

Dear Roseland Residents and Noecker Staff,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we share the anticipated Board appointment of our new Noecker Superintendent, Ms. Deanne Somers.

Since the early spring of this year, the Board conducted a thorough and transparent Superintendent Search process in response to requests for greater inclusion. Parents, teachers, and administrators participated in the interviewing process and offered suggestions regarding the qualities that they believed were most important in selecting our next superintendent. Guided by the input from the community, the Board conducted additional interviews of the finalists in early August and offered Ms. Deanne Somers the position of Superintendent. Because of pre-existing commitments, Ms. Somers will not be able to assume her duties until late October 2016. Our Interim Superintendent, Dr. Maria Nuccetelli, will continue to fill the role until Ms. Somers starts.



The primary goal and consideration of the Board in all of its decisions is providing the best possible education for Noecker students. The Board is confident that Ms. Somers will prove to be a visionary and innovative leader capable of effectuating respectful and progressive change while moving the Noecker community forward.

Prior to her appointment as the Roseland Superintendent, Deanne Somers has held various leadership and professional positions in her twenty-two years as an educator. Her teaching career includes tenure as a fifth grade teacher, technology specialist, gifted and talented teacher, and enrichment coordinator in the Riverdale and Denville School Districts in Morris County. She has also presented numerous workshops for teachers and administrators across the state. Deanne is passionate about professional development and working with educators on effective teaching, assessment, literacy, and student achievement.

Deanne's school and district-level administration experiences have provided her the opportunity to work extensively in the areas of curriculum and instruction,

personnel, evaluation, and collaboration with the school community. Seven years as the Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction in the Woodcliff Lake School District (preK-8) followed by two years as an elementary principal at Westbrook School (K-6) in West Milford deepened her understanding of district and school-level needs, facilities, budgeting, and crisis management.

Deanne holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Psychology from William Paterson College, a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction from Caldwell College, a Master of Arts in Education from Gratz College, and an Educational Specialist degree in Instructional Leadership from Northcentral University.

Her passion is based on the core belief that every child, teacher, and parent deserves a school environment where they are supported, actively engaged in learning, and included in its vision.

Deanne lives in Sparta, New Jersey, with her husband, Ligen, and daughter, Shelby.

Please join us at our next Board meeting, this Wednesday, August 24th to informally meet and welcome Ms. Somers to the Noecker Community. As always, the Board meeting will take place in the Media Center and will begin at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully,

Anna Gordon, President

Neal Goldstein, Vice President

Julie DiGiacomo, Member

Scott Gorman, Member

Jean Perrotti, Member