

**REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016  
SOMERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**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, September 20, 2016 at the Somerville Middle School Cafeteria, 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, Mrs. Dianne Durland (retired at 7:40 p.m.), Mrs. Carmela Noto, Mrs. Linda Olson Mr. John Prudente, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Mrs. Melissa Sadin, Mr. Lucien Sergile

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. James Jones

**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 Mrs. Sadin and seconded by Mr. Prudente to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2016 Regular Meeting.

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

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Sadin and seconded by Mr. Prudente to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2016 Executive Session.

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

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Sadin and seconded by Mr. Prudente to approve the Minutes of June 29, 2016 Special Meeting.

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

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Sadin and seconded by Mr. Prudente to approve the Minutes of June 29, 2016 Executive Session.

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

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Sadin and seconded by Mr. Prudente to approve the Minutes of July 26, 2016 Regular Meeting.

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

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Sadin and seconded by Mr. Prudente to approve the Minutes of July 26, 2016 Executive Session.

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

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Sadin and seconded by Mr. Prudente to approve the Minutes of August 16, 2016 Regular Meeting.

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

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Norman Presented a Banner to Dr. Purnell

Mr. Chin and Mrs. Sadin presented a congratulatory banner to Dr. Purnell in recognition for having received the award for

2016 National Superintendent of the Year from the National Association of School Superintendents.

New Staff Welcome

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Joanne Sung, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Mrs. Joanne Sung, Director of Curriculum and Instruction reported on the mandated training that was provided to district staff during the New Teacher Orientation held on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Topics included suicide prevention, affirmative action, HIB and best practices. Administrators from the business office, PS-Grade 2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 and MAPS introduced the newest members of our district.

*A brief recess for refreshments took place.*

Collaborative Professional Learning Academy

Mrs. Jennifer DePace, Curriculum Supervisor

Mrs. Jennifer DePace, Curriculum Supervisor reported on Summer CPLA, Performing Arts and Technology Camps offered this past summer. The following are some highlights:

- a total of 60 sessions offered for Summer CPLA
- 30 teacher instructors
- 55 technology camp participants
- 68 instrumental band participants
- 65 theater arts participants

A short video was presented. Mrs. DePace thanked everyone for supporting the arts in our district.

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell reported on various student activities at the Preschool, Van Derveer School, Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

It is recommended that Items 1 through 12 be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

**1. UPDATE TO A  
UNIFORM STATE  
MEMORANDUM OF  
AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
EDUCATION AND  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICIALS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enclosed Update to a Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2016-2017 school year.

**2. CANCELLATION  
OF BOARD OF  
EDUCATION  
MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the cancellation of the Board of Education Meeting scheduled for November 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**3. APPOINTMENT  
OF BOARD  
ATTORNEY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5*, the awarding of contracts for the provision of professional services are exempt from the bidding requirements of the Public School Contract Law;

**WHEREAS**, the Board is desirous of appointing the law firm of Sciarrillo Cornell Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC, to provide professional services to the Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board appoints the law firm of Sciarrillo Cornell Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC as Labor Counsel until the next organization meeting in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Board awards said contract for such services to Sciarrillo Cornell Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC because: (1) the services proposed are most advantageous to the Board, price and other factors considered; and (2) the firm has demonstrated that it has the experience and resources necessary to perform the contract.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to

execute the Agreement and any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution. The Board Secretary is hereby directed to publish a notice of this Award in the official newspaper of the Board.

**4. JOINT  
TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to enter into a joint transportation agreement with Bound Brook Board of Education for the 2016-2017 school year,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Somerville Board of Education will be the host district for the following joint transportation agreement:

Midland School (PM Run) no cost

**5. JOINT  
TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to enter into a joint transportation agreement with Bound Brook Board of Education for the 2016-2017 school year,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bound Brook Board of Education will be the host district for the following joint transportation agreement:

Midland School (AM Run) no cost

**6. DISPOSAL OF  
OBSOLETE  
MATERIALS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached list from the Immaculata High School Principal to dispose of obsolete instructional materials in accordance with Policy/Regulation 7300 because they 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.

**7. VAN DERVEER  
SCHOOL GIFTED  
AND TALENTED  
PROGRAM**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Van Derveer Elementary School Gifted and Talented Program for grades two through five with two teachers from each grade level to meet with students one time per week from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. from October 2016 to May 2017.

**8. INDEPENDENT  
STUDY PROGRAM**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached independent student program applications for five Somerville High School MAPS students for

the 2016-2017 school year.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S MERIT GOALS**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the five merit goals for Dr. Purnell for the 2016-2017 school year - three quantitative merit criteria worth 3.33% and two qualitative merit criteria worth 2.5% each; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary is directed to transmit said goals to the Executive County Superintendent for approval.

**10. VAN DERVEER SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve a fundraiser at the J. Crew Factory Store in Flemington, New Jersey on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to raise funds to be used for the Van Derveer School Parent Pantry.

**11. FIELD TRIPS**

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

**12. 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. Cornell seconded.

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

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

**REPORT OF BOARD ITEMS**

**A. 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 (July and August)
- B. Secretary's Report (July and August)
- C. Investments (July and August)

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

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

**3. PAYROLL**

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

DATE	PAYROLL
August 30, 2016	\$ 248,584.26
August 30, 2016	\$ 11,414.95 (FICA)
September 15, 2016	\$ 1,174,978.60
September 15, 2016	\$ 20,502.48 (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 September 20, 2016  
 10 General Fund 804,205.74  
 20 Special Revenue Fund 950.00  
 TOTAL \$ 805,155.74

**5. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

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

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

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

Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Durland	ABSENT	Sergile	YES
Jones	ABSENT	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 September 20, 2016  
 10 General Fund \$ 1,921,560.44  
 20 Special Revenue Fund 161,461.25  
 60 Cafeteria Fund 490.76  
 TOTAL \$ 2,083,512.45

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

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

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

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

**B. Building and Grounds:**

Kenneth Cornell, Chairperson  
John Prudente, Member

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

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

Daniel Puntillo, Lucien Sergile, Chairpersons  
James Jones, Member

Mr. Sergile reported on various athletic program standings at Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School.

Mr. Puntillo reported that the committee is looking at how best to address facility needs at Van Derveer School. He invited the public to attend the Haunted Somerville High School scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mr. Hade explained that it is a safe place where Kindergarten to Grade 5 children can Trick or Treat at the Somerville High School with a parent. It is run by students and teachers. It was very much enjoyed last year. Please bring a canned good.

**D. Curriculum:**

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

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

**1. ADOPTION OF  
FIFTH GRADE BOOK**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the fifth grade book: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate to be used to address civic responsibility.

**2. REVISED  
CURRICULUM MAPS**

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

Elementary  
Social Studies Grades 1-5

Middle School  
Social Studies Grades 6-8  
Physical Science Grade 8

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

It is recommended that Item 3\* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

**3\* REVISED  
CURRICULUM MAPS**

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

High School  
Algebra II grades 9-12  
Biology Grade 9  
Financial Literacy  
Health Care Business Law and Ethics  
Marketing II - Sports and Entertainment Marketing  
Sociology CLEP

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	ABSENT	Sergile	YES
Jones	ABSENT	Sadin	YES
Prudente	YES	Chin	YES
Puntillo	YES	*Noto	YES

**E. Policy:**

John Prudente, Chairperson  
Dianne Durland, Member

**1\* SECOND  
READING**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following policies/regulations for a second reading:

\*Branchburg Vote Eligible

P	1140	Affirmative Action Program
P	1523	Comprehensive Equity Plan
P	1530	Equal Employment Opportunities
R	1530	Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Procedure
P/R	1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices

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

**F. Technology Committee:**

Norman Chin, Chairperson  
Kenneth Cornell, Member

Mr. Chin thanked Ms. Melissa McEntee, Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education, for getting the major projects completed over the summer.

**G. Borough Council/BOE:**

Luc Sergile, Liaison

Mr. Sergile reported that the Borough Council met on September 19, 2016. A website is being constructed for the Somerville Fire Museum. It would be great for our students to visit the website to conduct research. The Department of Recreation is looking for runners and volunteers for a 5k Turkey Trot community event/fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, November 24.

**H. Somerset County Educational Services:  
Commission:**

Daniel Puntillo, Liaison

Mr. Puntillo reported that the Somerset County Educational Services Commission has a new principal. The Commission currently has 135

students (goal is 165). The Commission is looking to make improvements in their counseling program.

- I. New Jersey School Boards Association:  
Melissa Sadin, Delegate

No Report

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

Mrs. Sadin reported that she attended a meeting in Skillman where Assemblyman Zwicker was in attendance. Unfunded mandates was a topic of discussion

- K. Ad Hoc Security Committee  
John Prudente, Chairperson

Mr. Prudente reported that the committee met.

- L. Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee  
Daniel Puntillo, Chairperson  
Norman Chin, Member  
John Prudente, Member  
Melissa Sadin, Member

Mr. Puntillo reported that the committee met with two candidates for labor counsel. Each gave excellent presentations, but the committee is recommending Mr. Anthony Sciarriello.

**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. Prudente seconded by Mr. Cornell that items 1 through 4 be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

**1. SMS SAFETY TEAM 2016-2017**

**APPROVE** the following individuals to serve on the Somerville Middle School Safety Team for the 2016-2017 school year at no additional remuneration:

- Lani Perruso
- Helena Srocynski
- Jennifer Ferguson
- Matthew DeBlock
- Courtney Ball
- Alyssa Breeman
- Kim Wortman
- Jodi Smith (parent)

**2. MIDDLE EARTH LUNCH MENTORS AT SMS**

**APPROVE** the appointment of the following individuals from Middle Earth to serve as lunch time mentors at Somerville Middle School during the 2016-2017 school year:

- Derek Lynch
- Maria Dwane

**3. ALYSSA BREEMAN/AUBREE DEMINSKI**

**APPROVE** the appointment of the following staff members to the position of cheerleading co-advisor at Somerville Middle School for the 2016-2017 school year:

- Alyssa Breeman           \$1,261.75
- Aubree Deminski         \$1,261.75

**4. KYLE SEARFOOS**

**RESCIND** the appointment of Kyle Searfoos, a student from the College of Saint Elizabeth, to complete his one-week junior practicum placement at Van Derveer School during the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Cornell	YES	Olson	YES
Durland	ABSENT	Sergile	YES
Jones	ABSENT	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 Mrs. Sadin seconded by Mr. Cornell that items 5\* through 13\* be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

5\* CAROLYN ROSS

**APPROVE** the attached employment contract for Carolyn Ross Part-Time Instructional Coach at Somerville High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

6\* SHS SAFETY TEAM 2016-2017

**APPROVE** the following individuals to serve on the Somerville High School Safety Team for the 2016-2017 school year at no additional remuneration:  
Marisol Espinoza  
Theresa Trubiano  
Seana Zimmer (parent)

7\* DEBORAH GROSSSMITH

**APPROVE** the appointment of Deborah Grossmith to the position of peer leadership instructor at Somerville High School for the 2016-2017 school year at a stipend of \$2,326.77.

8\* COLIN WILLIAMSON/LORI RASTELLI

**APPROVE** the appointment of the following staff members to the position of peer leadership co-coordinator at Somerville High School for the 2016-2017 school year:

Colin Williamson	\$887.34
Lori Rastelli	\$887.35

9\* SHS VOLUNTEERS 2016-2017

**APPROVE** the appointment of the following individuals to the position of volunteer at Somerville High School for the 2016-2017 school year:

Kevin Burke	Football
Tom Clark	Cross Country
Anna Gonzalez-Scotte	Marching Band and Robotics

10\* JIMMY GABRIEL

**APPROVE** a stipend in the amount of \$625.00 per month effective September 1, 2016 for Jimmy Gabriel to act as Director of Buildings and Grounds.

11\* GREGORY MULROY

**APPROVE** the appointment of Gregory Mulroy to the position of substitute teacher for the 2016- 2017 school year at the per diem rate of \$90.00.

12\* KEILANI  
ABDULLAH

**APPROVE** the appointment of Keilani Abdullah, professor at Raritan Valley Community College to teach Sociology for the Somerville Academy of Liberal Arts at Somerville High School during the fall 2016.

13\* GLENN BOWDEN

**APPROVE** the appointment of Glenn Bowden to the newly-created position of fulltime support specialist for the Somerville Public Schools effective October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at a salary of \$45,000.00 (prorated).

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Herb Hall, Somerville resident, thanked the school district for providing a copy of the demography report.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss negotiations and a personnel issue. 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.

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

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

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



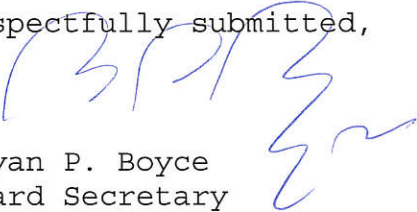
The Board of Education reconvened to public session at 9:05 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further, to be discussed, Mr. Sergile motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mr. Prudente that the meeting be adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bryan P. Boyce  
Board Secretary

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