

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**AUGUST 26, 2002 MEETINGS – Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting**

August 26, 2002

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Finance Chairperson, Mary Jo Rossetti, called a Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting of the School Committee to order in the committee room at city hall at 6:30 p.m., to discuss Summer Projects Update by Mr. Robert A. Ciampi, FY03 Budget Status, and City Issues FY03 Update by Mayor Dorothy A. Kelly Gay.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present were Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Bauer, Ms. Cardoso, Ms. Harris, Ms. Murray, Ms. Rossetti, and Ms. Taylor.

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

Arriving at 7:05 p.m. were Alderman White, Mayor Gay, Mr. Richard Brescia, Chief Assessor, and Mr. Edward Bean, City Auditor.

**III. SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE – MR. ROBERT A. CIAMPI**

Mr. Ciampi handed out a follow-up information sheet of completed and incomplete work done relative to summer projects. The committee reviewed the information and a question and answer period took place. Mr. Ciampi stated this is the final week of clean up we are in good shape for the opening day of school. Mr. Ciampi explained that items not completed were due to funding, time, and unforeseen circumstances. He will meet with Mr. Aurilio after the start of school to reschedule the work projects to be completed.

**IV. FY03 Budget Status**

Discussion took place on the following:

Dr. Argenziano referred to a letter received from Christine Lynch, School Building Assistance, regarding the Lincoln Park Community School construction. He explained to members that Somerville is grandfathered for the 90% reimbursement and the city will be allowed a twelve-month period of time to resolve the Article 97 issue.

Dr. Argenziano brought members up to date on the city being a little over two million dollars short and the school department being asked to assume the responsibility of the \$600,000.00 lost in Charter Schools. He reviewed the Commonwealth's Department of Revenue estimated receipts, FY2001 – FY2003, to school committee members and brief discussion took place.

**V. Driver Education Program**

Discussion came up concerning the Drivers' Education program that is provided to our high school students. Dr. Argenziano advised that according to Ms. Lisa Mead, City Solicitor, we need to have child molestation insurance coverage and the insurance industry will not underwrite drivers' education schools to do this. Presently, this is not provided and the Superintendent suggested the school committee take a vote concerning this matter. Discussion took place among members.

MOTION: Ms. Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harris, to table discussion of the high school drivers' education program until the September 9, 2002 Finance and Facilities Subcommittee meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**VI. CITY ISSUES FY03 – Mayor Dorothy A. Kelly Gay**

Mayor Gay, Mr. Richard Brescia, Chief Assessor and Mr. Edward Bean, City Auditor, discussed the financial situation of the city of Somerville for the FY2003, as well as the next two years. Unless Assembly Square Mall and the Stop and Shop projects get under way, the city of Somerville can be in serious financial jeopardy for the next thirty-six months. The Mayor requested the school committee to do whatever they can to assist the city as budget cuts become imminent. The second issue that the Mayor discussed was that the school committee considers voting to sell the Conwell School.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., by voice vote.

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano  
Secretary

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**AUGUST 26, 2002 SPECIAL MEETING**

August 26, 2002

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis M. Sullivan called a Special 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 Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Cardoso, Ms. Bauer, Ms. Harris, Ms. Murray, Ms. Rossetti, Ms. Taylor, Alderman White and Mayor Gay.

**III. CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The secretary read the call of the special meeting, for the consideration of any and all business that might come before the school committee.

**IV. AWARDS AND CITATIONS**

Resolutions were presented to the following two people:

- Mrs. Janet C. Gray, retired Executive Secretary, Somerville Public Schools - Presented by Ms. Katrina Murray. The Resolution can be found on page 188.
- Mr. Henry M.J. Biagi, retired Director, Food Service Department - Presented by Mss Carolyn Taylor. The Resolution can be found on page 188.
  
- Ms. Joan L. "Peg" Buckman, retired Administrator, Community Schools Program was unable to attend this evening's meeting. The Resolution can be found on page 189.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following Minutes were approved, as amended, for printing by voice vote:

June 24, 2002:

- Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole  
Ms. Rossetti amended the above minutes as follows: pg. 157 (paragraph below Ms. Bauer's motion) to read: *Ms. Cardoso moved for a 10-minute recess at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Caliri, School Committee Parliamentarian, advised that this item cannot be voted on this evening in the subcommittee meeting but should be discussed on the open floor. Ms. Bauer withdrew her motion.*

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (cont.)**

The following Minutes were approved for printing by voice vote:

June 24, 2002:

- Regular Meeting

**VI. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Student representative, Kim Carvalho, was not present this evening. Ms. Cardoso advised that a member of the Carvalho family, Kim's four-year old niece, was recently diagnosed with leukemia. She is receiving treatment at Children's Hospital Medical Center and the whole family is there with her. Ms. Cardoso asked that we all keep Kim's niece in our thoughts and prayers.

**VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Argenziano reported on the following items:

1. Announced the following appointments:
  - Mr. Larry Iamello, Coordinator of Mathematics
  - Ms. Mary Jo McLarney, the Acting Food Services Director has become the Director of Food Services
  - Mr. Anthony Ciccariello, Somerville High School Vice Headmaster
  - Ms. Susan Gross, Community Schools Director. She will be starting on September 9, 2002.
2. Referred to a letter from Attorney Stephen Finnegan, Legal Counsel for Massachusetts Association of School Committees regarding the authority to issued diplomas without regard to MCAS results. Dr. Argenziano advised that if there are questions regarding this issue, Mr. Finnegan is the contact person for MASC.
3. During the summer the Winter Hill Community School was a recipient of a \$50,000 grant to assist them in Mathematics and Dr. Argenziano applauded the efforts of Ms. Maureen Hilliard, Principal.
4. Somerville High School student schedules: All schedules were mailed to students on August 7, 2002. The opening day of schools schedule for staff is September 3<sup>rd</sup>; for students, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Argenziano reminded committee members they are welcome to attend the assembly at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2002 at the Somerville High School auditorium.
5. Upcoming scheduled school committee meetings for the first month of school are as follows:
  - September 5, 2002 SHS 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee Meeting
  - September 9, 2002 School Committee Meeting
  - September 18, 2002 Ed. Programs and Instruction Subcommittee Meeting

**Please note: This meeting was changed from September 11, 2002**

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

Upcoming scheduled school committee meetings

- September 23, 2002 Long Range Planning Committee of the Whole  
(to finalize the space issues of the Choice Program)
- September 30, 2002 Rules Committee of the Whole
  - 1) Control Choice plan pre-school assignments and
  - 2) voting on budget where family members are employed.

Ms. Bauer requested a third item to be discussed that evening:

- 3) Control Choice plans – student assignments

6. Material concerning opening days of school and a listing of administrators and positions, with all changes made, was provided to members.
7. Also provided was an opening day packet that Mr. Robert A. Snow, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment will be discussing with all principals as well as supervisor, directors, and coordinators.
8. Dr. Argenziano reported on a close-out of an Office of Civil Rights Complaint that was received in 1996 as it pertains to Catholic Schools in our city, along with other cities, who did not have facilities accessible to handicapped people. One of our schools was listed in correspondence received, but after six years the complaint has been closed against Somerville Public Schools because St. Clement's has addressed the accessibility for handicapped.
9. Provided members with a letter regarding the Lincoln Park Community School receiving a second year of funding of \$120,000. for the Bay State Readers' Grant. We also received a small grant of \$9,500.00 for an early literacy intervention program. Sent to members under previous cover was a letter regarding Marya Axner's school links program not being funded.
10. July 1, 2002 Personnel Report was provided to all members. A completed personnel report, for the period covering up to opening day, will be provide at September's meeting.
11. A list of the New Teacher Hires 2002-2003 was provided to members. Dr. Argenziano advised there are twenty-three new hires with the number of positions that were eliminated during budget time.
12. The Somerville Public Schools 2002-2003 Parent Guardian Guide and Colleague Guide were submitted to members. These booklets will be distributed opening day to staff and students.
13. The 2002-2003 SHS Highlander fall schedule was enclosed. Dr. Argenziano informed members that our football team returned from a successful camp today, and will be opening up again to Watertown on September 14, 2002.

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

14. Provided to members was a C.D. entitled "Somerville Shines", Sunny Days, Sunny Songs, written and recorded by Somerville Public Schools Kindergarten and Pre-Schools students with Rick Charette.
15. Announced as of Friday afternoon, our enrollment is up 170 students. There are 6,114 students enrolled in Somerville Public Schools for the opening of next week. Dr. Argenziano welcomed everyone back for the school year. New teacher orientation is Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and the annual T.V. Program is Friday morning, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
16. Per Ms. Cardoso's request, Dr. Argenziano gave an update on the Lincoln Park Community School construction and the letter he received from Ms. Christine Lynch, Department of Education, School Building Assistance.

**VIII. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

**A. *Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole:* Ms. Rossetti (August 26))**

Subject discussed:

- ✓ Summer Projects Update – Mr. Robert Ciampi
- ✓ FY03 Budget Status
- ✓ Drivers' education program provided to our high school students (not on the agenda, but brought up for discussion)

MOTION: Ms. Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harris, to table discussion of the high school drivers' education program until the September 9, 2002 Finance and Facilities Subcommittee meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- ✓ City Issues FY03 – Mayor Dorothy A. Kelly Gay

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Supervisor of Bilingual Education**

Ms. Rossetti asked the Superintendent for an update regarding the limited English proficiency grant in regard to the Supervisor of Bilingual Education. Dr. Argenziano advised that it has been approved for at least two to three years. Interviews will be taking place for people who applied in April and May. The position should be filled, hopefully by the latest, November 1, 2002.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont.)**

**B. Kindergarten/Grade 1 Summer Program**

Ms. Rossetti inquired about the Kindergarten/Grade 1 Summer Program that took place this summer. She asked if it would be possible to have an informal type of tracking to see a year from now how the scores are going of those students compared to how the scores were before this program took place.

**C. Tufts University - Scholarships**

Ms. Rossetti asked Mayor Gay if she has heard from Tufts University President, Dr. Bacow, in reference to a meeting that should have already taken place in regards to scholarships for Somerville's high school students. The Mayor responded she has not heard from Dr. Bacow as of this date. She will call him and report back to the committee with a meeting date by the next school committee meeting.

**D. Teen Connection Center**

Per Ms. Taylor's request, Ms. Rossetti gave an update on the construction of the Teen Connection Center at the High School. As of this date construction still has not been done. Mr. Robert Ciampi will be meeting with the team from Cambridge Health Alliance and the city's project director, on Wednesday evening, August 28, 2002. Ms. Rossetti advised that this project is being funded by Cambridge Health Alliance.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Kindergarten Start Date**

Ms. Murray informed members she would like discussion to take place at a future Rules Subcommittee meeting regarding the start date for Kindergarten students. Presently, children have to be age five by September 1<sup>st</sup> to enter Kindergarten. She would like to compare with some other communities that have different start dates, how they came up with the date and the rationale behind it.

**B. City Web-Site Postings**

Ms. Bauer requested to have the following posted on the city web-site:

- subcommittee meetings (when enough lead time)
- PTA meetings
- 2002-2003 school calendar

**Request for Information**

Ms. Bauer also requested information regarding new hires and new administration. She would like the breakdown of each, including tabulation of race, linguistic minority.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)**

**C. School Committee Meeting Dates**

Ms. Murray asked that the School Committee "Call of Meetings" be posted in every school office and other public places such as the library. Dr. Argenziano advised that copies are sent to all the school buildings and different locations in the community.

**D. Crossing Guards**

Ms. Rossetti requested that correspondence be sent to Safety Officer Thomas Ahearn, to make sure all crossing guards are in place for the opening day of school this year.

**MCAS Scores**

Per Ms. Rossetti's request, Mr. Snow gave an update regarding MCAS testing and information regarding when students should expect to receive their MCAS score results. Mr. Snow anticipates the actual MCAS test scores will be received the last week in September.

**E. School Crosswalks**

Ms. Cardoso requested that correspondence be sent to the Traffic and Parking Department requesting that all crosswalks be painted for the opening of school.

**Organization Listing**

Ms. Cardoso asked that the Superintendent of Schools provide 2002-2003 organization listing of school staff and their locations, by the first week in October.

**F. 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.

<b>Lucienne Pierre Benjamin</b>	<b>10 Winter Hill Circle, #2</b>	<b>Somerville</b>	<b>02145</b>
Jose A. Barboza, Jr.	63 Durso Avenue	Malden	02148
Richard James Bibbo, Jr.	331 Chestnut Hill Road	Millville	01529
Clemilda Nalon Carvalho	6 Russell Terrace	Arlington	02474
Elaine Regina Constancio	48 Reed Avenue, #2	Everett	02149
Jerilyn Ann Daddario	261 Daniels Street	Franklin	02038
Timothy James Dennis	4 Highland Street	Woburn	01801
Steven Douglas Lanceleve	237 Belmont Street	Everett	02149
Ray Liang	350 Washington Street	Malden	02148
Daniel Stetson Lummus	375 Lowell Street	Lynnfield	01940
Jane L. Morais	42 West Street	Randolph	02368
Lisandra Serrano	9 Rhodes Avenue	Lynn	01904
Christopher James Woodland	72 Mount Vernon Street	Reading	01867



**XI. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Ms. Cardoso**

1. Welcomed everyone back and hoped they had a great summer. Also wished everyone a safe and happy Labor Day holiday.
2. Advised parents/guardians to read the Parent/Guardian brochures that will be sent home on the first day of school. She asked they keep it as a handy reference throughout the school year.
3. Announced that the Union Square Spice of Life Festival is going to be held Sunday, September 22, 2002, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 29, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at the L.P.C.S. All are welcome.
4. Announced that the SHS 150<sup>th</sup> Weekend Celebration is fast approaching. It will be held Columbus Day Weekend, Oct. 11, 12 and 13.
  - October 11<sup>th</sup> - the dinner/dance is at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. \$50.00 per ticket - you may contact the Superintendent's office for further information.
  - October 12<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming Game, Tailgating Party and Evening Cocktail Party at Dilboy Post, \$10.00 per person.
  - October 13<sup>th</sup> – Parade from Davis Square to S.H.S. with a reception in the atrium following the parade.

The next meeting for the SHS 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration is Thursday, September 5, 2002 at the Ray Izzo Highlander Café at SHS
5. On Thursday, September 5, 2002, there will be a public meeting at the old Bow Street Police Station regarding Lincoln Park Community School @ 6:30 p.m.
6. Once again, asked everyone to keep Amber Lilly DaRosa, Kim Carvalho's niece in their prayers. Her blood type is A negative and anyone willing to donate blood, a blood drive is being held at Children's Hospital Medical Center.

**Ms. Murray**

1. Welcomed all members back for the coming school year.
2. The Brown School is having welcoming session for all parents - Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Soundbites in Ball Square.
3. Announced the new name for the Somerville Drug Task Force. The new name is Somerville Cares About Prevention. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2002, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Kennedy School library.
4. On Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, under this new name, there will be a satellite education program to discuss media literacy, 1:30 – 3:00. Flyer with more information will follow.

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

**Mayor Gay**

1. There is a ceremony planned for September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 in the evening. A candlelight vigil will be held in Davis Square, along with an unveiling of a plaque in memory of September 11, 2001.
2. The senior picnic will be held tomorrow, August 27, 2002, as rescheduled from two weeks ago. Everyone is invited to come by to visit and say hello to our seniors. They all look forward to seeing the many people who stop by during the day.

**Ms. Bauer**

1. Informed everyone that the memory booklet for the SHS 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is still being worked on. Anything you may want to share is welcome. Memories can be as simple as what it was like waiting for friends before the start of school. Send memories / articles to shs150@juno.com or to the Superintendent's office, 181 Washington Street, Somerville 02143.
2. Freshman orientation is at the high school next Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Wished everyone a smooth transition from summer to school and a year that will be a valuable education experience.

**Ms. Taylor**

1. Somerville Cares About Prevention parent group will make a presentation at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Somerville High School orientation.
2. Somerville Youth Community Program continues their outreach and advocacy for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth. Community meeting to be held on Wednesday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at their site on Broadway. For further information call (617)625-6600, x2250.

**Alderman White**

1. To follow up on Ms. Cardoso's request, he reported that the Board of Aldermen, in June, put an order in to the Department of Public Works asking that this be done.
2. Reported that a representative from Home Depot was present at the Board of Aldermen's meeting in July to respond to why they did not avail their store in Somerville for students to work. He explained they have a liaison to work with the vocational department. Mr. White will send the Superintendent the name and phone number of that representative so the school department can contact him to see what type of services could be provided to our students.

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

**Ms. Rossetti**

1. Reminded the public that the PTA's will be seeking volunteer assistance. Please contact your school PTA council to find out where your help is needed. For further information, you may call Ms. Rosanne Rais, PTA President.
2. Advised that she and Alderman Halloran will be meeting with parents and students of the Powder House and West Somerville Neighborhood Schools in early September. She will have the exact date by the next school committee meeting.

**XII. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications for this evening's meeting.

**XIII. PERSONNEL**

School Committee members were provided the following personnel actions of July 2002 as follows. Dr. Argenziano informed members that at the first meeting in September, the August 2002 personnel report would also be provided with the complete list of August hires.

July 2002 Personnel Report

**A. Retirements**

1. Nancy M. Bowdring, 94 Hammondswood Rd., Newton, MA 02467 (Vice Headmaster @ SHS) as of June 30, 2002.
2. Rose Capozzi, 20 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 (Cafeteria Worker) as of June 30, 2002.
3. Kenneth Dailey, 130 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138 (Attendance Officer) as of June 30, 2002.
4. Eileen Morrison, 10-7 Golden Drive, Winthrop, MA 02152 (Senior Clerk @ SHS) as of June 30, 2002.

**Retirements Rescinded**

1. Elaine Mitchell, 33 Clyde St., Somerville, MA 02144 (Paraprofessional @ Next Wave) as of June 30, 2002.
2. Hope August, 52 Hooker Ave., Somerville, MA 02144 (Secretary @ Scale) as of June 30, 2002.
3. William Sullivan, 27 Aldrich St., Somerville, MA 02145 (Building Custodian) as of June 30, 2002.

**XIII. PERSONNEL (cont.)**

**B. Resignations**

1. Faye Bergsman, 51 Lincoln St., Cambridge, MA 02141 (Part-time ESOL Teacher) as of June 28, 2002.
2. Celia Powell, 50 Undine Rd., Brighton, MA 02135-3803 (Speech/Language Therapist) as of September 1, 2002.
3. Caroline Berz, 14 Suffolk St., Cambridge, MA 02139 (Social Studies Teacher @ SHS) as of June 30, 2002.
4. Denise Pantanella, 13 Nightengale Lane, Tewksbury, MA 07876 (SPED Teacher @ LPCS) as of July 11, 2002.
5. Timothy McGinley, 9 Myrtle Ave., Wakefield, MA 01880 (High School Band Director) effective July 15, 2002.

**C. Leave of Absence**

Larry Iamello, 12 Coolidge Hill Rd., Watertown, MA 02472 (Mathematics Teacher @ SHS) for Career Exploration Purposes for the 2002-2003 school year.

**D. Maternity Leave of Absence**

Kathryn H. Carleton, 21 Mohawk Drive, Tewksbury, MA 01876 (First Grade Teacher @ ESCS) beginning September 20, 2002.

**E. Administration**

K-12 Coordinator of Mathematics  
Effective 7/1/02  
Vice: J. Caruso (Retired)

Larry Iamello  
12 Coolidge Hill Rd.  
Watertown, MA 02472  
Cert. # 166408 Sup/Dir (all)

**High School**

Social Studies Teacher  
Effective 9/3/02  
Vice: M. Egan (to Redirect)

Ryan Giulmartin  
32 Chetwynd Rd.  
Somerville, MA 02144  
Cert. \*Pending  
Salary: M, Step A = \$34,021

Physics Teacher  
Effective 9/3/02  
Vice: E. Vann (Resigned)

Michael Mahoney  
35 Arden St. #2  
Allston, MA 02134  
Cert. # Pending  
Salary: M, Step B = \$35,186

Mathematics Teacher  
Effective 9/3/02  
Vice: E. Roberts (Retired)

Bernie Spence  
82 Spring St.  
Lexington, MA 02421  
Cert. # Pending  
Salary: M, Step B = \$35,186

**XIII. PERSONNEL (cont.)**

Mathematics Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: L. Iamello (Promoted)

John Buckley  
 23 Turner St. #2  
 Brighton, MA 02135  
 Cert. # 352495 Math 9-12  
 Salary: M+30, Step E = \$42,352

Adjustment Counselor  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: New Position

Ann Irwin, MSW, LCSW  
 180 Lexington St.  
 E. Boston, MA 02128  
 Cert. # 368245 Adj. Counselor (all)  
 Salary: M, Step E = \$39,847

Consumer Science Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: V. McHugh (Not rehired)

Gail Bishop  
 6 Eaton St.  
 Cambridge, MA 02139  
 Cert. # 5027197 Foods & Nutrition  
 Salary: M, Step A = \$34,021

**SHS/WSNS**  
**Authorized – Internship**

Speech Language Pathologist  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: C. Powell (Resigned)

Katrine Holmes  
 9 Whitfield Rd. #1  
 Somerville, MA 02144  
 Salary: M, Step A = \$34,021

**East Somerville Community School**

**Authorized**

Grade 6 Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: K. Demers (LOA)

Sarah Lawentmann  
 800 Mass. Ave. #4  
 Arlington, MA 02474  
 Cert. # 366187 (Elem 1-6)  
 Salary: M, Step B = \$35,186

Grade 4 Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: M. Rosselli (Retired)

Emily Fortin  
 239 Powder House Blvd.  
 Somerville, MA 02144  
 Cert. # 362667 (Elem 1-6)  
 Salary: B +15, Step B = \$33,425

**Authorized**

Grade 4 Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: M. LaPointe (LOA)

Karen Comeau  
 7 Waldo Ave.  
 Somerville, MA 02143  
 Cert. # 363205 (Elem 1-6)  
 Salary: M, Step A = \$34,021

XIII. PERSONNEL (cont.)

**Authorized**

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish Bilingual  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: D. Dedieu (Non Renewal)

Alexis Cabrera  
 41 Avon St.  
 Somerville, MA 02143  
 Cert. \*Waiver  
 Salary: B, Step F = \$38,851.

**Involuntary Transfer**

Grade 6 Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: New Position

**From Healey – 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

Barbara Vozella  
 63 Walnut St.  
 Somerville, MA 02143

**Edgerly Center**

Early Childhood SPED Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: New Position

Holly Russell  
 311 Medford St.  
 Somerville, MA 02143  
 Cert. # 370924 (SPED K-9)  
 Salary: B, Step B = \$32,151

**Involuntary Transfer**

Smile Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: C. Petrola (Trans to WSNS)

**From Edgerly Kdn.**

Betsy Griffin  
 127 Walnut St.  
 Somerville, MA 02143

**Healey School**

Kindergarten Choice Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: New Position

Tanya Knight  
 29 Trout Run Rd.  
 Asbury, WV 24916  
 Mass. Cert Pending  
 Salary: B, Step C = \$33,317

**Involuntary Transfer**

Grade 7/8 Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: New Position

**From SHS Reading**

James Haight  
 7 Village Lane  
 Arlington, MA 02474

**Kennedy School**

SPED Teacher/Seek  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: S. Isenberg (Resigned)

Jenny McCarthy  
 37 Dwight St., Apt. 3  
 Brookline, MA 02446  
 Cert. # 370896 Elem 1-6; SPED  
 Salary: M, Step A = \$34,021

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**XIII. PERSONNEL (cont.)**

SPED Teacher  
Effective 9/3/02  
Vice: J. Gullick (Resigned)

Anne Casavant  
103 Emerson Gardens  
Lexington, MA 02420  
Cert. # 0215376 (Elem K-8, MSN)  
Salary: B, Step G = \$41,182

Smile Teacher  
Effective 9/3/02  
Vice: J. Cardoso (Trans. to Gr. 2)

Elizabeth Doncaster  
3 Bailey St.  
Medford, MA 02155  
Cert. # Pending  
Salary: B, Step A = \$30,986

**Involuntary Transfer**

Smile Teacher  
Effective 9/3/02  
Vice: New Position

**From Kdgn. @ LPCS**

Kristen Howe  
8 Windsor Rd.  
Somerville, MA 02144

**Lincoln Park Community**

Grade 7/8 Social Studies Teacher  
Effective 9/3/02  
Vice: Bob Keough (Retired)

Michael Harvey  
49 Raymond Ave.  
Somerville, MA 02144  
Cert. # 373000 Soc. Stud. 5-9  
Salary: B, Step A = \$30,986

**Authorized**

Grade 1 Teacher  
Effective 9/3/02  
Vice: P. Hallion (Promoted)

Kimberly Dicker  
194 Waverly Ave.  
Watertown, MA 02472  
Cert. # 332790 (Elem 1-6)  
Salary: B, Step D = \$35,064

**Powder House Community School**

**Re-Assignment**

Grade 1 Teacher  
Effective 9/3/02  
Vice: C. Scuccimara (Re-assigned)

**From Gr. 3 Cummings**

Marge Gorman  
6 Tennyson St.  
Somerville, MA 02145

**Re-Assignment**

Grade 1 Teacher  
Effective 9/3/02  
Vice: S. Nazzaro (Retired)

**From Grade 2 PHCS**

Carmina Scuccimara  
12 Fairmount Ave.  
Somerville, MA 02144

XIII. PERSONNEL (cont.)

**West Somerville Neighborhood School**

**Voluntary Transfer**

Kindergarten Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: M. Fedele (Retired)

Cheryl Petrola  
 28 Boylston St.  
 Malden, MA 02148

**Winter Hill Community School**

Librarian  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: N. Doherty (Retired)

Debra Bowler  
 96 Pilgrim Rd. North 210  
 Boston, MA 02215  
 Cert. Pending  
 Salary: M, Step A = \$34,021

**Unidos**

**Authorized**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Spanish Bilingual Teacher  
 effective 9/3/02  
 vice: New Position

Amy Huff  
 2 G Street  
 Hull, MA 02045  
 Cert. # Waiver  
 Salary: M, Step D = \$38,099

**Involuntary Transfer**

Reading Teacher  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: New Position

**From SPED/Reading**

Sharon Clark  
 21 Ridgefield Drive  
 Framingham, MA 01701

**Scale**

Part-time ESOL Teacher  
 Effective 5/20/02  
 Vice: New Position

Sidney Storey  
 36 Laurel St.  
 Somerville, MA  
 Salary: B, Step A = \$22.33/hr.

**Music Department**

**Voluntary Transfer**

Bandmaster/Elem. Music  
 Effective 9/3/02  
 Vice: T. McGinley (Resigned)

**From District Music**

Richard Romanoff  
 3 Linden Ave.  
 Somerville, MA 02143

**Civil Service**

Executive Secretary  
 Effective 7/1/02  
 Vice: Janet Gray (Retired)

Paula Pellecchia  
 34 Wallace St.  
 Somerville, MA 02144  
 Salary: \$57,963.



**XIII. PERSONNEL (cont.)**

Principal 1 Stenographer  
Effective 7/15/02  
Vice: Paula Pellecchia (Promoted)

Claire Goodwin  
168 Powder House Blvd.  
Somerville, MA 02144  
Salary: \$35,461

**Athletics**

Varsity Ice Hockey Coach  
Vice: John Hart (Resigned)

David D. Liberatore  
391 Rice Ave.  
Point of Pines, MA 02151  
Salary: \$4,194

**XIV. RESOLUTION(S)**

**Janet Gray**

- WHEREAS, Janet Gray, a dependable and tireless worker, has retired from the Somerville School Department after serving as a dedicated secretary for the past 25 years, earning the respect of the entire school community, and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Gray devoted numerous hours as executive secretary to the Superintendent of Schools and the Somerville School Committee for the past 14 years, planning, organizing, and recording the events of all School Committee meetings as well as subcommittee sessions, and
- WHEREAS, She earned a prestigious honor in 1994 when the Somerville Council of Parent-Teacher Associations named her a PTA scholarship honoree for "being a true advocate for the children of Somerville", therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Somerville School Committee publicly and proudly honor Mrs. Gray for her many contributions to the School Department, the parents, and students of the city, and wish her and her family health and happiness in the future, 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 Mrs. Gray.

**Henry Biagi**

- WHEREAS, Henry Biagi has retired from the Somerville School Department after serving as Director of Food Services for the past 23 years, a program that is recognized as one of the stronger cafeteria operations in Massachusetts, and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Biagi, who earned both Bachelor and Master degrees from Boston University, also directed the food service program at St. Mark's private school before assuming the position in Somerville in 1979, and
- WHEREAS, He taught a part-time food service management course at Northeastern University for 18 years, and also was an instructor at Bunker Hill Community College in the food service area, and

**XIV. RESOLUTION(S)** (cont.)

Henry Biagi

- WHEREAS, Mr. Biagi was a member of the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials, the Massachusetts Food Service Association, the American Culinary Federation, and the Epicurean Club of Boston, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Somerville School Committee publicly pays tribute to Mr. Biagi for his devotion and efforts in directing Somerville's food services department for more than two decades, and wish him and his family health and happiness in the future, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That these Resolutions be recorded into the minutes of a future School Committee meeting, and that a formal copy be presented to Mr. Biagi.

**Joan Buckman**

- WHEREAS, Joan "Peg" Buckman, Director of the Community Schools Program in Somerville, has retired after serving the school department diligently and professionally for the past 18 years, and
- WHEREAS, Joan Buckman, who earned her Bachelor's Degree from Simmons College, and a Master's Degree in social work from Boston University, also served as Director of Boston's ABCD Program during the 1970's, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Somerville School Committee proudly and publicly honor Joan Buckman for her many years of dedication and concern for the youth of Somerville, and wish her and her family health and happiness during her retirement years, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That these well-earned Resolutions be entered into the minutes of a future School Committee meeting, and that a framed copy be presented to her.

**XV. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The superintendent reported with regret the deaths of the following persons. A moment of silence was observed and letters of sympathy will be sent to their families.

1. Ms. Jean Bracci, (June 28), former PTA President of the East Somerville Community School.
2. Mr. William F. McDonald, (July 24), former Principal of the Brown School.
3. Mrs. Rita Agnes Houghton, (August 5), mother of Rita Houghton and Maureen Foster, Edgerly School, and Sheila Tracy, former City Hall employee.
4. Mr. John Desmond, (Aug. 19), father of Alderman Bruce Desmond.
5. Ms. Helen Traniello, (Aug. 24), mother of Debra Higgins, SPED PAC Coordinator.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m., by voice vote.

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano  
Secretary