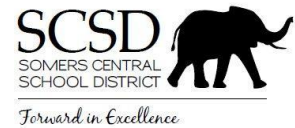


**Members Present:** Sarena Meyer, President  
Donna Rosenblum, Vice President  
Ifay Chang, Trustee  
Michael D'Anna, Trustee – arrived at 7:06 pm  
Joseph Marra, Trustee  
Chadwick Olsen, Trustee



**Members Absent:** Linda Graffitti, Trustee

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BY-LAWS.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Sarena Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Raymond Blanch, Superintendent, Mr. Kenneth Crowley, Assistant Superintendent for Business,

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education goes into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

MOVED Ifay Chang SECONDED Joseph Marra VOTE 5-0 TIME 6:02

3. **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education returns to Public Session.

MOVED Chadwick Olsen SECONDED Ifay Chang VOTE 5-0 TIME 6:50

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Raymond Blanch, Superintendent, Mr. Kenneth Crowley, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mrs. Julie Gherardi, Assistant Superintendent for Learning, Mrs. Annamarie Maggio, Director of Special Services, Mr. Matthew Carr, Manager of Human Resources & Student Services, Ms. Nancy Corrado, District Clerk, members of the staff and community.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Meyer led those present with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 pm.

5. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION** – NYSSMA Student Recognitions – Julie Gherardi briefly discussed NYSSMA and the process. Recognized special awards received by our district students, and recognized all participants in the audience. All participants received a certificate. Mr. Ricky Myint announced our district would host the festival this year on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Somers High School.

Brief Recess at 7:09 – Reconvened at 7:14

6. **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** – Marisa Camardella reported that the peer leaders were busy helping to make 30 thanksgiving baskets for our community. The high school drama club performed Midsummer Night's Dream this past weekend. In sports, the boys soccer team won the state championship, the track team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> at States and the football team will play this Friday. This past weekend, the 29<sup>th</sup> annual leadership conference was held in Ellenville, NY. Marisa is honored to serve as state secretary, and noted that it is the best place for student leadership development, creating bonds with many other school student leaders. This year, the students were honored to present Dr. Blanch with the administrator of the year award at the conference. SHS Student Council advisors Brenda O'Shea & Doreen Stoecker co chaired the conference. (A brief video was shown that the students created to nominate Dr. Blanch administrator of the year.)

President Meyer felt privileged to be in attendance during the presentation of the award to Dr. Blanch.

7. **CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT**

- A. **Whole Child Report** – Mrs. Gherardi discussed the whole child portfolio which includes academics, social, emotional, physical wellness, student engagement in extra curricular programs and athletics. Performance in math and reading at the elementary level and the middle school level using local assessment tools were discussed. The science exam 3 year comparison was reviewed. Regents results were also discussed, as were graduation rates, ACTs and SATs. Mrs. Gherardi gave a brief IB (International Baccalaureate) update – had authorization visit last week – have 15 teachers IB trained and ready. Won't hear until January or February of final approval. Once approved, then students may begin enrollment for Sept 2017. The report is on the district website.
- B. **Changes to Building Level Safety Plans** – Mr. Crowley spoke about the amendments made to legislation involving the building level safety plans. All schools throughout the State had to make these changes. Mr. Crowley spoke about some of the changes, one of which was having a chief emergency officer – some others are terminology changes, substituting words, practicing of more drills and different types of drills. Plans are not FOILable. Personnel must be familiar with plans and review annually. The various roles/individuals meet throughout the year. Joe Bernardi has been working with administrators to update and implement the plans. We are 100% compliant.
- C. **Naming of SMS Library Proposal** – Dr. Blanch discussed a request by a number of faculty and a former administrator to name the middle school after Linda Chapman who sadly passed away recently. Mrs. Gherardi spoke about her work with Linda Chapman, who was a passionate educator with a vision on how our libraries should look. Dr. Blanch supports this request to name the library in Linda Chapman's name. Dr. Blanch reviewed the process the Board put in place for naming facilities. Anticipates to be back in May to make this recommendation (after a 6-month waiting period per policy). President Meyer asked if anyone in the public wanted to comment to feel free to do so.
- D. **Bond Projects Update** – Mr. Crowley gave the Board an update on the plans, meetings with the architect, consultants, school administrators, engineers, etc. to fine tune plans including the financial plan. Mr. Crowley spoke of certain projects that may be accelerated. The presentation is on the district website.

8. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – None

9. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Warrant Reports, Statement of Revenues, Treasurer's Report, Budget Status Report

President Meyer acknowledged receipt of reports.

10. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, having received copies of minutes of the meeting of 10/25/16, 11/7/16 and 11/8/16, hereby approves same.

MOVED Donna Rosenblum SECONDED Joseph Marra VOTE 6-0

11. **BOARD ACTION:**

A. **Personnel**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the attached Personnel Agenda.

MOVED Donna Rosenblum SECONDED Michael D'Anna VOTE 6-0

Dr. Blanch spoke about the resignation of Kevin Guidotti as SHS Assistant Principal, and his appointment as Director of Learning in Innovations. Very pleased to keep Mr. Guidotti in our district in this new role.

B. **Approval of Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on PreSchool Special Education (CPSE) Meeting Recommendations**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, having received copies of recommendations of the meetings of 10/12, 10/14, 10/17, 10/17, 10/18, 10/19, 10/19, 10/19, 10/20, 10/21, 10/21, 10/21, 10/24, 10/25, 10/25, 10/25, 10/26, 10/26,

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MOVED Donna Rosenblum SECONDED Ifay Chang VOTE 6-0

**C. Business**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the attached Business Agenda.

MOVED Donna Rosenblum SECONDED Michael D'Anna VOTE 6-0

Mr. Crowley discussed the business agenda items with the Board.

**D. Building Level Emergency Response Plans**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Somers Central School District, hereby approves the Building Level Emergency Response Plans, as presented and reviewed.

MOVED Donna Rosenblum SECONDED Ifay Chang VOTE 6-0

**E. Mentoring Volunteers (Add'l) 2016/17**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Somers Central School District, does hereby appoint the following volunteers assigned as mentors and/or committee members for the District's Mentoring Program for the 2016/17 school year: Thomas Albertson, Ken Benjamin, Jan Corning, Pam Everitt, Tonia Gisolfi, Denis Harrington, Susan Hurst, Maureen Iacono, Evelyn Mahoney, Joe Manganelli, Barbara Marino, Joanne Mollers, Chris O'Connell, Kate O'Keefe, Cornia Robert, Deica Ruiz, Paul Sacco, Roberta Siegel, Michelle Steckler, Lynne Vought. Committee members: Susan Bellack, Suzie Blanch, Sandy Elazaj, Elizabeth Gross, Gayle Mottola, Kathleen Reilly, Juliette Sussman, Carolyn Svoboda, Theresa Wienecke.

MOVED Donna Rosenblum SECONDED Chadwick Olsen VOTE 6-0

**12. BOARD MEMBERS & BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** Trustee Chang had a question on the financial impact to the electricity/operating costs of the bond items. Mr. Crowley addressed this.

**13. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS:** Dr. Blanch reported our boys soccer made school history by winning the first ever state championship. This Friday, our football team, also for the first time ever in school history, is playing in the state finals. The boys cross country team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be going to the federation championship also. Dr. Blanch mentioned the district is looking to continuing the partnership with SYSO for anti-bias training. Upcoming is the PTA Holiday Happiness craft fair on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and the next board meeting will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

President Meyer wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

RESOLVED, that this regular Meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned.

MOVED Donna Rosenblum SECONDED Ifay Chang VOTE 6-0 TIME 8:37

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Corrado  
Clerk of the Board of Education

**1. RESIGNATIONS**

- a. **Andrea Beatrice: Food Service, Part Time** **Intermediate School**  
Acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Beatrice from her part time Food Service helper position effective November 4, 2016.
- b. **Debra Blaustein: Computer Aide** **High School**  
Acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Blaustein from her Computer Aide position effective November 10, 2016.
- c. **Kevin Guidotti: Assistant Principal** **High School**  
Acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Guidotti from his Assistant Principal position effective January 2, 2017.  
*Mr. Guidotti is appointed below as Director of Innovations in Learning.*
- d. **Caroline McGuire: Teacher** **Intermediate School**  
Acceptance of the resignation with the intent to retire of Ms. McGuire from her teaching position effective July 21, 2016.
- e. **Janine Wiggins: School Monitor, Part Time** **Middle School**  
Acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Wiggins from her School Monitor position effective November 25, 2016.

**2. AMENDMENT**

- a. **Christine Canavan: School Monitor – Amendment** **Middle School**  
RESOLVED that the Board of Education amend the resolution regarding Ms. Canavan's resignation adopted on October 25, 2016 to change her resignation date from October 8, 2016 to October 18, 2016.

**3. APPOINTMENTS**

- a. **Michael Cernak: Maintenance Laborer** **District**  
Appointment of Mr. Cernak as a probationary Maintenance Laborer, effective November 23, 2016 at an annual salary of \$51,494 (30,731 prorated based on Step 1 of the 2016-2017 SRP Salary Schedule). *This is a budgeted position.*
- b. **Kevin Guidotti: Director of Innovations in Learning** **District**  
RESOLVED, that Mr. Guidotti, holder of a Professional School District Leader certification, is hereby appointed to a probationary term in the tenure area of Director of Innovations in Learning commencing January 3, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2018; and it is  
  
FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Guidotti shall be paid an annual salary of \$155,000 (77,500 prorated). *This is a replacement for Mr. White who resigned.*
- c. **Anna Milani: Food Service Helper, Part Time** **Intermediate School**  
Appointment of Ms. Milani as a probationary part time Food Service Helper, effective November 28, 2016 at an hourly rate of \$14.46 (Step 1 of the Part Time SRP Salary Schedule). *This is a replacement for Ms. Beatrice who resigned.*
- d. **Ashley Piqueras: Computer Aide** **High School**  
Appointment of Ms. Piqueras to a probationary Computer Aide position effective December 1, 2016 at a salary of 29,203 (20,442 prorated based Step 1 on SRP Salary Schedule). *This is a replacement for Ms. Blaustein who resigned.*

**4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- a. **Mia Subilia: Teacher** **Intermediate School**  
Approval of the granting of an unpaid child care leave of absence to Ms. Subilia effective October 24, 2016 through December 22, 2016.
- b. **Jessica Rebaglia: Health Aide** **Intermediate School**  
Approval of the granting of an unpaid child care leave of absence to Ms. Rebaglia, effective October 31, 2016 through November 30, 2016.

**5. APPOINTMENT - LEAVE REPLACEMENT**

- a. **Pamela Cartelli: Long Term Substitute** **Middle School**  
RESOLVED, that Ms. Cartelli holder of a professional Student with Disability Math 7-12 certificate is hereby appointed as a long term substitute during the paid leave of absence of Ms. Danyelle Giloth, Special Education Teacher commencing November 21, 2016; and it is  
  
FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Cartelli shall be paid a per diem rate of \$346.33 (based MA, Step 3 of the Teachers’ Salary Schedule).

**6. CREATION OF EXTRA PAY POSITIONS**

- a. Approval of the creation of the following extra pay positions commencing 2016-2017 school year:

All County Chorus NYSSMA – Advisor	SIS	1,350
All County Band NYSSMA – Advisor	SIS	1,350
All County Orchestra NYSSMA – Advisor	SIS/SMS	1,350
All County Band NYSSMA – Advisor	SMS	1,350

**7. EXTRA PAY POSITIONS – ATHLETIC**

- a. Approval of the appointment of the following individuals to the following extra pay positions for the 2016-2017 School Year:

<u>Winter 2016</u>		
Silvio DiSalvatore	Freshmen Boys Head Basketball Coach	4,015
Kathleen Kelton	Modified Winter Track Head Coach	4,038
Christopher DiCintio	Var. Boys Head Basketball Coach	7,109
Anthony DeMatteo Jr.	JV Boys Basketball Coach	5,601
Ronald DiSanto Jr.	Var. Wrestling Head Coach	6,604
Christopher Kumrow	JV Wrestling Head Coach	5,371
Ronald DiSanto Sr.	Modified Wrestling Head Coach	4,343
John Veteri	Var. Ice Hockey Head Coach	6,006
Richard Aune	Modified Ice Hockey Head Coach	2,872
Jesse Arnett	Var. Boys Winter Track Head Coach	6,183
Evan Delfs	Var. Girls Winter Track Head Coach	6,183
Teodora Cepoi	Var. Gymnastic Head Coach	7,109
Jenna Crispo	Var. Cheerleading Head Coach	5,488
Robert Paulmeno	After School Activities Coordinator	3,249
<u>Volunteers</u>		
Darryl Atkinson	Varsity Boys Basketball	0.00

Moshe Toledano	JV Boys Basketball	0.00
Evan Tabachnick	Ice Hockey	0.00
Alexander Preisig	Winter Track	0.00

**8. EXTRA PAY POSITIONS – CO-CURRICULAR**

- a. Approval of the resignation and/or appointment of the following individuals to the following extra pay position for the 2016-2017 School Year:

<u>SMS</u>		
Michelle Moriarty - <i>Resigned</i>	Musical Assistant Stage Director	(2,450)
Rebecca Racioppo	Musical Assistant Stage Director	2,450
Rachel Malara	Drumline Advisor	3,650
Rachel Malara	Musical Director	2,450
<u>SHS</u>		
Debra Blaustein – resigned	Assistant Yearbook Advisor	(1,500)*
Kathy Kelton	Assistant Yearbook Advisor	1,500
<u>District Wide</u>		
Gregory Miller	Maintenance Team Leader	6,000

\* *prorated*

**9. PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES**

- a. Acceptance of the appointment of the following individuals as Permanent Substitute for the 2016-2017 School Year:

<u>SHS</u>	<u>SMS</u>
Michael Cleary	Eileen Higgins

**10. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, NURSES & SUPPORT STAFF**

- a. Approval of the following individuals as per diem substitute Teachers and Nurses, and/or individuals as hourly substitute Support Staff, for the 2016-2017 School Year.

<u>Support</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Nurse</u>
Juana Andrade	Wanda Hicks	Gina DiMaria
Helen Carino	Bertina Hoppe	Sarah Madureira
Bernadette Carnow	Kelly Mancini	<u>Teacher</u>
Jeannine Carvalho	Maria Marques	Michele Bendlin
Adriana Carvalho	Sara Meyers	Diana Najjar
Donald DeSilva	Ariana Morais	Lisa Percoco
Cynthia Esposito	Kaitlyn Partenza	Jacqueline Van Tassell
LuAnn Grieco	Sharon Scully	Carla Savino-Watson
	Janine Wiggins	

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. AUDIT OF 2015-2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Somers Central School District hereby accepts the audit of the financial statements from the independent auditors, PKF O'Connor Davies LLP, as well as the District's response to the management letter for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

2. SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT WITH THE EASTCHESTER UFSD

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Somers Central School District hereby authorizes the District to enter into a contract with the Eastchester Union Free School District for the provision of special education services (#2989) to attend the specialized program for the 2016-2017 school year. The President of the Board of Education is authorized and directed to execute the contract.

3. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT CONSULTANT CONTRACT – MZQ CONSULTING LLC

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Somers Central School District hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with MZQ Consulting, LLC to provide employer mandated reporting services associated with providing health insurance to employees, per the attached. The reports are required under the Affordable Care Act. The President of the Board of Education is authorized and directed to execute the contract.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Somers Central School District hereby accepts with thanks and appreciation the following items:

- a. From Mrs. Rose Moravick and family, a 260 ft. carbon black privacy screen fence, for the Somers High School Turf One football field.
- b. From Mr. David Lynch, the following tools for use in the Somers High School Stagecraft and Technology/Engineering classes:
  - i. Craftsman 10 in. radial arm saw with built-in 6 drawer storage stand
  - ii. Six ft. workbench
  - iii. Black and Decker jig saw
  - iv. Wagner electric paint sprayer
  - v. Assorted electronic components, (radios, wires, switches, resistors, bulbs)