SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
51 West Cliff Street
Somerville, NJ 08876
AGENDA
Tuesday, February 7, 2012
District Conference Room
7:00 P.M.

Mission Statement
Our mission as a school community is to provide quality education through an environment which promotes individual excellence and that all pupils achieve the Common Core State Standards and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

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 l975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," has been provided by action of the Board of Education at the Reorganization Meeting of May 10, 2011. Notice has been provided to the three 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

At this time, comment is invited on any matter ***related to agenda items****.*
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disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the 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

Review of 2012-2013 Budget
Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Bryan P. Boyce, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

District Highlights
Dr. Timothy J. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

1. Donation to Van Derveer School
RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Somerset County Municipal Youth Services Commission for $4,000.00 to fund the Girls on the Run Program. The program will be coached by Jennifer Osborn and Danielle Mattia and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 2012 to June 2012. All costs for the program are paid through the Commission.

2. Change Orders – Van Derveer Lighting Replacement Project
RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following change orders related to the Van Derveer School Lighting Replacement Project: (Attachment NB-1)

TSUJ Corporation – CO-01
Extend range occupancy sensors and dedicated power packs for 24 classrooms. This change order shall be charged against available General Repair allowance and results in a zero net change against the project contract award. $13,429.43

TSUJ Corporation – CO-02
Cancel unexpended portion of General Repair allowance. Credit: $11,570.57

3. Change Order – Van Derveer Limited Roof Replacement Work
RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following change orders related to the Van Derveer School Limited Roof Replacement Work: (Attachment NB-2)

***** (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

Safeway Contracting, Inc. CO-01
Installation of additional metal counter flashings at two roof top HVAC curb units and removal and replacement of approximately 75 lf of rotted wood fascia and edge trim members. This change order shall be charged against available General Repair allowance and results in a zero net change against the project contract award. $800.00

Safeway Contracting, Inc. CO-02
Cancel unexpended portion of General Repair allowance. Credit: $4,200.00

4. Approval of Summer Programs June 2012-July 2012
RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the enclosed list of Summer Programs June 2012- July 2102. (Attachment NB-3)

It is recommended that Items 5* through 7* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

5* Contract Award Somerville High School Toilet Room Upgrades
WHEREAS, on January 18, 2012, the Somerville Board of Education ("Board") held a public bid opening for the Toilet Room Upgrades at the Somerville High School project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board received eighteen (18) bids at the public bid opening; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid was submitted by Jeral Construction Company, Inc., Bloomfield, New Jersey, with a base bid, inclusive of a Five Thousand Dollar ($5,000.00) General Repair Allowance, of Eighty Nine Thousand Dollars ($89,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Board, upon consultation with its Design Professional has determined Jeral Construction Company, Inc. to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above recitals are incorporated herein by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby awards a contract for the Toilet Room Upgrades at the Somerville High School project to Jeral Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of Eighty Nine Thousand Dollars ($89,000.00), which amount includes a General Repair Allowance of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid securities to all but the three (3) lowest bidders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes its construction counsel to prepare the contract for the Project, to submit same to Jeral Construction Company, Inc., and to obtain all documents required thereby; and

***** (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the receipt of the executed contract, Project bonds, insurance certificate and any other required documents from Jeral Construction Company, Inc., the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid securities to the remaining bidders. (Attachment NB-4)

6* Somerville High School Music Boosters Association Donation

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation to Somerville High School from the Somerville High School Music Booster Association in the amount of $8,500.00 for the winter guard 2012 paraprofessionals.

7* 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)

It is recommended that Item 8* be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

8* Eliminate the Vote on the Annual Budget and to Move the Election Of School Board Members to the General Election in November

WHEREAS, Public Law S3148, Laws of 2012 provides that a local school district may adopt a resolution to eliminate the vote on its annual school budget that is within the statutory cap imposed by the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the above legislation provides that the above action would require districts to hold their annual election for school board members in November during the regular general election, and

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education has determined that the statutory restrictions on the local levy tax increase for annual school appropriations is appropriate and sufficient to control and maintain a thorough and efficient education for the children of Somerville, and

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education, consistent with the budgetary restrictions expressed above, believes that dispensing with annual school budget votes will save taxpayer dollars, and

***** (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education believes that school board member elections in November will attract a far greater number of voters than typically vote in April elections, and

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of education believes that the elimination of the vote on the school budget and the movement of the board member election to November is in the best interest of the Somerville community, and

WHEREAS, the Somerville Board of Education understands that this decision shall remain in effect for a minimum of four years,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerville Board of Education does hereby determine that it will eliminate the vote on its annual school budget which shall be within the statutory cap and become effective for the 2012-13 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Somerville Board of Education does hereby determine that the election of school board members will occur at the annual general election in November, 2012.

IX. PERSONNEL

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the following appointments upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. (Appointments and salaries contingent upon verified documentation)

1. To approve a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Julia Wilk, teacher of special education at Van Derveer School, effective May 14, 2012 to June 5, 2012 and an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from June 6, 2012 to October 12, 2012.

2. To approve a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Melissa Cebula, teacher of art at Somerville Middle School, effective May 7, 2012 to May 31, 2012 and an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from June 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

3. To accept the retirement/resignation of Barbara Andreotta from the position of teacher of preschool, effective July 1, 2012.

4. To approve the attached list of staff members to the position of NJASK tutors at Van Derveer School for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of $35.00 per hour. (Attachment P-1)

5. To approve a change in salary guide placement for the following staff member effective February 1, 2012:

***** (Branchburg Vote Eligible)

Cathy Hons MA

*9-12 and District wide

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and/or accept the following appointments upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. (Appointments and salaries contingent upon verified documentation)

6* To approve the following individuals to the position of paraprofessionals at Somerville High School for the 2011-2012 school year:

Stephen Coy	Marching Band and Robotics
Timothy Wahba	Wrestling

7* To approve the appointment of Corey Floyd to the position of head golf coach for the 2012 golf season at a stipend of $6,671.00.

8* To approve the appointment of Morgan O'Neill to the position of assistant softball coach for the 2012 spring season at a stipend of $6,240.00.

9* To approve a paid maternity disability leave of absence for Shannon Strunk, teacher of social studies, effective April 16, 2012 to April 27, 2012 and an unpaid child care leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from April 30, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

10* To approved the enclosed list of marching band paraprofessionals to receive payment for their work during the 2012 winter season. (Attachment P-2)

X. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND NON AGENDA ITEMS

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XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED that the Board of Education move to recess into executive session to discuss a student matter. 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.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

***** (Branchburg Vote Eligible)