
40 Debit Service	903,060.00
60 Cafeteria Fund	24.55
TOTAL	\$ 2,407,791.60

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 January 31, 2016 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

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John Prudente, Member

Facilities Report (Attachment C-1)

D. Athletics and Student Activities Committee:

Daniel Puntillo, Lucien Sergile

James Jones, Member

1. Spring Athletic Schedule 2015-2016 for Somerville Middle School

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached spring athletic schedule for Somerville Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year. (Attachment C-2)

2* Spring Athletic Schedule 2015-2016 for Somerville High School

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E. Curriculum Committee:

Linda Olson, Chairperson

Lucien Sergile, Member

Melissa Sadin, Member

Curriculum Committee Report (Attachment C-3)

1. Revision of Curriculum Maps

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

Elementary

Coding Program – Grades K-3

ScratchJr. Program – Grades K-2

2. 2016 Summer Program

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached 2016 summer programs at Van Derveer and Somerville Middle Schools. (Attachment C-4)

3* 2016 Summer Program

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached 2016 summer programs at Somerville High School. (Attachment C-4)

F. Policy Committee:

John Prudente, Chairperson

Dianne Durland, Member

1. First Reading

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following policy/regulation for a first reading: (Attachment C-5)

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P/R 1240	Evaluation of Superintendent
P 3431.1	Family Leave
P 4431.1	Family Leave
R 5200	Attendance
R 5600	Code of Conduct
P/R 7510	Use of School Facilities

2. Second Reading

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following policy for a second reading:
(Attachment C-6)

P 5200 Attendance

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

Technology Committee Report (Attachment C-7)

- 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 John Floyd to the position of Drama Director at Somerville Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year at a stipend of \$2,752.16.
2. To approve the appointment of Michael Guilarte to serve as a mentor to Ryan Licht, kindergarten teacher for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year at no additional remuneration.
3. To approve a change in the paid childcare leave of absence for Eleni Iannella, teacher of physical education at Van Derveer School from February 5, 2016 to March 14, 2016 to February 2, 2016 to

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March 7, 2016 and an unpaid childcare leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave act from March 15, 2016 to June 30, 2017 to March 8, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

4. To approve the appointment of Amanda Bateman to the leave replacement position of instructional assistant at Van Derveer School to fill a vacancy caused by a maternity leave (Paulus-Muglia) effective February 24, 2016 to June 10, 2016 at a salary of \$37,703.00 (Step 5) (prorated).
5. To approve the appointment of Emily Holloway to the leave replacement position of teacher of speech at Van Derveer School to fill a vacancy caused by a maternity leave (Reavey) effective February 24, 2016 to June 30, 2016 at a salary of \$58,515.00 (MA Step 1) (prorated).
6. To approve the appointment of the following individuals to serve as volunteers for the Van Derveer School Mosaic Mentoring Program for the 2015-2016 school year:
Alexandra Cuffie
Steve Orozco

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)

- 7* To approve a paid medical leave of absence for Patrick Frain, teacher of special education at Somerville High School, effective March 16, 2016 to May 2, 2016.
- 8* To approve a paid medical leave of absence for Karen Cabrera, custodian, effective February 3, 2016 to March 2, 2016.
- 9* To approve a change in the stipend amount for the following co-head wrestling coaches as previously approved from \$5,031.03 to \$8,365.14:
Rodney Van Ness
Andrew Flanagan
- 10* To terminate the bus driver's stipend for employee #5349 effective February 15, 2016 in the amount of \$1,000.00 (prorated).
- 11* To approve a change in the paid childcare leave of absence for Maylin Harter, teacher of English at Somerville High School from March 1, 2016 to April 18, 2016 to February 16, 2016 to April 18, 2016 and an unpaid childcare leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from April 19, 2016 to May 26, 2016.
- 12* To approve the appointment of the following individuals to the position of part-time bus drivers for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$19.00 per hour:
Juanita Ventura
Cilia Coris

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13* To approve the appointment of the following individuals to the position of volunteers at Somerville High School for the 2015-2016 school year:

Marcie Fiorentino	Drama Club
Michele Meyer-Devlin	Drama Club
Eric Gorky	Color Guard
Theresa Shiloff	Color Guard

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

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XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session to discuss student matters and Somerville Education Association contract negotiations. 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

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