

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 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, March 22, 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. Linda Olson Mr. John Prudente, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Mrs. Melissa Sadin, Mr. Lucien Sergile

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Carmela Noto

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.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Master Board of Education Member Discussion

The Board of Education discussed the benefits to obtaining Master Board of Education certification. Mr. Chin suggested Ms. Gwen Thorton, NJSBA Field Representative, attend a future meeting to review the details of this program.

Comprehensive Equity Plan for School Years 2016-2017 through 2018-2019

Mrs. Joanne Sung - Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Mrs. Joanne Sung, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the Comprehensive Equity Plan. This three-year plan enables school districts to demonstrate compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, codes and regulations. It is due April 1, 2016 for September 1, 2016 implementation.

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed Comprehensive Equity Plan for school years 2016-2017 through 2017-2018.

Mr. Sergile 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	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	ABSENT

Budget Discussion

Mr. Bryan P. Boyce, School Business Administrator

Dr. Purnell discussed the district goals outlined in the 2016-2017 Tentative Annual School Budget Executive Summary that helped guide the allocation of resources to support the budget for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Bryan Boyce, School Business Administrator and Board Secretary, discussed the Revenue side of the budget that included state aid and Branchburg Board of Education tuition. He highlighted the budget implication of the projected decrease in enrollment at Branchburg.

Dr. Purnell then discussed the Appropriation side of the Budget that included: Elementary level Behavioral Development class, Gifted & Talented program enhancement, Trauma Sensitive Task Force, Virtual Desktop Infrastructure, narrowing the digital divide, technology refresh cycle. Mr. Boyce continued the discussion regarding school buses, capital improvements, and high school turf field replacement. He also provided supplemental information regarding debt refunding ordinance, adequacy spending, budgetary per pupil cost, proposed 2016-2017 budget property tax impact, impact of ratables on school tax and redevelopment projects in Somerville.

Mr. Puntillo briefly discussed Banked Cap.

Approval of Tentative School District Budget For 2016-2017

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.4 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the amount spent for travel and conferences in 2015-2016 to date is \$19,227; and

WHEREAS, the maximum travel expenditure amount established for 2015-2016 is \$57,550; and

WHEREAS, included in the 2016-2017 proposed budget is a maximum regular business travel amount of \$1,500 per employee; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, the proposed 2016-2017 budget establishes \$53,285 as a maximum travel expenditure amount for all staff and board members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education requests the use of banked CAP in the amount of \$150,000 to be included in the base budget for current expenses. The need must be completed by the end of the budget year and cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education requests the approval a capital reserve deposit in the amount of \$125,000.00. The district intends to utilize these funds for the replacement of synthetic turf at Somerville High School, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2016-2017 School Year using the 2016-2017 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u> <u>REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT</u> <u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2016-17 Total Expenditures	40,377,208	2,103,713	2,330,034	44,810,955
Less:				
Anticipated Revenues	<u>18,926,642</u>	<u>2,103,713</u>	<u>712,676</u>	<u>21,743,031</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>21,450,566</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,617,358</u>	<u>23,067,924</u>

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Courier News in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education

and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in the District Offices located at 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville, New Jersey on April 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2016-2017 School Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction that will enable all students to achieve the Common Core State Standards and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

Mrs. Durland 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	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	ABSENT

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell reported on various activities at each of the schools.

Mrs. Sadin acknowledged Mr. Kyle Franey and the Somerville Basketball team for their float at the St. Patrick's Day Parade ("Travelling Hoop Show").

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Items 1 through 13 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 confirmed report cases #2015-16:1SMS and 2015-16:2SMS and unconfirmed report cases #2015-16:4SMS-NC and 2015-16:13SHS-NC.

**2. TRANSFER FROM
CAPITAL RESERVE**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorize the withdrawal of capital reserve account funds for the purpose of Van Derveer School Security Upgrade Project - DOE Project #4820-090-14-1009 in the amount of \$7,961.00.

**3. CHANGE ORDERS
- VANDERVEER
SECURITY UPGRADE
PROJECT**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following change orders related to the Van Derveer School Security Upgrade Project:

Change Order # - Open Systems

This change order issued for Open Systems to furnish and install four new interior dome cameras, shipping, installation, programming, testing and training utilizing the Middlesex Regional Education Service Commission Cooperative pricing agreement.

Add: \$7,961.00

**4. NONPUBLIC
SCHOOL SECURITY
AID**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program Order Forms from Immaculate Conception School and Immaculata High School.

**5. 2016-2017
SCHOOL YEAR
INTERLOCAL
TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES
AGREEMENT
RESOLUTION FOR
PARTICIPATION IN
COORDINATED
TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Somerville Board of Education ("Board") desires to transport special education, non-public, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the SCESC, offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the SCESC will organize, provide and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 4%, as presented to the

Board as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC. Said formula shall be based on a route cost divided by home to school mileage of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to district will be adjusted based on actual costs. Payments will be due within 30 days of receipt by the district and deemed late after 60 days with an additional 1% fee for late payments. At the discretion of the SCESC, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

1. The SCESC will provide the following services:

- a. routes coordinated with other districts to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
- b. transportation each day while school or classes attended are in session;
- c. monthly billing and invoices;
- d. computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by SCESC;
- e. all information necessary for the accurate submission of the District Report of Transported Resident Students;
- f. all necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
- g. constant/timely review and revision of routes;
- h. transportation as soon as possible after receipt of the formal written request;
- i. a bid analysis to participating district boards of education upon their request; and
- j. timely submission of contracts, contract renewals or contract addenda to the county office for approval.

2. It is further agreed that the Board will provide the SCESC with the following:

- a. copies of district policies as they relate to ride time or other specific transportation parameters;
- b. requests for transportation on forms to be provided by the SCESC, completed in full and signed by authorized district personnel;
- c. forms will contain all necessary and relevant information, medical or otherwise, regarding

individual student's condition and transportation needs;

d. withdrawal for any transportation must be provided in writing and signed by authorized district personnel; and

e. strict adherence to the established payment schedule.

3. Additional Cost - all additional costs generated by unique requests, including but not limited to, mid-day runs or early dismissals will be borne by the district making such request.

4. It is understood that any change in the number of students being transported on each route, or changes in mileage during the course of the year will necessitate a reapportionment and adjustment of costs.

5. The SCEESC accepts no responsibility for assuring a pupil's use of arranged transportation or attendance on an established route. Once assigned to a route the monthly billings for the pupil's reserved seat will continue until the SCEESC is otherwise notified, in writing, to delete the pupil from the assigned route.

6. Other Services: the SCEESC also provides coordinated regional bus maintenance services, safety training, and other related transportation services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the Board may participate at any time.

7. Length of Agreement - This agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017.

8. Entire Agreement: This agreement constitutes the entire and only agreement between the parties and may be amended by an instrument in writing over authorized signature.

9. It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that this agreement shall be without force and effect until it shall have been approved by

the Executive County Superintendent of the County of Somerset and any additional County Superintendent, where applicable.

6. STOMP OUT BULLYING ASSEMBLY

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a free assembly from STOMP Out Bullying and a visit from a New York Jets Player for the students at Somerville Middle School to educate them on bullying prevention and positive behavior among their peers on a date to be determined.

7. GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD PROJECT

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve student #1221 from the Somerville Middle School to earn her Girl Scout Silver Award through a project to promote positivity through a blog she will develop and manage under the supervision of Dr. Helena Sroczyński.

8. SOMERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARCC TESTING EARLY DISMISSAL

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a 1:30 p.m. early dismissal for the Somerville Middle School Students during the PARCC testing being administered on April 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 & 15, 2016.

9. SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PARCC MODIFIED INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached modified instructional schedule for Somerville High School during PARCC testing being administered April 12 through April 19, 2016.

10. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA) ACCOUNTABILITY ACTION PLAN - 2015 PARTICIPATION RATE

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached ESEA Accountability Action Plan-2015 Participation Rate.

11. SUMMER PROGRAM PRICE INCREASE

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached price increases for the 2016 summer programs.

12. FIELD TRIPS

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

**13. 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.

Mr. Chin 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	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	ABSENT

REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS

A. Student Board Member Report

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

Ms. Christina Schuler, Student Representative for Branchburg, reported on various student activities at the Somerville High School including the Drama Club production of *Mary Poppins*, teacher participation at the Polar Bear Plunge raising \$20,881 and a class trip to Washington D.C.'s U.S. Holocaust Museum.

Mr. AJ Akins was absent.

B. Finance Committee:

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

It is recommended that Items 1 through 6* 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 (February)
- B. Secretary's Report (February)
- C. Investments (February)
- D. Food Services (February)

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the monthly reports as listed below:

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

3. PAYROLL

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

DATE	PAYROLL
February 29, 2016	\$1,115,977.83
February 29, 2016	\$ 17,649.25 (FICA)
March 15, 2016	\$1,208,489.31
March 15, 2016	\$ 25,434.36 (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 March 22, 2016

10 General Fund	\$ 86,780.30
20 Special Revenue Fund	652.25
30 Capital Projects Fund	169,531.56
TOTAL	\$ 256,964.11

*Branchburg Vote Eligible

5. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enclosed February line item transfers.

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 March 22, 2016

10 General Fund	\$	868,305.69
20 Special Revenue Fund		106,630.44
30 Capital Projects Fund		149,292.04
60 Cafeteria Fund		58,800.83
TOTAL	\$	1,183,029.00

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	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	ABSENT

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 commented that it is good to see that we are budgeting sufficiently for maintenance. We need to ensure our school facilities and grounds are adequately maintained. He also 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 that our sports teams including lacrosse, tennis, baseball, golf, track and field, baseball and softball are getting ready for the spring season. He added that *The Star Ledger* reported the Top 50 Boys Basketball teams in the state and Somerville ranked #44.

E. Curriculum:

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

Mr. Sergile reported that the district is diligently preparing for NJ QSAC visit scheduled on April 20th. Curriculum maps have been revised and are on the agenda for approval.

1. REVISION OF CURRICULUM MAPS

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

Elementary
World Language

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

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

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

2* REVISION OF CURRICULUM MAPS

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

*Branchburg Vote Eligible

High School
 Big History
 Human Conscience
 Exploring Spanish Culture through Community
 Spanish 3H
 Spanish 4H
 Mobile App Development
 Java Programming
 AP English
 AP Psychology

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

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

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

F. Policy:

John Prudente, Chairperson
 Dianne Durland, Member

Mrs. Sadin thanked the Committee for including language in the Regulations for Attendance and Student Discipline/Code of Conduct that keeps it in line with the district's strategic goals.

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

1. SECOND READING

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following policy/regulation for a second 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

Mrs. Durland 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	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	ABSENT

G. Technology Committee:

Norman Chin, Chairperson
Kenneth Cornell, Member

No Report

H. Borough Council/BOE:

Luc Sergile, Liaison

Mr. Sergile reported that the playground at Carol Page Park will officially be open on April 2nd. The Borough Council is also sponsoring a clean-up on Earth Day scheduled for April 23rd. Everyone will meet at Somerville High School at 9:00 a.m. He invites the community and local organizations to help out and participate in this event.

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

The next Somerset County Association of Boards of Education meeting is scheduled in April with State Legislators. Mrs. Sadin met with the State's Special Education Committee. She

reported that a new law called "Ombudsman Program" was passed overwhelmingly. A new position was created to act as liaison between State, County, District, Director of Special Education and parents. There is also a Bill that requires higher standards in training paraprofessionals particularly those who work with Special Education students. She also reported that a focus group was formed for Dynamic Learning Maps, which is an alternative assessment opportunity for whom PARCC testing may not be appropriate. Other items reported included requirement for buses to have sensors, EIP development program available on the New Jersey Department of Education website geared to support Child Study Team members and a dyslexia manual.

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 Mrs. Olson seconded by Mr. Cornell that items **1 through 15*** be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

- 1. DEBRA TRIFARI** **APPROVE** the appointment of Debra Trifari to the position of volunteer for the Somerville Middle School softball team for the 2016 spring season.
- 2. AMANDA RINALDI** **ACCEPT** the resignation of Amanda Rinaldi from the position of instructional assistant at Van Derveer School effective March 24, 2016.
- 3. ALYSSA BREEMAN** **APPROVE** a change in the appointment of Alyssa Breeman from the position of intramural volleyball co-coach to coach for the 2015-2016 school year at a stipend of \$2,124.89.
- 4. MARY ELLEN GRIFFIN** **APPROVE** the appointment of Mary Ellen Griffin to the position of substitute speech therapist at Van Derveer School for two days per week from

*Branchburg Vote Eligible

March 23, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a rate of \$75.00 per hour paid through IDEA funds.

**5. KRISTINE
KEATING**

APPROVE the appointment of Kristine Keating to the position of PM dismissal monitor at Van Derveer School at a stipend of \$36.00 per hour.

**6. JAY
CHANDRASHEKHAR**

APPROVE a paid medical leave of absence for Jay Chandrashekhara, instructional assistant at Van Derveer School 3-5, effective May 31, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

7* KACIE PELUSO

ACCEPT the resignation of Kacie Peluso from the position of teacher of Biology at Somerville High School effective June 30, 2016.

8* ASHLEY MADALON

APPROVE the appointment of Ashley Madalon to the position of teacher of Biology; instructional; certificate of teacher of biological science, at Somerville High School to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation (Peluso) effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at a salary of \$62,650.00 (MA Step 7).

9* MEGAN LAMARCA

APPROVE a paid childcare leave of absence for Megan LaMarca, teacher of special education at Somerville High School from September 6, 2016 to October 4, 2016 and an unpaid childcare leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from October 5, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

10* JOANNE SUNG

APPROVE the appointment of Joanne Sung, Director of Curriculum and Instruction to the position of District Testing Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year at no additional remuneration.

**11* MELISSA
MCENTEE**

APPROVE the appointment of Melissa McEntee, Director of 21st Century Education to the position of PARCC Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year at no additional remuneration.

**12* SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS 2015-
2016**

APPROVE the appointment of the following individuals to the position of substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year at the rate of \$90.00 per diem:

Kyle Buckler
Laura Fahey

13* ANGELICA DENINO **APPROVE** the appointment of Angelica Denino to the position of part time bus driver for the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

14* ANA ZAMBRANO **APPROVE** a change in position for Ana Zambrano from Secretary of Federal and State programs to Secretary to the Director of Special Services and Health Services.

15* CELESTE MCCALL **APPROVE** the appointment of Celeste McCall to the position of volunteer for the softball team at Somerville High School for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT Mr. Matt Butler, Somerville resident, observed that the district’s Athletic Director uses social media reporting primarily on football. He requested that some level of support also be shown to other school athletic teams like cross country, track, swimming and gymnastics. Children like to see that all teams get recognized. He also asked that the Board consider implementing a winter track team in place. Mr. Puntillo responded that his concerns will be addressed at the next committee meeting which will be held on April 12th.

Mr. Dennis Sullivan, Councilman and Borough Council Liaison, added additional information regarding Earth Day Clean-Up scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd. Mr. Sullivan also congratulated the Budget Committee for putting the tentative budget together. He also expressed interest in Mr. Boyce’s comment regarding hiring a demographer. He requests that the school district share the findings with Borough administration. Discussion ensued about the district’s concern on impact on our students as a result of redevelopment projects. Mr. Sullivan also commented regarding the tax exemption status of Somerset Medical Center.

Mr. Herbert Hall, Somerville resident, commented that he had asked the Mayor previously about re-doing the demography. He, too, is concerned about the number of school-aged children generated by the town's redevelopment projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session at 8:53 p.m. to discuss HIB CASE #2015-16:10SHS and 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. Puntillo introduced and moved the adoption of the resolution; Mr. Sergile seconded.

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

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

The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 9:07 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Mr. Puntillo attended a meeting with Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker and other Board of Education members from Somerset County to discuss issues impacting education.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mr. Puntillo motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Prudente that the meeting be adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary

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