

**REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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 Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at the Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.
- CALL TO ORDER**           The meeting was called to at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Chin, President.
- ROLL CALL**               **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Norman Chin, Mr. Kenneth Cornell (video conference), Mrs. Dianne Durland, Mr. James Jones, Mrs. Carmela Noto, Mrs. Linda Olson Mr. John Prudente, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Mr. Lucien Sergile
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Melissa Sadin
- ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Timothy 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 the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," has been provided by action of the Board of Education's Organization/Workshop/Regular Meeting of 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**           There was no public comment.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**           **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings as follows:

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

The motion was made by Mr. Puntillo and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting.

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

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

The motion was made by Mr. Puntillo and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2016 Executive Session.

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

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

Mr. Robert Reavey presented a snapshot of learning activities in Grades 3-5. He did this with a video presentation and a live segment of "Are you Smarter than a VDV Gr.3-5 Student?" Mr. Chin participated in this segment along with student representatives. The video presentation highlighted several initiatives within each grade level including special areas (music, physical education), occupational and speech therapy, coding, art, mystery readers, published work, dynamic project, character creation, idiom, technology, circuit construction, hands on math and science, collaborative learning, native American homes (STEM project), hands on science experiment, safety patrol among other things.

Retirement Recognition

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell read a poem to honor Mr. George Mellors, who worked for approximately 8 years as a Somerville High School Computer Literacy, Applications and Programming instructor. He also was the advisor for the Robotics team. A token of appreciation was presented to him.

Somerset County Educational Services Commission Presentation

Mr. Harold Dunsavage, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Harold Dunsavage, Superintendent of Schools for Somerset County Educational Services Commission along with his administration team presented new programs and initiatives that they are undertaking. They highlighted the Career Center, which is a state-of-the art facility, serving a wide range of students with mild to severe educational disabilities. The programs are geared towards Grades 9-12 and offer the following: supermarket careers, power equipment and small engine technology, graphic arts and design, life skills.

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell acknowledged the birthday of Mr. James Jones, Board Member.

Dr. Purnell thanked the Calendar Committee for their input in developing the 2016-2017 School Calendar. This committee is comprised of a board member, instructional assistant, custodian, and teachers from each school building, an administrator, parent representatives from Somerville and Branchburg as well as student input through Dr. Purnell's Executive Student Council.

Dr. Purnell commented that that although Governor Christie announced that every school district will see an increase in State Aid, Somerville actually saw a decrease of approximately \$134,000

primarily in Pre-School Education Aid.

Dr. Purnell reported on various activities at each of the schools. He offered a special congratulations to Ms. Patti Helwig for being recognized as *Teacher Who Makes Magic on the Radio* by 98.3FM on February 12. The Somerville Middle School will hold their musical production, *Into the Woods*, on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and February 27<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. Fifty complimentary tickets are will be sent to the Senior Center for the matinee show. At Somerville High School, Sarah Coulson's artwork will be displayed at the NJ PAC featuring Art Educators of NJ (NJEA Exhibits) titled "*Late Winter*" which will premier until April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Workforce Skills and Development Employability Program had Somerville High School Alumni Mr. John Durland and Ms. Stephanie Salazar as guest speakers. A special congratulations was given to Mr. Greg Arakelian who was honored by New Jersey Hall of Fame on February 7<sup>th</sup> as a football coach. Mr. Joseph D'Alessandro was also honored for his 500<sup>th</sup> win in boys' basketball.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Mr. Puntillo gave a brief explanation regarding resolution of first reading regarding refunding of school bonds.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

Mrs. Olson introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

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

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 -  
BRANCBURG 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.

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

Mrs. Olson introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

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

**REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS**

**A. Student Board Member Report**

Christina Schuler, Student Representative  
Arthur J. Akins, Student Representative

Miss Schuler was absent.

Mr. AJ Akins, Student Representative, spoke briefly about students focusing on SATs and the college application process. Winter sports are continuing and the students are looking forward to spring sports.

**B. Finance Committee:**

Daniel Puntillo, Chairperson  
Diane Durland, Member  
Lucien Sergile, Member

Mr. Puntillo commented that student population is decreasing in Branchburg and increasing in Somerville. This trend will have an impact as we develop our budget.

**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)
- B. Secretary's Report (January)
- C. Investments (January)
- D. Food Services (January)

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the monthly reports as listed below:

- 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:

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:

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.

Mr. Puntillo introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Prudente seconded.

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

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

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:

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

Mrs. Olson introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Chin seconded.

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

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

Certification of Major Account Status (read by Mr. Puntillo)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23 2:11(c)r, the Somerville Board of Education certifies that as of January 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:23 2:11(b) 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. Building and Grounds:**

Kenneth Cornell, Chairperson  
John Prudente, Member

Mr. Cornell referenced the Facilities Report prepared by Mr. Gambino.

**D. Athletics and Student Activities Committee:**

Daniel Puntillo, Lucien Sergile, Chairpersons  
James Jones, Member

Mr. Sergile reported on athletic teams' standings for our various athletic programs.

**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.

Mr. Sergile introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Prudente seconded.

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

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

**2\* SPRING  
ATHLETIC  
SCHEDULE 2015-  
2016 FOR  
SOMERVILLE HIGH  
SCHOOL**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached spring athletic schedule for Somerville High School for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Sergile introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Puntillo seconded.

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

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

**E. Curriculum:**

Linda Olson, Chairperson  
Lucien Sergile, Member  
Melissa Sadin, Member

Mrs. Olson referenced the Curriculum Report prepared by Mrs. Sung.

It is recommended that Items **1 and 2** be moved

upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

**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.

Mrs. Olson introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

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

**3\* 2016 SUMMER PROGRAM**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached 2016 summer programs at Somerville High School.

Mrs. Olson introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Jones seconded.

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

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

**F. Policy:**

John Prudente, Chairperson

Dianne Durland, Member

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

**1. FIRST READING** **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following policy/regulation for a first reading:

- 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:

- P 5200 Attendance

Mr. Prudente introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution, Mrs. Durland seconded.

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

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

**G. Technology Committee:**

- Norman Chin, Chairperson
- Kenneth Cornell, Member

Mr. Chin referenced the Technology Committee Report prepared by Mrs. McEntee. Mr. Chin highlighted that the E-Rate grant was submitted.

**H. Borough Council/BOE:**

- Luc Sergile, Liaison

Mr. Sergile reported that at the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Council congratulated Mr. Joe D’Alessandro, Somerville High School Basketball Coach for his 500<sup>th</sup> career win. A Borough Council meeting was also held on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sergile invited Somerville residents to attend the Ribbon Cutting ceremony on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for the new playground, Carol Pager Field.

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

**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.)*

PreK-8

Motion by Mr. Chin seconded by Mr. Prudente that items **1 through 6** be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

1. **JOHN FLOYD** **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. **MICHAEL GUILARTE** **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. **ELENI IANNELLA** **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 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. AMANDA  
BATEMAN**

**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. EMILY  
HOLLOWAY**

**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. VDV VOLUNTEER  
MENTORS**

**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

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

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

**9-12 and Districtwide**

Motion by Mr. Chin seconded by Mr. Sergile that items **7\* through 13\*** be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

**7\* PATRICK FRAIN**

**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\* KAREN CABREA**

**APPROVE** a paid medical leave of absence for Karen Cabrera, custodian, effective February 3, 2016 to March 2, 2016.

**9\* RODNEY VAN  
NESS/ANDREW  
FLANAGAN**

**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\* EMPLOYEE #5349** **TERMINATE** the bus driver's stipend for employee #5349 effective February 15, 2016 in the amount of \$1,000.00 (prorated).

**11\* MAYLIN HARTER** **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\* JUANITA VENTURA/CILIA CORIS** **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

**13\* SHS VOLUNTEERS** **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

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

Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Durland	YES	Sergile	YES
Jones	YES	Sadin	ABSENT
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	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 8:28 p.m. 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

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

the issues are resolved, subject to confidentiality requirements. No action will be taken.

Mr. Puntillo introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

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

The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 8:33 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mr. Prudente motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Sergile that the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan P. Boyce  
Board Secretary