

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 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, April 26, 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, Mrs. Melissa Sadin, Mr. Lucien Sergile

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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:

The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve the Minutes of February 2, 2016 Workshop/Regular Meeting.

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	N/A

The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve the Minutes of February 2, 2016 Executive Session.

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	N/A

The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve the Minutes of February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting.

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

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

The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve the Minutes of February 23, 2016 Executive Session.

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

Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Durland	YES	Sergile	YES

Jones	YES	Sadin	ABSTAIN
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	N/A

The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve the Minutes of March 8, 2016 Workshop/Regular Meeting.

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

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

The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve the Minutes of March 8, 2016 Executive Session.

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

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

The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve the Minutes of March 22, 2016 Regular Meeting.

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	N/A

The motion was made by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Sergile to approve the Minutes of March 22, 2016 Executive Session.

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	N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Public Hearing - Proposed 2016-2017 Budget
 Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. Bryan P. Boyce, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dr. Purnell and Mr. Boyce presented the 2016-2017 Budget to the members of the Board of Education and to the public.

ADOPTION OF THE 2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

RESOLVED that the Somerville Board of Education requests the approval a capital reserve deposit in the amount of \$125,000. The district intends to utilize these funds for the replacement of synthetic turf at Somerville High School, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt the 2016-2017 proposed budget as follows:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT 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>

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

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

*Branchburg Vote Eligible

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

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell reported that the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) visit by NJ Department of Education officials took place on April 20, 2016. They provided the district with great recommendations and the formal report will be released in the near future. Dr. Purnell recognized Mrs. Joanne Sung, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Mr. Tim Teehan, Chief Academic Officer, for leading this effort.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that Items 1 through 6 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 case #2015-16:3SMS and unconfirmed report cases #2015-16:6SMS-NC.

2. RESOLUTION TERMINATING CONTRACT WITH JERAL CONSTRUCTION CO.

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and Jeral Construction Co., Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Jeral") are parties to an agreement dated on or about December 3, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") for the Somerville Middle School-Interior Alterations at the North End Annex Wing Project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Jeral has failed to complete the Project

in accordance with the Agreement and contract documents; and

WHEREAS, by way of letter dated March 28, 2016, Jeral was notified that the Architect has certified that the contractor is in default, pursuant to Article 14.2.2 of the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, AIA Document A-201, which letter is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the Architect's determination that Jeral has breached the Agreement, and that sufficient cause exists to terminate the agreement pursuant to Article. 14.2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Agreement between the Somerville Board of Education and Jeral Construction Co., Inc. is hereby terminated for cause in accordance with Article 14.2 of the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction. The Board finds that Jeral has breached the Agreement with the Board and is in default thereof for failing to complete the Project in accordance with the contract documents, as more specifically described in the notice of default dated March 28, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to notify the contractor and its surety of such termination and to take such steps as deemed appropriate to pursue the Board's contractual remedies. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to take such steps and to execute any and all documents as necessary to effectuate a takeover of this project by the surety and/or to secure contractors to complete the outstanding.

**3. JOINT
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education enter into a joint transportation agreement with Bridgewater-Raritan Township Board of Education to the NuView Academy at a cost of \$150.00 per day for the 2015-2016 school year. Somerville Board of Education will be the host district.

**4. SUMMER
KINDERGARTEN
CAMP**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Summer Kindergarten Camp for 10 days starting Monday, August 15, 2016 to Friday, August 26, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

5. FIELD TRIPS

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

**6. 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, 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	N/A

REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS

- A. Student Board Member Report**
Christina Schuler, Student Representative
Arthur J. Akins, Student Representative

*Branchburg Vote Eligible

Mr. AJ Atkins, Student Representative, reported on various student activities at the high school.

Ms. Christina Schuler was absent.

B. Finance Committee:

- Daniel Puntillo, Chairperson
- Diane 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 (March)
- B. Secretary's Report (March)
- C. Investments (March)
- D. Food Services (March)

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

3. PAYROLL

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

DATE	PAYROLL
March 24, 2016	\$1,087,959.47
March 24, 2016	\$ 16,255.55 (FICA)
April 15, 2016	\$1,185,304.75
April 15, 2016	\$ 23,353.56 (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 April 26, 2016

10 General Fund	\$ 77,790.29
20 Special Revenue Fund	2,542.00

30 Capital Projects	\$	20,476.77
TOTAL	\$	100,809.06

5. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

Mr. Puntillo 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	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 April 26, 2016

10 General Fund	\$	418,845.48
TOTAL	\$	418,845.48

High School and Districtwide
 Bill List Dated April 26, 2016

10 General Fund	\$	497,250.58
20 Special Revenue Fund		49,450.29
30 Capital Projects		89,387.21
60 Cafeteria Fund		133,221.28
TOTAL	\$	679,922.15

Mrs. Sadin 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	YES

*Branchburg Vote Eligible

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 March 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: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 various athletic competitions at the middle school and high school levels.

E. Curriculum:

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

1* REVISION OF CURRICULUM MAPS

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the revision of the curriculum map for 21st Century Life and Careers standard numbers.

Mrs. Sadin 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	YES

F. Policy:

John Prudente, Chairperson
Dianne Durland, Member

No Report

G. Technology Committee:

Norman Chin, Chairperson
Kenneth Cornell, Member

No Report

H. Borough Council/BOE:

Luc Sergile, Liaison

Mr. Sergile informed the Board of the recent passing of Mayor Gallagher's mother. Sincere condolences to the Gallagher family were expressed.

**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

Mrs. Sadin reported that a Standards and Assessment Committee meeting is scheduled next week which she plans to attend. Mrs. Olson added that she recently attended a meeting at which a lot of concern was conveyed regarding the disparity of the school funding formula.

L. Ad Hoc Security Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Chin and seconded by Mr. Sergile that the Board of Education approve the reinstatement of the Ad Hoc Security Committee with Mr. Prudente as chair.

Mr. Chin 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	N/A

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. Cornell seconded by Mrs. Durland that items **1 through 7** be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

1. MELISSA SABINO

APPROVE the appointment of Melissa Sabino to the leave replacement position teacher of special education at Van Derveer School to fill a position caused by a maternity leave (Mattia) effective April 27, 2016 to June 30, 2016 at a salary of \$54,026.00 (BA Step 1) (prorated).

2. NICOLE BATEMAN

APPROVE a paid childcare leave of absence for Nicole Bateman, teacher of preschool at Van Derveer School from June 13, 2016 to June 30, 2016 and an unpaid childcare leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from September 6, 2016 to November 29, 2016.

3. 2016 SUMMER TECHNOLOGY CAMPS STAFF MEMBERS

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members for employment in the 2016 Summer Technology Camps at Van Derveer School and the

*Branchburg Vote Eligible

Somerville Middle School for fifteen days from July 5 through July 28, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at one-half of their per diem rate:

Advisors

Elissa Malespina
Tristan Miller
Charlene Tackvic

Substitute

Holly Ehrnman

**4. TITLE I
SUMMER READING
PROGRAM**

APPROVE the appointment of the following staff members for employment in the Title I Summer Reading Program to be held July 5, 2016 to August 4, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to be paid at one-half of their per diem rate:

Teachers

Martine Assad
Courtney Ball
Sally Booth
Aubree Deminski
Andrea Dominko
Meghan Royack
Aida Wahba

Instructional Assistants

Leslie Carroll
Linda Kerestes

Substitute Teachers

Brittany Chiaffarano
Holly Ehrnman
Jennifer Setzer
Brennen Thompson

**5. FREDDIE
SHAKER**

APPROVE Freddie Shaker, teacher at Somerville Middle school to revise the following curriculum maps at the rate of \$36.00 per hour not to exceed eight hours each:

Algebra
Geometry

6. JENNIFER BURKE

ACCEPT the resignation of Jennifer Burke from the position of teacher of special education at Van Derveer School effective June 30, 2016.

**7. CHRISTINE
GAROT**

APPROVE a paid medical leave of absence for Christine Garot, teacher of kindergarten, at Van Derveer School effective April 28, 2016 to June 9, 2016.

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	n/a

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.)

9-12, Districtwide

Motion by Mr. Cornell seconded by Mrs. Sadin that items **8* through 13*** be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

**8* MICHELLE
VALDES**

APPROVE a paid childcare leave of absence for Michelle Valdes, teacher of science at Somerville High School from September 6, 2016 to September 14, 2016 and an unpaid childcare leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from September 15, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

**9* CONFIDENTIAL
EMPLOYEES 2016-
2017**

APPROVE salary increases for management confidential employees and those employees not covered under contract, for the 2016-2017 school year in the total amount of \$37,347.16 which represents a 2.5% increase to be individually distributed among those employees as determined by the Superintendent of Schools.

**10* NICOLE
ZIVKOVIC**

APPROVE the appointment of Nicole Zivkovic to the position of choreographer for the 2016-2017 musical performance at Somerville High School at a rate not to exceed \$2,400.00 paid out of the drama account.

11* JANET JACOBSON APPROVE the appointment of Janet Jacobson to the position of costumer for the 2016-2017 musical performance at Somerville High School at a rate not to exceed \$2,000.00.

12* BRIAN ROLLER ACCEPT the resignation of Brian Roller from the position of teacher of physics at Somerville High School effective June 30, 2016.

13* PATRICK FRAIN APPROVE a change in the medical leave for Patrick Frain to return to his position of teacher of special education at Somerville High School from May 2, 2016 to May 16, 2016.

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	yes

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session at 8:20 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. Sergile 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	YES	Sergile	YES
Olson	YES	*Noto	N/A

The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 8:24 p.m.

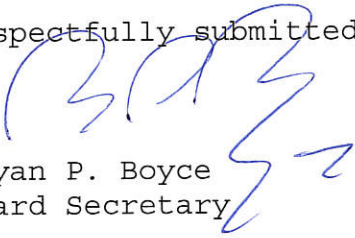
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ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mrs. Olson motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Prudente that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary