

**WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Meeting on September 6, 2016 at the Administrative Headquarters, 51 West Cliff Street, Somerville.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Mrs. Dianne Durland, Mr. John Prudente, Mr. Daniel Puntillo, Mrs. Melissa Sadin, Mr. Lucien Sergile

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. James Jones, Mrs. Carmela Noto, Mrs. Linda Olson

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 on 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 Resolution Presentation
Senator Bateman

Senator Bateman presented a resolution by the State

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of New Jersey Senate and General Assembly for Dr. Purnell who has been named the 2016 Superintendent of the Year by the National Association of School Superintendents.

District Highlights

Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Purnell stated that today was Opening In-Service Day. Dr. Purnell noted that the keynote speaker from the Hunterdon Prosecutor's Office, Detective Sgt. Kevin Burd, presented on Response Protocol. Dr. Purnell also reported on various summer programs and activities that have concluded at Van Derveer School, Somerville Middle School and Somerville High School. He urged the community to visit his blog and read his 2016 Staff Letter that outlines various district initiatives.

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.

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

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

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

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.

**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

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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.

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.

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

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

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

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 and 9-12 and Districtwide

Motion by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mrs. Sadin that K-8 and 9-12 and Districtwide items 1 through *17 be moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

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- 1. JOHANNA PITTENGER** **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. DR. NICOLE HANSEN** **APPROVE** Dr. Nicole Hansen, a Fairleigh Dickinson University Assistant Professor, to complete a research project at Van Derveer School.
- 3. VDV MENTORS 2016-2017** **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
- 4* NICOLE BATTAGLIA** **ACCEPT** the resignation of Nicole Battaglia from the position of teacher of mathematics at Somerville High School effective August 22, 2016.
- 5* CHRISTOPHER NEVOLO** **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* CAROLYN ROSS** **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.
- 7* SHS MENTORS 2016-2017** **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* SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS 2016-2017** **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
Ashley Lamberti
Shannon Parfitt
Victoria Triozzi

Yue Yun (Kelly) Lin
Nicholas Milici

- 9* ROSELAIN
DIZON** 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* 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:
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| John Girandino | Robotics |
| Tyler Kazar | Marching Band and Robotics |
| Lysa Martinelli | Drama Club |
| Kim Smerdon | Marching Band |
- 11* YUE YNU
(KELLY) LIN** 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).
- 12* NICHOLAS
MILCI** 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).
- 13* AMEND
POSITION** 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* ANA
ZAMBRANO** 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* JERALD
MANTONE** 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* WILLIAM PENN

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* BARBARA SNYDER

APPROVE the appointment of Barbara Snyder to the position of mentor for the Mosaic Mentoring program for the 2016-2017 school year.

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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PUBLIC COMMENT

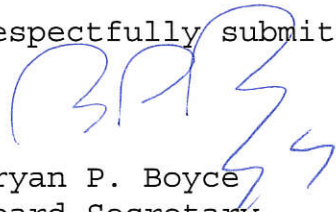
Mr. Sergile reported that all fall athletics have commenced. Somerville High School's first football game is scheduled on Friday, September 9 at Cranford High School.

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 7:14 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Bryan P. Boyce
Board Secretary

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