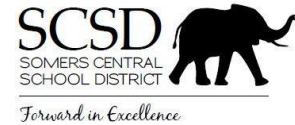


Members Present:

Sarena Meyer, President
Donna Rosenblum, Vice President
Ifay Chang, Trustee
Linda Graffitti, Trustee – arrived at 6:56 pm
Michael D’Anna, Trustee – arrived at 7:10 pm
Joseph Marra, Trustee



Member Absent:

Chadwick Olsen, Trustee

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

1. **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 Joseph Marra SECONDED Donna Rosenblum VOTE 4-0 TIME 6:02 pm

3. **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:**

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

MOVED Ifay Chang SECONDED Donna Rosenblum VOTE 4-0 TIME 6:55 pm

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 Student Svcs and Human Resources, Ms. Nancy Corrado, District Clerk, members of the media, staff and community.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Meyer led those present with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 pm.

5. **CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT**

A. **Special Education Update** – Mrs. Annamarie Maggio and Mr. Wil Siegel gave the Board the annual update on special education services in our district. They discussed services, enrollment, costs, in and out district placements, classification categories and considerations moving forward. Special education teachers Doreen Stoecker, Carol Haber-Cohen and Chrissy Martin were also present, and shared student success stories with the Board. In addition, Mrs. Stoecker talked about the work-based learning program she oversees.

B. **SCSD Calendar 2017-18 Draft** – the Board reviewed a draft of the 2017/18 school calendar. The Board will be asked to approve it at its next meeting.

6. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

7. **BOARD ACTION**

A. **Personnel Agenda**

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 announced the hiring of Interim Assistant Principal Rachel Blount at Somers High School.

B. Business Agenda

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

MOVED Donna Rosenblum SECONDED Ifay Chang VOTE 6-0

Mr. Crowley discussed the items on the business agenda.

C. Stipulation of Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Somers Central School District hereby ratifies and approves the Stipulation of Agreement between the Somers Central School District, the Somers School Related Professionals and Fred Buckner, dated January 10, 2017, and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute all documents pertaining to same and to take all actions consistent with the terms thereof.

MOVED Donna Rosenblum SECONDED Joseph Marra VOTE 6-0

8. **BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:** Trustee Marra thanked Mrs. Maggio, Mr. Siegel and the teachers present this evening.
9. **SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Dr. Blanch mentioned how proud we all are of our schools where we strive to do what's best for our students.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:**
RESOLVED, that this Special Meeting/Workshop of the Board of Education be adjourned.

MOVED Ifay Chang SECONDED Joseph Marra VOTE 6-0 TIME 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Corrado
Clerk of the Board of Education

1. AMENDMENT**a. Frederick Buckner: Custodial****Somers Middle School**

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 17, 2015, the Board of Education terminated Frederick Buckner's employment with the District pursuant to §73 of the New York State Civil Service Law, effective October 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to Mr. Buckner's termination pursuant to §73 of the New York State Civil Service Law, the District was notified that Mr. Buckner was granted a disability retirement by the New York State Employees' Retirement System effective October 8, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Somers Central School District hereby rescinds the resolution from its meeting on November 17, 2015, terminating Mr. Buckner's employment with the District pursuant to §73 of the New York State Civil Service Law effective October 21, 2015 (Personnel Agenda Item 1.a); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Somers Central School District hereby accepts Mr. Buckner's retirement from employment with the District effective October 8, 2015.

2. APPOINTMENT**a. Rachel Blount: Assistant Principal****Somers High School**

RESOLVED, that Ms. Blount, holder of a permanent School District Administrator certificate, is hereby appointed as an Interim Assistant Principal commencing January 11, 2017 through June 30, 2017; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Blount shall be paid an annual salary of \$132,000 (\$62,700 prorated). *This is a replacement for Mr. Guidotti who is now the Director of Innovation in Learning.*

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. INTER-MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH MAHOPAC CSD

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Somers Central School District hereby authorizes the District to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Mahopac Central School District for the purpose of transporting a Somers CSD student for the 2016-2017 at no cost to the District. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreement.

2. BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Somers Central School District hereby authorizes the transfer of funds, per the attached.

SOMERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BUDGET TRANSFERS
 JANUARY 10, 2017 BOE WORKSHOP

TRANSFER FROM:			TRANSFER TO:		
ACCOUNT TITLE	CODE	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT TITLE	CODE	AMOUNT
BOCES SERVICES	A2250-490-05-0000	\$67,000.00	TUITION - PUBLIC	A2250-471-05-0000	\$67,000.00
EXPLANATION : To cover the tuition costs of a special education placement at Pleasantville Schools for 2016-17.					
TEACHING - REG. SCHOOLS 1-3	A2110-120-05-0000	\$23,000.00	SERVICE AGREEMENTS	A1620-413-05-0000	\$23,000.00
EXPLANATION : To cover laboratory expenses with Yorktown Medical Labs for water lead testing, as required by NYS.					