

**WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016
SOMERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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 April 12, 2016 at the Somerville Middle School Cafeteria, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:15 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, Mr. James Jones, Mrs. Carmela Noto, Mrs. Linda Olson, Mr. John Prudente, Mrs. Melissa Sadin, Mr. Lucien Sergile

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Puntillo

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 President on April 4, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session At 6:17 p.m. for a grievance hearing. 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.

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

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

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

The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 7:10 p.m.

At this time the Board of Education briefly recessed and moved the meeting to the Somerville Middle School Cafeteria.

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT HIB Policy Evaluation/Annual Reassessment
Mrs. Joanne Sung, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Mrs. Joanne Sung, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported that a committee meeting took place with the purpose of providing feedback on the existing Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) District Policy No. 5512. At this time, the committee has no recommendations for changes to the policy.

Somerville High School Highlights
Mr. Gerard Foley, Somerville High School Principal

Mr. Gerard Foley, Somerville High School Principal, highlighted some of the Somerville High School programs including:

- APEX on-line learning program which was implemented late 2014-2015 school year initially addressing attendance issues and course restoration opportunities. Program is

aligned with Common Core and customizable among other benefits.

- Ms. Karen Stephenson, Special Education Teacher, discussed the high school's Peer Mentor, Life Skills, Peer to Peer Recreation Club and programs. She thanked the dedicated Life Skills staff and students including all the administrators who continue to support these valuable programs. She also introduced the peer mentors who put together a presentation for the Board and the public. Dr. Purnell shared that he and Mr. Foley submitted the Peer Mentor Program to the State Board of New Jersey for recognition
- Mr. Foley introduced Laura Manziano, Musical Director for *Mary Poppins*. She introduced some of the very talented Drama Club members who were in attendance at this meeting to perform two songs from the musical. Mrs. Manziano also acknowledged the cast, crew and drama club officers who were instrumental in putting a successful musical production.

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell reported on district highlights at Van Derveer School, Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School. At Van Derveer School, MyOn Madness took place in March and the Helen Doherty Science Fair will be held on April 30. Ms. Patty Helwig will also be recognized by 98.3 FM on April 20 as "Teacher Makes Music Magic". At Somerville Middle School, the 8th graders are coming up with ideas for their service project as part of Color-A-Thon taking place on May 14. In addition, students and staff are participating in a *Sing or Sync* competition sponsored by Somerville Middle School Student Council. At Somerville High School, seniors Evan Drill and Denise Grohn were selected to be 2016 Somerset County High School Principal Association Scholar Athletes. They will be honored on May 11. Representatives from United Way visited the MAPS Building to provide information and

guidance to students on the income tax preparation process.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Items 1 through 4 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 cases #2015-16:4SMS-NC; #2015-16:5SMS-NC and confirmed case #2015-16:10SHS.

2. 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.

3. FIELD TRIPS

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

4. 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. Sadin seconded.

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

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

It is recommended that Item 5* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools

**5* ROBOTICS
CLUB
COMPETITION**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Somerville High School Robotics Club attend a competition at Lehigh University from April 14-17, 2016, and if the team qualifies a subsequent trip to St. Louis for the World Championship at the end of the month with the exact dates yet to be determined.

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

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

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

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 Mrs. Sadin, seconded by Mrs. Durland that **K-8** items 1 through 7 be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

1. LISA BURNS

APPROVE the appointment of Lisa Burns to the position of cafeteria/playground aide at Van Derveer School effective April 13, 2016 to June 30, 2016 at the rate of \$14.50 per hour.

2. FAJER BATARSCH APPROVE the appointment of Fajer Batarsch to the position of cafeteria/playground aide at Van Derveer School effective April 13, 2016 to June 30, 2016 at the rate of \$14.50 per hour.

3. SHARON SCHWARZ/KAREN KUCHARSKI APPROVE the appointment of Sharon Schwarz to serve as a mentor to Karen Kucharski, Resource Room Teacher for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

4. JILL O'LEARY/EMILY HOLLOWAY APPROVE the appointment of Jill O'Leary to serve as mentor to Emily Holloway, Speech Teacher at Van Derveer School for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

5. STEVEN LORETTI/JOHN FLOYD APPROVE the following staff members for employment in the 2016 Summer Performing Arts Program that will run from July 5, 2016 to July 29, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays at the stipend of \$6,790.00:

Stephen Loreti - Instrumental Music Teacher
John Floyd - Musical Theater Workshop Teacher

6. 2016 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM APPROVED the following students for employment in the 2016 Summer Performing Arts Program that will run from July 5, 2016 to July 29, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays at the rate of \$8.38 per hour:

Joshua Clarkson - Instrumental Music Program
Jeremy San Jose - Instrumental Music Program
Ashlyn Jess - Musical Theater Workshop
Annabelle Madamba - Musical Theater Workshop

7. JENNIFER OLSON APPROVE a paid child care leave of absence for Jennifer Osborn, first grade teacher at Van Derveer School, effective September 6, 2016 to October 10, 2016 and an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act effective October 11, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

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

Chin YES Prudente YES
Cornell YES Puntillo ABSENT

Durland	YES	Sadin	YES
Jones	YES	Sergile	YES
Olson	YES	*Noto	N/A

9-12 and Districtwide

Motion by Mr. Prudente, seconded by Mr. Sergile that 9-12 and Districtwide items 8* and 9* be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

8* LISA ENGEL/
BARBARA REEVES

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members to administer the constructed response task for portfolio appeal to the students who have not tested proficiently on an approved test at the rate of \$36.00 per hour not to exceed four hours total:
 Lisa Engel
 Barbara Reeves

9* VICTORIA
KESSLER/MEGAN
LAMARCA

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members to score World Language placement exams at a rate of \$36.00 per hour for the hours indicated:
 Victoria Kessler French Up to 3 hours
 Megan LaMarca Spanish Up to 5 hours

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

Chin	YES	Prudente	YES
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Durland	YES	Sadin	YES
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Olson	YES	*Noto	YES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Jessica Dale, Somerville resident, has two children attending the district one of them with an Individual Education Plan. She expressed concerns regarding the district's summer program specifically noting a discrepancy with what her child is getting versus what is stated in her child's Individual Education Plan. She appealed to the administration and the Board to review and enhance the program.

Mr. Herbert Hall, Somerville resident, stated that he followed up with Borough Council regarding the impact of redevelopment projects in Somerville. The Council said that the developers are doing the study. Mr. Hall proposed and encouraged that a

* Branchburg Vote Eligible.

joint meeting with the Board of Education and Borough Council to discuss this issue. In addition, Mr. Hall suggested that the proposed school budget for 2016-2017 be made available on-line prior to the Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mr. Prudente motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Sadin that the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary