

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**MAY 6, 2002 FINANCE AND FACILITIES OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

May 6, 2002

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Finance and Facilities Chairperson, Mary Jo Rossetti, called a Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting of the School Committee to order in the Aldermanic Chambers at city hall at 6:30 p.m., to discuss building utilization requests, to approve billrolls and to discuss the FY03 budget.

**II. ROLL CALL**

School Committee Members Present: Ms. Cardoso, Ms. Murray, Ms. Bauer, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Rossetti and Mr. Sullivan.

Ms. Harris, Mayor Gay and Alderman White were absent.

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Marie B. Ferrari, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administration, Dr. Steven F. Jenkins, District Administrator for Student Services and Mr. Anthony C. Caliri, Human Resources Manager were also present along with approximately six members of the audience.

**III. BUILDING UTILIZATION REQUESTS**

Building Utilization requests were withdrawn.

**IV. APPROVAL OF BILLROLLS**

- A. Billrolls were approved, as presented this evening, by voice vote.
- B. Ms. Rossetti requested that a letter be sent to the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen requesting the status of the \$200,000 reimbursement that the school department has been waiting for.

**V. FY03 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

- A. Before beginning discussion on the Capital Improvements list, Dr. Argenziano made members aware of information regarding the House voting a 10% cut in revenue in preparation for when the Finance and Facilities Committee meets again. The Mayor has asked us specifically to be prepared for a 10% cut which is two million dollars for the school department and two million dollars for the city. Dr. Argenziano advised that the first million dollar cut the school department is faced with is predominantly administrative cuts, cuts in leases and operations. The second million dollar cut concerns personnel positions. At the present time the Superintendent is working on preparing a list relating to the people it would affect. Dr. Argenziano also reported that according to Mass. Municipal and House Speaker Finneran it is possible the House will level fund Chapter 70 with this increase in taxes. A question asked was if Chapter 70 is level funded, will the school department still have to absorb the two million dollar cut? Discussion followed.

MOTION: Ms. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that communication be sent to Mr. Thomas Hedderick, Chief Financial Officer, asking if Chapter 70 is level funded will the school department still have to absorb half of the city's reduction and to also include in the letter that we need to maintain local funding in order to maximize the state funding. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**Monday, May 6, 2002 – Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**V. FY03 BUDGET DISCUSSION (cont.)**

On Monday, May 13, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Alderman Chambers there is a meeting for a public hearing. Immediately following the public hearing the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole will reconvene to further discuss the FY03 Budget.

B. At a previous Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting it was requested that members prioritize what they would like to see included in a Capital Improvement Plan. The Capital Improvements List (Revised) April-May 2002 was reviewed and lengthy discussion took place. The consensus was that priorities one through four are as follows:

- Priority 1           Electrical power for technology - SHS
- Priority 2           Renovations – Bathrooms - Cummings School, Brown School and the Edgerly Education Center  
Security camera systems - WHCS/playground  
Brown School - Josephine Ave., ESCS/rear parking lot & loading dock lighting @ 10K system  
Brown School - Intercom system
- Priority 3           Painting – Full Circle/Next Wave - assorted classrooms  
Edgerly School - room reconfiguration for grades 4-8 (art, music, tech, science) by 2004
- Priority 4           ESCS: Electrical design to increase power, electrical power for technology, cabling and switches, technology infrastructure, internet hardware and servers computer furniture - desk/chair - 100 units.

(List will be provided in next week's packet).

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m., by voice vote.

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano  
Secretary

May 6, 2002

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis M. Sullivan called a Regular Meeting of the School Committee to order in the aldermanic chambers at 8:00 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. Murray, Mayor Gay, Ms. Bauer, Ms. Taylor, Alderman White, Ms. Rossetti, and Chairman Sullivan.

Ms. Harris was absent.

**III. AWARDS AND CITATIONS**

Mayor Dorothy A. Kelly Gay presented a Resolution to Mr. John F. O'Meara, Principal of the East Somerville Community School. Mr. O'Meara is retiring from the Somerville School system after serving for 39 years as a teacher, vice-principal, and as principal for the past 15 years. The resolution can be found on page 107.

Citations were presented as follows:

- A. S.H.S. Drama participants were presented citations by Ms. Roberta Bauer, as follows: Jacqueline Francis, Katie Kelley, Sophie Leupp, Mirza Lopez, Michelle Cherubin, Paula Maciel, Ulyana Sorokopoud, Max Bauer, Kaitlyn White, Kunjan Rana, Lucelia Azevedo, Steven Mendoza, Renee Vieira, Esther Coelho, Laura Merwin, Cara Mondello, Tammy Rego, Samuel Barros, John Dante, Michael Belkner, Ruby Thorkelson, Lia Aiello, Praagyan Pokharel, Arshan Gailus, John Pirroni, Juan C. Zelayandia, Mario Amaya and David Sotomayor.
- B. S.H.S. Culinary Arts Team winners were presented citations by Mayor Dorothy A. Kelly Gay and Ms. Carolyn Taylor, as follows: Tony Bottari, Cliff Soares, Richard Nurse, Mike Reddin and David Farino. Also recognized this evening were Mr. G. Thomas Cardon, Lead Teacher, David J. Ginivisian, Chef Instructor and Ms. Rosemary Ryan, Dining Room Manager.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved for printing by voice vote:

April 11, 2002:

- Long Range Planning Committee of the Whole

April 22, 2002:

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

**V. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Student representative for the 2001-2002 school year, Kerri Connolly, was present this evening along with Kim Carvahlo, who was introduced to the school committee and other members of the audience. Ms. Carvahlo was recently elected by the Somerville High School student body to be next year's student representative to the school committee. Ms. Connolly wished the best of luck to Kim and wished her an enjoyable experience as she has had this past year as student representative.

**VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Argenziano reported on the following items:

1. Announced that Kerri Connolly will be matriculating at Cornell University in the fall and she is also an honor society recipient. Dr. Argenziano congratulated Kerri and wished her the best in New York.
2. Announced to all people at home that this is *Teacher Appreciation Week* and hopes that everyone will make it a point to go in and hug and be nice to a teacher this week, as they deserve it.
3. This coming Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., there will be a dedication in the Library at the Lincoln Park Community School in memory of Mary E. Moitoza, a teacher who passed away last year.
4. Thanked Mrs. Pearl Morrison, Principal of the West Somerville Neighborhood School and her staff for an outstanding tribute to the memory of Ms. Jean Foley on Sunday afternoon, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. There will be a Public Hearing on *Student Acceptable Internet Use Policy* on Monday, May 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Alderman Chambers at Somerville City Hall. This is a new regulation in order to apply for federal funding in technology. Following the public hearing there will be a Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting of the Whole.
6. Explained on the Draft/Future Meeting Dates memorandum provided to members, Mrs. Taylor, Chairperson of the Rules Management Committee has changed the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to Thursday, June 13, 2002. And on June 12, 2002, the monthly meeting of the Somerville High School 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be held.
7. A listing of the three professional development days that the staff will be participating in on June 19, 20 and 21, 2002 was provided.
8. Information regarding the location of our new K-12 Coordination Administrators that will be housed in our K-8 buildings, as well as the high school was provided.
9. Advised that to be brought up later this evening under new business, as agreed at the last Long Range Planning of the Whole meeting, there would be a vote on the Choice K location.

**VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT (cont.)**

Dr. Argenziano reported on the following items (cont.)

10. A memorandum to Tom Jones, Project Manager @ Kennedy elementary school from Richard Cheney about issues at the Water Safety Station that he was asked to keep the Superintendent posted on was provided to members.
11. A Declaration of Intent on stationary from Mayor Dorothy A. Kelly Gay regarding a Declaration of Surplus as it pertains to the future location of the Teen Connection was enclosed.
12. Provided to all members were the Boston Globe high school MCAS pass rates. Dr. Argenziano reported our pass rates are number three in the desegregation communities and next week there be will a letter from Tufts University from people doing a research project through Mass Insight. They've found that East Somerville Community School, in particular, is the number one school in the state for improving bilingual MCAS scores and the research committee wants to do a study of what East Somerville Community School is doing so they can share it with other communities.
13. The letter enclosed regarding "No Trespassing" signs is similar to the signs we put up in a number of areas about removing vehicles by 7:00 a.m. This is not a traffic and parking issue, these signs are being put up to protect our young people at the request of the police department. They have been ordered and will be put up as soon as possible.
14. For members who can be in attendance there is a meeting with representatives from Tufts University on Thursday, May 9, 2002 @ 11:30 a.m. in the dining hall. The issue under discussion will be scholarships and what they are doing for Somerville students.
15. A copy of the Somerville Public Schools *Calendar of Events* for May 2002 is enclosed.
16. Also enclosed is the Somerville High School *Health Services Family Information Flyer*.
17. Dr. Argenziano reported that a notice has gone out to all staff and all parents that school will be in session on Monday, June 17, 2002 which is now instead of a holiday, a full day. June 18, 2002 is a half-day and staff will be in for three days for professional development on June 19, 20 and 21, 2002.
18. Publicly recognized Mr. Michael Pabian for going out of his way to find Mrs. Jefferson, the Verizon operator who took Todd Beamer's call on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Yesterday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Todd Beamer was publicly recognized in a beautiful ceremony. His last words to Mrs. Jefferson were "lets roll" and he moved along with other people to bring the plane down and prevented it from going into the Pentagon. Dr. Argenziano thanked Mr. Pabian who personally called Mrs. Jefferson and convinced her and her husband to come here to the Kennedy School on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day Observance "Tribute to American Heroes".

**VII. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

**A. Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole:**

Ms. Murray, Vice Chairperson (April 29)

Subject discussed:

- ✓ City policy regarding using bonds for purchase of PC's
- ✓ Technology Action Plan
- ✓ Planning process for this year's capital improvement plan

No motions made.

**B. Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole: Ms. Rossetti (May 6)**

Subjects discussed:

1. Building Utilization Requests  
Building utilization requests were withdrawn. No discussion.
2. Approval of Billrolls  
Billrolls were approved, as presented.
3. FY03 Budget

MOTION: Ms. Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cardoso, that a letter be sent to the Chief Financial Officer of the city asking if Chapter 70 is level funded will the school department still have to absorb one half of the city's reductions as compared to always being one third of the city's budget as well as stressing we need to maintain local funding in order to maximize state funding. The motion was approved by voice vote.

There will be a special meeting of the whole for the Finance and Facilities Committee on Monday evening, May 13, 2002 immediately following the public hearing, to further discuss the FY03 budget.

Also discussed this evening was the Capital Improvements List (Revised) April-May 2002. The school committee members began prioritization of the Capital Improvement Plans for the school department. Further discussion on this subject will also take place at the May 13, 2002 Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole meeting.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business reported this evening.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. National Teacher Day**

Mayor Dorothy A. Kelly Gay read aloud a proclamation in honor of National Teacher Day. Serving as Mayor of Somerville, Massachusetts Mayor Gay proclaimed Tuesday, May 7, 2002 National Teacher Day and urged that we observe this day by taking the time to recognize and acknowledge the impact of teachers on our lives. This Proclamation is on file in the Superintendent's office.

**B. National Nurses Week 2002 ~ Week of May 6-12, 2002**

Mayor Dorothy A. Kelly Gay read, in part, a proclamation in honor of National Nurses Week. Mayor Gay asked that all residents of Somerville join her in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us, and that residents of Somerville celebrate nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation during this week, and at every opportunity throughout the year. This Proclamation is on file in the Superintendent's office.

**C. Lincoln Park Community School New Building Committee**

MOTION: Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Taylor, to have Ward II school committee member, M. Teresa Cardoso be on the Lincoln Park Community School building committee. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**D. 2<sup>nd</sup> CHOICE Kindergarten**

The Superintendent recommended a second CHOICE Kindergarten to be housed at the Healey School effective September 2002. The decision came about after two letters were sent home and official tallies were completed.

MOTION: Ms. Cardoso made a motion, seconded by Mayor Gay, to have a second CHOICE Kindergarten housed at the Healey School effective September 2002. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**E. FY2002 SCALE/ADP Graduates**

Ms. Susan L. Barnard, SCALE Supervisor, recommended that the following students, who have successfully completed the requirements for graduation from SCALE, be granted their diplomas. Approved by voice vote.

Kathleen Marie Bennett	14 Muse Avenue	Wilmington	01887
Alfonso L. DeGuglielmo	168 Chestnut Street	Everett	02149
Barbara Doucette	1 Blanchard Avenue	Everett	02149
Amanda Ann Legault	12 Lenox Street	Beverly	01915
Alyssa Rose Machnig	67 Forest Street	Medford	02155
Carl H. Marroquin	115 Union Street	Everett	02149
Kristine Marie Olivero	237 Vine Street	Everett	02149
<b>Essie Natasha Sanchez</b>	<b>49 School Street</b>	<b>Somerville</b>	<b>02143</b>

**Monday, May 6, 2002 – Regular Meeting**

- F. **Field Trips** – Approved by voice vote.
- May 24-27, 2002:** Bilingual Program students to Washington, D.C. Transportation by regular bus line at a cost of \$200 per student.
- May 28, 2002:** Brown School grades 4, 5 & 6, to Canobie Lake Park. Transportation by bus at no cost to students.
- June 11, 2002:** Cummings School grades 6, 7 & 8 to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, N.H. Transportation by bus at no cost to students.
- June 13, 2002:** LPCS, Grade 8 students, to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, N.H. Transportation by bus at a cost of \$5 to students.
- June 14, 2002:** Winter Hill Community School, grades 7 and 8, to Canobie Lake Park. Transportation by bus at a cost of \$20 per student.

**X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Ms. Cardoso**

1. On Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. at the Lincoln Park Community School Cafetorium, there will be a community meeting for a final presentation of the plan to be submitted to the state for approval of the new Lincoln Park Community School. The meeting notice will be on cable and the students took home notices. Ms. Cardoso encouraged as many people as possible to attend.
2. Expressed her thanks and appreciation to all of our teachers during *Teacher Appreciation Week* as well as our nurses for *Nurses Day* for all their hard work for our students.
3. This past Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> was the Annual Somersday City Clean-Up. Ms. Cardoso had the pleasure once again to have the help of teachers and students at the Lincoln Park Community School as well as neighbors and parents. She publicly thanked all those involved including the people from the Volunteer Office, the Department of Public Works, the Mayor's Office and all of the sponsors of this event. The city looks great.
4. The Multicultural Fair at Somerville High School will be held this Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:55-11:22 a.m. and 12:55-2:30 p.m. in the Field House.
5. This Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> is the annual P.T.A. Council Dinner Dance at Anthony's in Malden.
6. Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. is the P.T.A. Full Council meeting at the Lincoln Park Community School.
7. Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the Title I P.A.C. meeting will be held at the Winter Hill Community School.
8. Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. is the Vocational Education Awards at the Somerville High School Atrium.



**X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Ms. Cardoso** (cont.)

9. On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> there will be an Opening Reception from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Somerville Museum featuring the *150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Somerville High School "Then and Now"*. The Somerville High School String Ensemble will be featured.

**Ms. Murray**

1. On Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the V.N.A. from 3:00-5:00 p.m. there will be discussion about the prospect of having the middle school initiative for keeping kids on track and staying in school. Ms. Murray encourages all those who can to attend.
2. On May 24<sup>th</sup> the Kennedy School is having Memorial Day celebration at 9:00 a.m.
3. The Kennedy School had a silent auction, a clambake and their road race this weekend. Ms. Murray reported they combined all events together and raised \$7,000.00. This money will be used to send students to camp over the summer.
4. Announced the Kennedy School open night poetry night will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
5. Would like to applaud our teachers, not just this week but all year long, for all they do.

**Mayor Gay**

1. Announced that on April 25<sup>th</sup> *Cops & Kids* program was sponsored by the YMCA and the Somerville Police Department.
2. Arbor Day Celebration was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Healey, Cummings and East Somerville Community Schools. Mayor Gay reported she was able to spend some time at these schools and very much enjoyed the celebrations.
3. National Honor Society inductions were held on April 26<sup>th</sup>. This was a very rewarding and proud ceremony for all who were in attendance to be able to see what our students are doing and where they will be going in the fall.
4. Reported that the Little League Celebration Opening Day Parade was held on April 27<sup>th</sup> and the season was dedicated to police, firefighters and EMT Heroes of 911.
5. On April 30<sup>th</sup> there was a reception held in the Mayor's office for the Boys and Girls Basketball teams. All had a good time.
6. Law Day was held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Somerville District Court, Assistant City Solicitor Candies Pruitt, represented Mayor Gay as our students from the Winter Hill Community School were honored.
7. Thanked all those who helped out with Somersday on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful event and it seemed as though we had more people this year than we had in the past.

**X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Mayor Gay** (cont.)

8. Congratulated Mr. J. Fred O'Meara, Ms. Marsha Rosselli and Ms. Theresa Ewald on their retirement.
9. Reported the highlight of her week was the dedication on May 5<sup>th</sup>, at the West Somerville Neighborhood School for Ms. Jean Foley. Mayor Gay thanked the Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Morrison, Principal of West Somerville Neighborhood School and the dedication committee for all their hard work and for making the ceremony a wonderful event.

**Ms. Bauer**

1. Reported that on Wednesday morning, May 1<sup>st</sup>, she was able to attend the first of several Prevention Work training sessions. Prevention Work is a program that has been brought in from California to help Somerville evaluate and deal with some of the drug abuse problems we have in the city.
2. Reported that on Monday night, May 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a post high school planning night at Somerville High School at 7:00 in Library. The information discussed at this meeting will be of particular interest to juniors.
3. Also mentioned there are a lot of tests going on during the next two weeks – there are the MCAS tests and the advanced placement tests. Ms. Bauer advised that at Somerville High School dozens and dozens of students take this test and may not be aware that if they if they do well on the testing, as many of our students do, they accomplish credit Ms. Bauer expressed she feels this is a credit to the teachers and the curriculum that is offered to the students. Instruction is offered in eight different areas and many of the students take one or several tests and Ms. Bauer wished everyone the best.

**Ms. Taylor**

1. Reported she has been in attendance at the library planning committee where discussion has been eligibility for various grants from the Massachusetts Library Association. The committee has been meeting all throughout this year and Ms. Taylor asked Ms. Murray if she would put this item on one of this school year's upcoming agendas to present to the Educational Programs and Instruction subcommittee.
2. Reported she attended an aldermanic meeting that Alderman White invited her to and the discussion was about programs and school policies.
3. Reported that on Thursday night, May 9<sup>th</sup> the Powder House Community School is having a family astronomy night.
4. Mentioned that the *Conversations Congress* is also Thursday night, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (cont.)**

**Alderman White**

1. Regarding the new Lincoln Park Community School, Alderman White stated that it is his understanding the Chief Financial Officer, on behalf of the Mayor, is going to submit to the Board of Aldermen a bond request in the approximate amount of twenty two million dollars, calling for bonding the construction of the school so it can get on the list for state funding. Mr. White advised he will work with the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee to try to schedule the committee on finances meeting at the Lincoln Park Community School in order to bring this discussion and items of interest to the neighborhood so that if people in the community have an interest it would be much easier for them to go to that school. Invited any members who were interested to also attend.

**Ms. Rossetti**

1. Reminded everyone the Dee Zuccaro Road Race pre-registration is Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Logan Post, Teele Square. Race Day is Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Children's 1 mile @ 11:00 a.m.; Adults 5K @ 12:00 noon. Also ~ high school students wishing to do community service please contact Ms. Rossetti. Your help is greatly needed.
2. Informed everyone the Powder House Community School will be hosting an evening of science fun... *Night Sky Adventure* this Thursday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup> beginning @ 6:30 p.m.
3. Reported that Somerville High School Vocational Awards Night is Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Reported that Dr. Argenziano will once again be meeting with Tuft's University staff this Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The agenda will include discussion with the Director of Admissions as well as the Director of Financial Aid. Ms. Rossetti encourages any student or parent to contact her regarding input concerning financial packages, as she will continue our argument as it relates to better scholarships for our students.
5. Congratulated the staff and students of the West Somerville Neighborhood School for a moving memorial and dedication of the school's playground area to Ms. Jean Foley, past Vice-Principal. Ms. Rossetti asked that we remember Ms. Jean Foley in a moment of silence at the end of this evening's meeting.
6. Thanked the Social Studies Department at Somerville High School for inviting Ms. Harris and herself as chaperones on a field trip this past Friday to New York City (Museum of Jewish Heritage and Ground Zero). Ms. Rossetti has asked the students to share with the community their photographs and statements and she will forward these moving mementos to our city's cable station.

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications presented this evening.

**XII. PERSONNEL**

School Committee members were notified and accepted the following personnel actions of May 6, 2002 as follows.

**A. Retirements**

1. Ms. Acrivi Vlahakis, In-House Suspension Teacher @ SHS, effective September 1, 2002. (30 yrs.)
2. Mr. Luis Reis, Portuguese Language Teacher @ SHS, effective June 30, 2002. (27 yrs.)

**B. Resignations**

1. Ms. Anne S. Wong, Music Specialist, effective September 1, 2002.
2. Ms. Kylie Mills, ESL Teacher currently on LOA, effective April 9, 2002.

**C. Leaves of Absence**

1. Ms. Allison Gross, 5 Chauncy St., Cambridge, MA 02138 (Occupational Therapist), Maternity/FMLA, effective September 2002 followed by a Child Care Leave until January 2, 2003.
2. Ms. Paula Lynch, 48A Ash Ave., Somerville, MA 02145 (Grade 3 Teacher @ Healey School) FMLA from April 22 to May 19, 2003.
3. Ms. Robin Taylor, 19 Wardsworth St., E. Boston, MA 02128 (Grade 5 @ ESCS), Maternity/FMLA, from September 3, 2002 followed by a Child Care Leave until January 24, 2003.
4. Ms. Jillian Kenny, 21B Layman St., Waltham, MA 02452 (Library Media Specialist @ Kennedy School), Maternity/FMLA effective September 3, 2002 followed by a Child Care Leave of Absence for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year.
5. Ms. Faye Bergsman, 51 Lincoln St., Cambridge, MA 02141 (Scale) Personal LOA, from March 25 to September 1, 2002 for personal reasons.
6. Lisa Splaine, 144 Exchange Ave., Medford, MA 02155 (Cafeteria) Medical LOA from April 22 to June 30, 2002.

**D. Authorizations**

**School Linked Services**

Child Care Assistant  
Eff: 4-22-02  
Vice: New Position

Megan Lynes  
19 Eaton Road  
Lexington, MA 02140  
Salary: \$10.71 per hour

**Evaluation Center**

SPED Paraprofessional  
Eff: 3-19-02  
Vice: D. Quinn (resigned)

Carole Scrima  
5 Indian Hill Lane  
Salem, MA 01970  
Salary: \$12,293.

**XIII. DEATHS**

Ms. Rossetti requested a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Jean Foley, as May 10<sup>th</sup> will be the one-year anniversary of her death. A moment of silence was observed.

**XIV. RESOLUTION**

John F. O'Meara

WHEREAS, John F. "Fred" O'Meara is retiring from the Somerville School system after serving for 39 years as a teacher, vice-principal, and as principal for the past 15 years, and

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Meara began his illustrious educational career in 1963 as a grade 5 teacher at the Cutler School before elected as a teaching vice-principal at the Hodgkins School in 1971 for two years, and

WHEREAS, He was a teaching VP when the Powder House School opened in 1973, and was assigned as a full time non-teaching vice-principal from 1975 to 1987 before being promoted to principal of the Conwell School (1987-1990), principal of the Edgerly and Conwell schools (1990-1991), and was then elected to the principalship of the East Somerville Community School in 1991, and

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Meara, a director with the Somerville Teachers Association for 10 years was a member of the Massachusetts Elementary School Principals Association, the National Association of Elementary Principals, and the Somerville Lodge of Elks, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Somerville School Committee publicly pay tribute to Mr. O'Meara tonight for his nearly four decades of leadership and dedication, and wish him and his family health and happiness during his retirement, and be it further

RESOLVED: That these Resolutions formally be entered into the minutes of a future School Committee meeting, and that a copy be presented to Mr. O'Meara.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m., by voice vote.

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano  
Secretary