

**SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**51 West Cliff Street  
Somerville, NJ 08876**

**AGENDA**

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

**District Conference Room**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Mission Statement**

Somerville Schools provide the highest quality education through an environment that promotes individual excellence.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

**III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

**IV. PUBLIC NOTICE**

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 on January 5, 2016. Notice has been provided 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.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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- meeting;*
- d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and*
  - e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.*

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### Resolution Presentation

Senator Bateman

### District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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

### **1. Somerville Board of Education District Goal Approval**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following three district goals for the 2016-2017 school year as related to the VISION2020 Strategic Themes and discussed at the Board Retreat on August 23, 2016.

- To implement the recommendations of the Trauma Sensitive Task Force (Building Cultural Competence).
- To administer a survey to SHS graduates, analyze trends/patterns in college/career preparedness, and present findings to the Board of Education in May (Preparing for College and Career).
- To provide a six-part professional development series to parents and community members in the area of social and emotional development (Growing Professional Development Opportunities). Topics will include, but not be limited to, drugs and alcohol, bullying, dating violence, and sexting.

### **2. Somerville Board of Education Board Goal Approval**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Board goal for the 2016-2017 school year as discussed at the Board Retreat on August 23, 2016.

- To complete the Superintendent Evaluation process by May 29, 2017.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

It is recommended that Items **1 through 4** be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools

**1. Joint Transportation Contract**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to enter into a joint transportation agreement with Bridgewater 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:

Bright Beginnings School (PM Run)                      \$100.00 per diem

**2. Field Trips**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enclosed request for field trips. (Attachment NB-2)

**3. 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. (Attachment NB-5)

**4 Superintendent's Merit Goals**

**WHEREAS**, the contract between the Superintendent of Schools and Somerville Board of Education provides "In each year of this Contract, a quantitative goal (worth 3.33%) will be based on the Superintendent achieving 75% of the district goals, as indicated on his annual evaluation."

**WHEREAS**, the Somerville Board of Education has determined that the Superintendent has achieved this merit goal for the 2015-2016 school year.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Somerville Board of Education authorizes payment for this merit goal as completed by the Superintendent of Schools and as authorized by the contract between the Superintendent of Schools and Somerville Board of Education. (Attachment NB-3)

\* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

## X. PERSONNEL

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**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the following appointment(s) upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. (Appointment(s) and salaries contingent upon verified documentation.)

1. To approve an extension to the child care leave of absence for Johanna Pittenger, CST Social Worker, from September 30, 2016 to October 18, 2016.
2. To approve Dr. Nicole Hansen, a Fairleigh Dickinson University Assistant Professor, to complete a research project at Van Derveer School.
3. To approve the following individuals to serve as mentors at Van Derveer School PreK-5 for the 2016-2017 school year for novice teachers:  
Marie Cohen  
Kathleen Petrill  
Jennifer Setzer

### 9-12 and Districtwide

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the following appointment(s) upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. (Appointment(s) and salaries contingent upon verified documentation.)

- 4\* To accept the resignation of Nicole Battaglia from the position of teacher of mathematics at Somerville High School effective August 22, 2016.
- 5\* To approve the appointment of Christopher Nevolo to the position of assistant boys soccer coach at Somerville High School for the 2016 fall season at a stipend of \$6,427.20.
- 6\* To approve the appointment of Carolyn Ross to the position of part-time instructional coach at Somerville High School effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at a salary of \$48,000.00 with no benefits. (Attachment P-1)
- 7\* To approve the following individuals to serve as mentors at Somerville High School for the 2016-2017 school year for novice teachers:  
Charles McInerney  
Ruth Ann Scherr  
Gilman Eaton
- 8\* To approve of the appointment of the following individuals to the position of substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$90.00 per diem:  
Elizabeth DePace  
Cory Georgeson  
Savon Huggins

\* (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

Ashley Lamberti  
Shannon Parfitt  
Victoria Triozzi  
Yue Yun (Kelly) Lin  
Nicholas Milici

- 9\*** To approve the appointment of Roselaine Dizon to the position of substitute nurse for the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$255.00 per diem.
- 10\*** To approve the appointment of the following individuals to the position of volunteer at Somerville High School for the 2016-2017 school year:
- |                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| John Girandino  | Robotics                   |
| Tyler Kazar     | Marching Band and Robotics |
| Lysa Martinelli | Drama Club                 |
| Kim Smerdon     | Marching Band              |
- 11\*** To approve the appointment of Yue Yun (Kelly) Lin to the position of teacher of mathematics; instructional: certificate of teacher of mathematics at Somerville High School to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation (Battaglia) effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at a salary of \$59,396.00 (MA Step 4). (Attachment P-2)
- 12\*** To approve the appointment of Nicholas Milici to the position of guidance counselor; instructional: certificate of school counselor at Somerville High School to fill a vacancy caused by a retirement (Arakelian) effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at a salary of \$58,936.00 (MA Step 1). (Attachment P-3)
- 13\*** To amend the position of Secretary to the Director of Special Services to a shared position of Secretary to the Director of Special Services/Somerville Middle School secretary.
- 14\*** To approve a change in the full-time position of Ana Zambrano of secretary to the Director of Special Services and Health Services to the half-time position of secretary to the Director of Special Services and Health Service from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and half-time position of Somerville Middle School secretary from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m effective September 12, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at her current salary.
- 15\*** To approve the appointment of Jerald Mantone to the position of Public Relations Officer at Somerville High School effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at a salary of \$40,000.00.
- 16\*** To approve the transfer of William Penn from a one-to-one instructional assistant at Somerville Middle School to a one-to one instructional assistant at Somerville High School from September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at his current salary.
- 17.** To approve the appointment of Barbara Snyder to the position of mentor for the Mosaic Mentoring program for the 2016-2017 school year.

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**XI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND NON AGENDA ITEMS**

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**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session to discuss a grievance 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.

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education move to return to public session.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**