
**The Somerset Hills School District
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA – MAY 10, 2011**

**SPECIAL MEETING – 5:00 P.M.
THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT BERNARDS HIGH SCHOOL**

I. Call to Order

II. Welcome

Welcome to a meeting of the Board of Education of Somerset Hills. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the public and media, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act: (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975), and that advance notice required therein has been provided. This is a meeting of the Board of Education of Somerset Hills at which formal action may be taken. The public will have an opportunity to be heard as shown on the Agenda.

III. Roll Call

Gwen Thornton, from New Jersey School Boards Association, will be in attendance to facilitate discussion of Superintendent evaluation and Board Goals.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Public Questions & Comments

We very much welcome input from the public. Public comments are welcome at this time on any agenda item. Please state your name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. Please understand that our public forums are not structured as question and answer sessions, but are offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. In instances where the Board feels that there is a misunderstanding or inaccuracy, the Board President or Superintendent may address the comment. In accordance with New Jersey Statute, the Board will not discuss matters regarding specific personnel. Thank you for your input.

VI. Resolution

Action

1. Approve Change in Health Insurance Carrier

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve a change in health insurance carrier per the recommendation of its group insurance broker-of-record, Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc., the Somerset Hills Board of Education hereby resolves, effective July 1, 2011, to make the following changes to its group insurance program:

1. Terminate its group medical insurance policy with Horizon, Group Number 89607.
2. Select Oxford Health Plans as its group medical insurance carrier, at the rates, benefits, terms, and conditions represented in their proposal of April 13, 2011.
3. Designate Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc., as the Board's group insurance broker-of-record for our new Oxford Health Plans group medical insurance program. Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc. is authorized to act on behalf of the Board in all matters related to this program.

- Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc.'s responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, negotiating annual renewal rates, marketing our group insurance programs, and aiding our staff in the resolution of billing, enrollment, and claim problems. Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc. is authorized to receive commission payments from Oxford Health Plans as compensation for their services, percentages for which are included in Oxford Health Plan's proposed premium rates.
4. All appropriate Board of Education staff are authorized to take such action and affect such documentation as necessary to implement this change.

VII. Executive Session

WHEREAS the "Open Public Meetings Act:" (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975) authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which specified topics are to be discussed under circumstances where the public consideration of such topics will clearly endanger the public, or where the personal privacy or guaranteed rights of individuals whose activities or affairs are to be discussed would be clearly in danger of unwarranted invasions, and WHEREAS the matters about to be presented for discussion clearly meet the "circumstances" test of such Act:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Somerset Hills now adjourns its public session to reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following: Superintendent's Evaluation;

And, be it further,

RESOLVED that the discussion in Executive Session be disclosed when the Board's consideration of the subject matter has been closed, or that such matter does not adversely affect the rights of prospective, current, or past public officers, or personnel of the Board, unless such individuals have in writing requested the disclosures of such discussion at a public meeting and provided such a public disclosure will no longer clearly endanger the public interest.

VIII. Return to Public Session - Discussion of Board Goals for the 2011-2012 School Year

IX. Adjournment

Resolutions:

***Note: The areas of permitted voting for the Bedminster district representative of the Board of Education are: 1) tuition charged by the sending district and bill lists or contracts to be used for the sending district's pupils; 2) new capital construction to be used by the sending district's pupils; 3) appointment, transfer or removal of teaching staff serving the sending district's pupils, including central administration; 4) addition or deletion of curricular or extracurricular programs involving the sending district's pupils.**