

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

April 7, 2003 REGULAR MEETING

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mary Jo Rossetti called a Regular Meeting of the School Committee to order in the aldermanic chambers at 8:06 p.m., with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag of the United States of America.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Ms. Cardoso, Ms. Harris, Ms. Bauer, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Murray, Ms. Rossetti, Mayor Gay and Alderman O'Donovan.

No one was absent.

III. AWARDS AND CITATIONS

Mr. Dennis Sullivan, Ward I School Committee Member, presented a Resolution to the Somerville High School Cheerleading Team who recently placed first at the American Open National Cheerleading Championships in the varsity division in Tampa, Florida. The Resolution can be found on page 107.

Chairman Rossetti presented a Resolution to Ms. M. Teresa Cardoso, who was honored as "Person of the Year" by the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS) at the group's annual dinner on March 22, 2003. The Resolution can be found on pages 107, 108.

Resolutions were presented to the following students at the March 31, 2003 Bi-Annual Awards Ceremony:

- ✓ Joelle Martin: Somerville High School's all-time basketball scoring leader, who graduated last June, orchestrated an outstanding freshman season at Merrimack College.
- ✓ Gosder Cherilus, Mike Neal, Rob Grasso and Wilner Alexis: high school seniors who received numerous honors during the 2002 football season, bringing much glory to the school system and the City of Somerville. The Resolutions can be found on pages 108, 109.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as follows by voice vote:

February 24, 2003:

- Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting

March 24, 2003:

- Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Regular Meeting

V. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student representative Kim Carvalho reported on the following items this evening:

With only thirty two days left in their high school career, Ms. Carvalho reported the Seniors are now planning for their last Prom, Class Day, and Graduation.

Senior Class *Hat Day* will be on May 2, 2003 and *College T-Shirt Day*, where the Seniors wear T-Shirts displaying which College they will be attending next year, will be held on May 8th.

On Wednesday, April 30th, the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held in the Auditorium at Somerville High School. Ms. Carvalho stated this is a special day for many members of the senior class and they are all looking forward to it.

Ms. Carvalho informed everyone that an exciting part of senior year is taking Psychology with Mrs. Kenney. This is when students receive an egg, which they carry around and cherish as their own son or daughter, for one week. Ms. Carvalho brought with her to this evening's meeting "Isabella". She talked about the project and how it teaches the students about the responsibility and development of a child.

Lastly, Ms. Carvalho congratulated the Juniors who were selected in the first drawing of the National Honor Society for the Class of 2004.

VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Argenziano reported on the following items:

1. Provided to members information from Mr. Roy Belson, Superintendent of Medford Public Schools, regarding an educational collaborative formed by five school districts, Somerville, Medford, Cambridge Rindge and Latin, Waltham and Northeast Regional, called Shore Occupational Learning and Vocational Educational Division (SOLVED). Dr. Argenziano explained that some of our high school students were requesting to attend Minuteman Vocational High School because Minuteman was focusing on specific areas that we did not offer. By forming the Collaborative (SOLVED) students will be interchanged amongst these five schools rather than sending students outside the district to Minuteman Vocational. Included in the letter from Mr. Belson was a listing of the programs offered by the Collaborative.
2. Informed members that Somerville Public Schools was the recipient of a Massachusetts Reading First Plan (MFRP) Grant and Dr. Argenziano wanted to publicly thank Ms. Susan Collins for preparing a successful Massachusetts Reading First grant proposal. The funds will go to the Powder House Community School.
3. Enclosed for members is a letter, petition and response to Unidos Parents. Next week, a letter, petition and response from Bilingual Parents will follow. A concern of the Parents was the waiver process under the implementation of Question 2. Dr. Argenziano let the parents know that the Unidos Programs is a specialized program initially chosen by parents and there will be no waiver process involved in the program unless the Department of Education directs the Superintendent to do so. Lengthy discussion followed regarding waivers and Dr. Argenziano responded to the questions asked by the committee. He did inform the members that after attending a March 27th Department of Education meeting, the school department

VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT (cont.)

has a plan that will be given to members at the next meeting. The plan will include not only a sequential grade breakdown, but the support services and the target languages; it will also include budget information.

4. Provided to members was a memorandum received from Kate Ashton and Patrick McCormick, regarding E-Rate Year 6 FY 4 Submission.
5. Enclosed for members is an email from Don Kennedy, NESDEC, with a parent's comment, not included in the original packet, but Mr. Kennedy wanted to share it with the committee.
6. Mr. Robert Snow, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, recently met with the Library Media Department and enclosed for members is a list of priorities for the 2003-04 school year.
7. The MCAS retest schedule, Fall 2003, Winter 2004 is enclosed for members. Dr. Argenziano did inform members of an email received this morning from the Department of Education, that due to a pending snow storm, the tests that were scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of this week have been changed to Thursday, April 10th.
8. An email from Mayor Gay regarding "Somerville says Thank You" to residents and employees who are serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom is enclosed for members.
9. Provided to members is the Title I Newsletter, Spring 2003.
10. School council minutes for the Healey, West Somerville Neighborhood, and Cummings School are provided for members.
11. Enclosed is the Somerville Public Schools *Calendar of Events* for April 2003.
12. The District Report Cards are provided for members. The District report card is posted on our Somerville Public Schools website. The individual report cards of the individual schools will go home with the students in multi languages. Dr. Argenziano thanked Mr. Robert Snow, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Ms. Marie B. Ferrari, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administration, Mr. Timothy Egan, Information Systems & Data Base Administrator, and the School Principals for putting this information in place.
13. Dr. Argenziano mentioned that eighty six Colleges and Universities were represented at the College Fair held last Wednesday, April 2nd. The Superintendent thanked Mr. Stephen O'Leary, Supervisor of Guidance and Testing, and his staff for coordinating the Fair.
14. Dr. Argenziano informed the committee that this past weekend there were two students from the Unidos Program that had a large fire in their home. If anyone would like to provide assistance to the family, please contact the school adjustment counselor, Ms. Louise Tillinghast, at x6360. There were no injuries but the family has lost everything; clothing and other items of necessity would be most welcome.

VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT (cont.)

15. Dr. Argenziano reminded the committee that on Saturday, April 12th, there is an 8:00 a.m. breakfast in Culinary Arts Restaurant, a tour of the Capuano Center at 10:00 a.m., and the Vocational Department Open House will run from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

VII. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

A. *Ed. Programs and Instruction Subcommittee:* (Ms. Bauer) Apr. 2

Subjects discussed:

- ✓ Library, Reading and Technology – discussion and review of services

Library Services:

Presentation by Ms. Patricia Garrity, Somerville High School Librarian with Ms. Alice Sajdera, Healey School Librarian

A brief review was given on the five-year plan, which was developed about a year ago, submitted to the Massachusetts Library Board and accepted with commendations. The plan provides eligibility for grants. The plan officially begins in September of 2003 but implementation has already begun. Books are being inventoried, weeded, and barcoded.

Reading Services:

Presentation by Ms. Yvonne E. Gunzburger, Supervisor of Reading

Ms. Gunzberger reported there was lots of activity in reading. The new series has been very successful and teachers report students are reading better than their counterparts of a year ago. Professional development sessions have been well attended and well received. This current year professional development is by grade, next year it will be by building. Reading teachers are trying to prepare for English immersion and more rapid transition from bilingual to regular education. The reading department is working towards increased integration of reading and writing.

Technology Services:

Presentation by Mr. Joseph A. Mastrocola, Coordinator of Instructional Technology

Mr. Mastrocola reported different schools are working on different projects and there are many pilot programs in the city. District-wide activities include:

- Purchasing software for simulation and higher order thinking, not drill
- Acceptable Use Policy for staff is drafted and awaiting approval
- Evaluation of technology curriculum
- Distance Learning used for professional development by five teachers

As a final note that evening, Mr. Mastrocola reported research shows that technology is most effective in helping at-risk students and special needs students. It does not replace good teaching in raising test scores.

VII. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES (cont.)

Ms. Bauer informed the public that the next two Education Programs and Instruction Subcommittee meetings are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building. The agenda item is discussion and review of services for Athletics, Special Education, and Vocational Education.

- Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Center. The tentative agenda item is department presentations – Early Childhood Education, SCALE, Fine Arts, Health Education.

- ✓ Approval of In-Service Courses

There were no In-Service Courses submitted for approval.

B. *Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole:* (Ms. Murray) Apr. 7

Subjects discussed:

- ✓ Update on School Facilities

Ms. Murray reported on the school facilities update given by Mr. Robert A. Ciampi, Facilities Personnel & Property Services Director, regarding the work orders for the 2002–2003 school year. She briefly reviewed the three lists distributed to the committee. Presently, Mr. Ciampi presents an update to the members of the school committee, and then the information is given to the Principals. Ms. Murray reported one change in procedure that will take place is the school principals will receive the work orders first and then Mr. Ciampi will report back to the committee with an update with information from the principals on items that are being done.

- ✓ FY04 Budget Discussion

Ms. Murray reported that discussion on the FY04 budget was very brief, as the school department still has not been informed of a bottom line figure for the budget. More information regarding cuts will be coming from the State on April 23rd or April 24th. Hopefully, there will be more news to report after the April 28, 2003 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

Lastly, Ms. Murray discussed information received from Commissioner Driscoll, Department of Education, notifying the Superintendent of Schools that according to the School Building Assistance (SBA) program, Somerville is one of twenty eight worthy projects (the reconstruction of the Lincoln Park Community School) on the list for projects receiving preliminary approval. The deadline for submitting the paperwork has been extended to August 29, 2003.

Ms. Murray asked Mayor Gay if she and her staff would be able to complete the necessary process in order to meet the deadline. Lengthy discussion followed. Mayor

VII. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES (cont.)

Gay and Dr. Argenziano responded to the many questions asked by school committee members and addressed any concerns they had.

Ms. Cardoso referred to an item discussed earlier in the evening at the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting. A request was made to have the Superintendent prepare an organization for the committee to review at the next Finance and Facilities Committee meeting. This list was to include positions and staff members. Ms. Cardoso stressed she is concerned about putting out an organization too soon. Lengthy discussion followed and members gave their input concerning this issue. Following the discussion, Ms. Cardoso asked Ms. Taylor to withdraw her request to have the Superintendent prepare an organization. Ms. Taylor agreed, withdrew her request and further discussion will take place at the April 28, 2003 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Somerville Public Schools Organization

Following the lengthy discussion regarding the preparation of an organization, Dr. Argenziano asked the committee for clarification on whether or not they would like him to prepare an organization to be presented at the April 28th Finance and Facilities Committee meeting. Ms. Cardoso responded that her recommendation was to wait, and Ms. Taylor did withdraw her request. Dr. Argenziano expressed his concern about putting an organization together for April 28th based on not having a bottom line figure to work with. Doing it this way, people are going to be unnecessarily hurt. The Mayor was clear she could not give us a figure this month, so until the Superintendent receives the bottom line budget figure, he cannot give the committee a realistic organization. Ms. Murray suggested that the committee plan to have further discussion during the next two Finance and Facilities Committee meetings leading up to the May 19, 2003 meeting, at which point the Superintendent will present an organization to the committee.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Field Trips – Approved by voice vote.

April 25-29, 2003: Mr. Jakimczyk, Gr. 12, Somerville High School, to International DECA Conference/Competition, Orlando, FL. Transportation by air travel, no cost to students.

B. Student Accident Insurance – Approved by voice vote.

The superintendent advised that the contract for Student Accident Insurance for the 2003-04 school year has been renewed with Moran Insurance Agency, 23 Spruce St., Suite B, Malden, MA 02148 at the following rates:

Plan A – STUDENT INSURANCE

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| Premium: | School Time | \$ 7.50 |
| Premium: | 24-Hour Coverage | \$ 49.00 |
| Dental: | Extended | \$ 10.00 |

Plan B - ALL-SPORTS, SHOP AND LAB COVERAGE

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| Premium: | Gold Plan | \$ 5,285.00 |
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IX. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

C. **SCALE – Walk-A-Thon** – Approved by voice vote.

SCALE's Student Services Division requested approval to hold a Walk-A-Thon to raise money for SCALE's emergency fund for needy students. Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2003, 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 5:00–6:00 p.m. (rain date Thursday, May 1st)

D. **Early Childhood Focus Groups**

Ms. Murray briefly discussed the Early Childhood Focus Groups document which was prepared by Sarah Slive Davila and requested this item be referred to a future Long Range Planning Committee meeting for discussion. Ms. Murray thanked Ms. Slive and the group of people she worked with to conduct the focus groups and for preparing the report.

X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Sullivan

1. There will be two community meetings tomorrow evening, April 8th at the East Somerville Community School. The first meeting is at 6:00 p.m. "Neighborhood Dialogue", an open forum for Somerville residents and business owners in the Ward I area to speak directly to Mayor Gay, Alderman Roche, and Mr. Sullivan.

At 7:00 p.m. the State House Committee on public safety, co-chaired by Senator Jarrett Barrios and State Representative Tim Toomey, will be holding a public hearing regarding the gang loitering ordinance. Mr. Sullivan encouraged all residents to attend. He thanked the eight children, Mr. Roche, and all the other adults who walked through Ward I distributing 2000 flyers.

2. On Saturday, April 12th, the Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood Center will be holding an open house from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
3. The East Somerville Community School PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15th from 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
4. Wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

Ms. Taylor

1. Informed the public that the Somerville Scholarship Foundation Fundraiser is going to be held on May 2, 2003. This is a very worthy cause and Ms. Taylor encouraged the community to participate in the raffle, tickets are now on sale.

Ms. Murray

1. Thanked everyone who was involved in the Early Childhood Fair held this past Saturday at the Healey School. Ms. Murray reported there were over three hundred people at the fair, there was a lot of interest in the SMILE Program as well as the Early Childhood Intervention

X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (cont.)

Program (ECIP). She reminded the public that SMILE registration is taking place on an on-going basis, through June 2, 2003 at the Parent Information Center.

2. "Dads Night Out" will be held on Friday, April 11, 2003 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Powder House Community School. Dinner will be provided. For further information, call (617)629-2948.
3. Thanked Ms. Harris for recommending a visit to the Vocational Education Cosmetology program. Ms. Murray highly recommended that everyone in and out of Somerville go to visit this wonderful program.

Ms. Cardoso

1. Thanked everyone who participated in last Monday evening's Bi-Annual Awards Ceremony at Somerville High School.
2. Mentioned that last evening, April 6th, she had the pleasure of attending the Somerville High School Girls Basketball Fundraiser at Jimmy Tingles' Theatre in Davis Square. A great time was had by all and it was a very successful fundraiser for the girls' basketball team.
3. The All City Arts Fair will be held at the Somerville High School Atrium on Monday, April 14th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, April 15th & Wednesday, April 16th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. There will also be a multicultural chorus performance at 6:00 p.m. on Monday and African drumming and choruses at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday.
4. Next Monday, April 14th is the Rules Management Committee meeting at the Central Administration Building on Washington Street, at 7:00 p.m. The four agenda items are: GPA, CORI regulations, Non-Custodial Parent Rights and Acceptance Use Policy on Technology.
5. Next Tuesday evening, April 15th, Title I will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Winter Hill Community School.
6. Requested that the Rules Management Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Monday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m. be changed to 7:15 p.m. All members were in agreement.

Ms. Harris

1. Mentioned last Friday, April 4th, she had the pleasure of accompanying the sophomore students at the high school to the Jewish Heritage Museum in New York. Ms. Harris commented on how well behaved the students were, Somerville was well represented and she was very proud to be with them.
2. Briefly reported on the Early Childhood Fair held on April 5th. Many agencies were there, Headstart, CEOC, Elizabaeth Peabody House, YMCA, Title I, Catholic Charities. There were a lot of hands-on activities for the children and a great deal of information available for Parents.

X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (cont.)

3. The Personnel Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Building. The Committee will interview the three finalists for the Principalship at the Winter Hill Community School. They are Mr. Ned Pratt, Mr. Stephen Tuccelli, and Ms. Mary Murphy. Ms. Harris invited members of the community to attend.
4. On Saturday, breakfast will be held at the Culinary Arts Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00. Ms. Harris encouraged all of her colleagues to attend breakfast, visit all the shops to see what the students are involved in, and to see what Somerville High has to offer.
5. The Healey School PTA will be held on Monday, April 14, 2003 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mayor Gay

1. Thanked everyone involved, especially the schools, who contributed to the City's call last week "Somerville Says Thank You", for the donations collected for the Troops in Iraq. Mayor Gay also thanked all the citizens for their very generous donations and outpouring of love.
2. On Tuesday, April 8th, there will be a Ward I community meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School. Also, this same evening at 7:00 p.m., the State House Committee on Public Safety will be meeting, co-chaired by Senator Jarrett Barrios and State Representative Tim Toomey. It is very important for people who want to be heard, regarding the gang ordinance, to attend this meeting.
3. Mayor Gay looks forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, April 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. for the walk-through to the new Capuano Early Childhood Center.

Alderman O'Donovan

1. Expressed it was very nice to see the outpouring of support and generous donations of items collected for our troops serving in Iraq.
2. Had the pleasure of honoring Ms. Teresa Cardoso at the Aldermen's meeting last week. Mr. O'Donovan expressed to Ms. Cardoso that she is a strong advocate for her community, the school community and for the Portuguese community. He congratulated Ms. Cardoso for being chosen "Person of the Year", a well deserved honor.

Ms. Bauer

1. The Cummings School PTA will be held on Thursday, April 10th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
2. The Cummings School will be having an *Ice Cream Social* on Tuesday, April 29th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
3. Ms. Bauer briefly discussed "Somerville Walks", a health program aimed at elementary school children hoping to increase children's' health by talking through nutrition and good exercise. For the exercise part, the first meeting is Tuesday, April 15, 2003, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Family Center, 366 Somerville Avenue, Union Square.

X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (cont.)

Ms. Rossetti

1. Requested that the executive session meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 30th, at 7:00 p.m. be changed to 7:15 p.m. All members were in agreement.
2. Reminded the West Somerville Neighborhood School parents that on Wednesday, April 9th, at 8:30 p.m. the Title I Representative will be hosting a gathering in the cafeteria. This is open to all parents.
3. The West Somerville Neighborhood School Technology committee will be hosting their first Las Vegas night to be held at Good Times Emporium, on Saturday, April 26th, at 8:00 p.m. Ms. Rossetti encouraged the community to attend to help support the school in their efforts to raise monies for needed technology for their school.
4. Congratulated students of the West Somerville Neighborhood School who have participated in the stand-out in Davis Square to raise funds for the USO to help the troops overseas. The students will be in Davis Square again this coming Saturday, April 12th.
5. Congratulated the students of Somerville High School's concert band who recently won a silver medal at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association.
6. The Somerville Family Network and the Somerville Community Partnership for Children will be hosting a legislative breakfast on Wednesday, April 16th, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Powder House Community School cafeteria.
7. Congratulated Ms. Susan Collins, Powder House Community School Principal, for her position in helping to receive the funds for the Reading First Grant proposal, along with the help of Ms. Candyce Dostert, Grant Writer and Ms. Yvonne Gunzburger, Supervisor of Reading.
8. Reminded the community that she and Ms. Cardoso will be representing the School Committee for the *Day on Beacon Hill*, next Monday, April 14th. Ms. Rossetti thanked the community members who have forwarded to her all the petitions that have been signed.
9. Informed members she received a communication from Tufts University stating they have completed their report. Ms. Rossetti will be sharing this with everyone once she receives it.
10. Wished all the students good luck as they begin the MCAS testing on Thursday.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items of communication this evening.

XII. PERSONNEL

School Committee members were notified and accepted the following personnel actions of April 7, 2003 as follows:

XII. PERSONNEL (cont.)

A. Resignation

1. William Nickerson, 18 Henderson St., Somerville, MA 02145 (Jr. Building Custodian) as of March 27, 2003.

B. Unpaid Leave of Absence

1. Maria C. Braga, 69 Newton St, Somerville, MA 02143, Paraprofessional @ LPCS from May 8, 2003 to June 30, 2003.
2. Josephine Lucreziano, 91 Woods Ave., Somerville, MA 02144 (Lunch Aide @ LPCS) from March 24, 2003 to April 28, 2003.

C. Maternity Leave of Absence

1. Lisa Bottiglio, 7 Valley Circle, Burlington, MA 01803 (Kdgn. Teacher @ Brown School) effective April 17, 2003.

D. Medical Leave of Absence

1. Susan Fothergill, 20 Hill St., Tewksbury, MA 01876 (3rd grade Teacher @ Healey School) from May 2, 2003 to June 30, 2003.
2. Angela Volpe, 17 Westgate Rd., Derry, NH 03038 (Paraprofessional @ Healey School) from March 28, 2003 to June 30, 2003.

E. Authorizations

Food Services (Temp Transfer)

Rose Camerano, 21 Knapp St., Somerville, MA 02143 to the Powder House Community School effective 3/31/03 – vice: L. Splaine (LOA)

Healey School

SPED Paraprofessional
Effective 4/2/03
Vice: A. Volpe (LOA)

Krystya Satko
126 Lowell St. #3
Somerville, MA 02143
Salary: \$12,293

Kennedy School

SPED Paraprofessional
Effective 3/31/03
Vice: E. Rodrigues (resigned)

Jennifer Winters
47 Newbury St.
Somerville, MA 02145
Salary: \$12,293

XII. PERSONNEL (cont.)

Evaluation Center

SPED Paraprofessional
Effective 3/31/03
Vice: D. Desrochers (resigned)

Rajwant K. Sarkaria
11 Florence St.
Somerville, MA 02145
Salary: \$12,293

Athletics

Baseball – Varsity

Head Coach
Spring 2003 Season
Salary: \$4,194

Michael Powers
22 7th St.
Medford, MA 02155

Outdoor Track – Female Varsity

Head Coach
Spring 2003 Season
Salary: \$4,194

Charles O'Rourke
91 Glencoe St.
Brighton, MA 02135

Asst. Coach
Spring 2003 Season
Salary: \$2,686

Yolanda Ortiz
3 Mt. Pleasant Ct.
Woburn, MA 01801

Outdoor Track – Male Varsity

Head Coach
Spring 2003 Season
Salary: \$4,194

David Dickerson
4 Atwood St.
Wakefield, MA 01880

Assistant Coach
Spring 2003 Season
Salary: \$2,686

Carl Stauffer
29 Green St.
Melrose, MA 02176

Softball – Female Varsity

Head Coach
Spring 2003 Season
Salary: \$4,194

Lorne Murphy
10 Leroy Drive
Burlington, MA 01803

Freshmen Coach
Spring 2003 Season
Salary: \$2,432

Stephen Swensen
11 A Sanborn Ave.
Somerville, MA 02143

JV Coach
Spring 2003 Season
Salary: \$2,686

Kathleen Norton
100 Wallace St.
Somerville, MA 02144

XII. PERSONNEL (cont.)

Tennis – Female Varsity

Head Coach
Spring 2003 Season
Salary: \$2,686

Mark Kirwan
20 Cambria St.
Somerville, MA 02143

Tennis – Male Varsity

Head Coach
Spring 2003 Season
Salary: \$2,686

David Caven
4 Aquavia Rd.
Medford, MA 02155

Volleyball – Varsity

Head Coach
Spring 2003 Season
Salary: \$3,533

Paige Merritt
26 Pearl St.
Somerville, MA 02145

Custodial Transfer

Jr. Building Custodian

Edgerly 2nd Shift
Effective 3/18/02
From Kennedy 2nd shift

Harry Moore
43 Paulina St.
Somerville, MA 02144

Jr. Building Custodian

WHCS 2nd shift
Effective 3/27/03
From City of Somerville

Roland Gaudet
14R Carlton St.
Somerville, MA 02143

Prov. Jr. Building Custodian

Floater – 1st shift
Effective 3/18/03
From City of Somerville

John A. White
341 Alewife Brook Pkwy
Somerville, MA 02144

XIII. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The superintendent reported with regret the death of the following person. A moment of silence was observed and a letter of sympathy will be sent to the family.

Margaret M. Curley, (April 1), retired Title I employee, Somerville Public Schools.

XIV. RESOLUTIONS:

Somerville High School Cheerleaders

- WHEREAS, The multi-talented and dedicated Somerville High School cheerleaders, who vocally support both the SHS football and basketball teams during their seasons, recently took first place at the American Open National Cheerleading Championships in the varsity division in Tampa, Florida, and
- WHEREAS, The cheerleaders, under third-year coach Tara Ganno, and assistant coaches Eva Greenblatt, Nicole Martin, Sandra Vieira, and Amy Martin, raised some \$20,000 through the business community and the city to help finance the trip to Florida, and
- WHEREAS, They competed successfully in a series of local competitions, including the Greater Boston League, regionals, and State in order to qualify for the national tournament, demonstrating their dedication and hard work to achieve this lofty goal, and
- WHEREAS, The 18 cheerleaders, Co-Captain Kim Sheppard, Co-Captain Sophia Gavrielidis, Tanya Soares, Kristie Crowley, Tiffany Brathwaite, Virginia Hussey, Melissa Martin, Renae Lister, Amanda Santos, Ashley Butler, Azah Che, Laura Abrantes, Sandra Medeiros, Megan Olivera, Jillian Fitzpatrick, Amanda Cutter, Erica Fodera, and Nicole Corriea, sacrificed many hours practicing for the numerous qualifying competitions, and
- WHEREAS, Five of the cheerleaders, Kim Sheppard, Virginia Hussey, Azah Che, Eric Fodera, and Nicole Corriea, earned a third place in the individual high school stunt group category, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Somerville School Committee publicly praise the SHS cheerleaders, their coaches, Athletic Director Gerald Knight, and the parents, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That these Resolutions be entered officially in the minutes of tonight's meeting, and that a framed copy be presented to Coach Ganno.

M. Teresa Cardoso

- WHEREAS, M. Teresa Cardoso, a Ward 2 member of the School Committee for the past 12 years, was honored as "Person of the Year" by the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS) at the group's annual dinner on March 22, 2003, and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Cardoso, a native of Somerville, and a graduate of the Somerville public school system who has dedicated her life to serving her family and community, was the first Portuguese-American Bilingual elected official in Somerville, serving as chairperson of the School Committee in 1995, and is presently chairperson of the Rules Committee, and

XIV. RESOLUTIONS: (cont.)

M. Teresa Cardoso

- WHEREAS, She actively has been a member of the Lincoln Park Community School PTA for the past 20 years, serving as president from 1985 through 1991, and was honored as a PTA Council Scholarship Honoree in 1994, and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Cardoso, a co-founder of the Friends of Lincoln Park, has been an active member and an officer in numerous local organizations, including the Title I Parent Advisory Council, the Community Action Agency of Somerville, and the Somerville Human Rights Commission Advisory Committee, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Somerville School Committee proudly and publicly pay tribute to Mrs. Cardoso, and wish her and her husband, Jose Natalino Cardoso, and her daughter, Jennifer Lee Cardoso, health, happiness, and success in the future, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That these well-earned Resolutions be recorded in the minutes of tonight's meeting, and that a framed copy be presented to Mrs. Cardoso.

Joelle Martin

- WHEREAS, Joelle Martin, Somerville High School's all-time basketball scoring leader who graduated last June, orchestrated an outstanding freshman season at Merrimack College, setting a freshman scoring record with 401 points, and
- WHEREAS, Joelle was named the "Freshman of the Year" in the Northeast –10 Conference, and was selected as a member of the All-Conference second team, a prestigious honor for a freshman athlete who led the Merrimack Warriors in scoring with a 13.5 average, and
- WHEREAS, Her Merrimack team advanced to the semifinal round of the NCAA Division II Northeast Region Tournament before being ousted by host Bentley College (31-2 record), one of the top Division II quintets in the country, and
- WHEREAS, Joelle established an SHS career scoring record of 1,280 during her senior year, breaking the mark of 1,159 points set by Stacey Dell'Anno in 1995, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Somerville School Committee publicly praise Joelle Martin for her outstanding efforts at both Somerville High School and Merrimack College, and wish her continued success as a collegiate athlete, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That these Resolutions be recorded in the minutes of a future School Committee meeting, and that a framed copy be presented to Joelle Martin.

XIV. RESOLUTIONS: (cont.)

Gosder Cherilus

Mike Neal

Rob Grasso

Wilner Alexis

WHEREAS, Somerville High School football players Gosder Cherilus, Mike Neal, Wilner Alexis, and Rob Grasso, all seniors, received numerous honors during the 2002 football season, bringing much glory to the school system and the City of Somerville, and

WHEREAS, Cherilus, a 6-foot, 8-inch, 280-pound tackle, who will enter Boston College this fall, and Temple University-bound Neal, a 195-pound running back who totaled nearly 2000 yards rushing, and led all Division I scorers with 21 touchdowns, were named to the All-Scholastic squad, one of the more prestigious honors a high school athlete can achieve, and

WHEREAS, Grasso, one of the most productive linebackers in the Greater Boston League, was named to the Eastern Mass. All-Star team along with Cherilus and Neal, and were joined by Alexis (Northeastern University) as members of the GBL All-Stars, and

WHEREAS, This talented foursome were instrumental in leading the Highlander football team to a solid 6-3 record, and a 14-5 mark the past two seasons under the direction and leadership of Coach Tony Gulla, Division I Coach of the Year in 2001, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Somerville School Committee publicly and proudly commend the SHS football program and its many talented and dedicated players, and wish them success in the future, and be it further

RESOLVED: That these well-earned Resolutions be recorded in the minutes of a future School Committee meeting, and that a framed copy be presented to Coach Gulla.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m., by voice vote.

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano
Secretary