

The Somerset Hills School District
PUBLIC INPUT & ACTION MEETING AGENDA – FEBRUARY 3, 2010
EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30P.M.
PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE ROOM AT BERNARDS HIGH SCHOOL
PUBLIC INPUT & ACTION MEETING – 7:30 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 regular 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

IV. 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: Personnel, Litigation and Contract matters.

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.

V. Pledge of Allegiance

VI. Correspondence

VII. Report of the Superintendent

1. Student/Staff Recognition
2. NJQSAC Update
3. Grant Funding Update

VIII. Public Questions & Comments

We very much welcome input from the public. Public comments are welcome at this time on any agenda item. Towards the end of the meeting there is a second public forum on any topic. 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.

IX. Approval of Minutes

Action
Resolution

1. Approval of Minutes*

Resolved, that the Public Input & Action and Executive meeting minutes of January 13, 2010 be approved.

X. Finance

A. Committee Report & Discussion:

B. Action Items:

Action
Resolution

1. Board Secretary & Treasurer Reports & Board Certification

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has received the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of December, 2009 showing the following balances:

FUND	Board Secretary Cash Balance (1)	Treasurer Cash Balance (2)
(10) General Fund	\$6,057,672.67	\$6,057,672.67
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$154,223.58	\$154,223.58
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$(969,020.21)	\$(969,020.21)
(40)Debt Service Fund	\$272,279.12	\$272,279.12
Total Government Funds	\$5,515,155.16	\$5,515,155.16

(1) From Secretary's Report

(2) From Treasurer's Report

WHEREAS in compliance with N.J.A.C.6A: 23-2.1(c)3 the secretary has certified that, as of the date of the report(s), no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education, now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education accepts the above referenced report and certifications and orders that they be attached to and made part of the record of this meeting, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, in compliance with N.J.A.C.6A: 23-3.11(c) 4, the Board of Education certifies that, after review of the secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriation section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A: 23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

Action
Resolution

2. Approve 2009-2010 Budget Transfers

Resolved that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the attached list of 2009-2010 budget transfers for December 2009.

Action
Resolution

3. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented a check register dated January 27, 2010 covering check numbers 19729 to 20031 in the amount of \$ 3,057,992.10 with the recommendation that they be paid, and

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the following bills be paid and an itemized list be filed with the minutes of this meeting:

FUND	AMOUNT
(10) General Fund	\$2,986,353.95
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$66,822.85
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-0-
(40) Debt Service Fund	-0-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$57,325.49
TOTAL	\$3,110,502.29

Action
Resolution

4. Approve B.E.S. Pennies for Haiti Fund Raiser

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the B.E.S. Pennies for Haiti fundraiser.

Action
Resolution

5. Approve Revised Application for NCLB Grant Funds

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education authorizes revised application and approves funds for Fiscal Year 2010 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) grants as follows:

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Public Allocation</u>	<u>Non Public Allocation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Title II Part A	\$28,074	\$1,688	\$29,762
Title II Part D	\$ 276	\$ 17	\$ 293
Title III	\$10,815	Not Accepted	\$10,815
Title IV	\$ 3,270	Not Accepted	\$ 3,270
Title I			Not Accepted

Action
Resolution

6. Approve Waiver of Requirements Special Education Medicaid Initiative Program
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Waiver of Requirements Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program:

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2010-11, and

Whereas, the Somerset Hills Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having less Medicaid eligible classified students than the state guideline of 30 students in the 2010-11 budget year.

Now Therefore Be It

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the _____ County of _____ Somerset an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2010-11 school year.

XI. Curriculum

A. Committee Report & Discussion:

B. Action Items:

Action Resolution

1. Approve Field Trips

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following field trips:

School	Trip	Date(s)	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
BMS	a)BMS Robotics Club Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School, Bridgewater, NJ Middle School Robotics Team Challenges	3/20/2010	18	1	1 + parents
BMS	b)BMS Band, Orchestra, Choirs Holmdel HS/Great Adventure, Holmdel, NJ Music Festival Trip	5/21/2010	155	5	15

Action Resolution

2. Approve Professional Development

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following professional development:

School	Name	Workshop/Conference	Est. Cost	Date
BES	a) Julian, Jane Kay	Reading Clubs in Action	\$ 199.00	2/22/10
BES	b) Seelig, Sophia	Reading Clubs in Action	\$ 199.00	2/22/10

XII. Facilities & Operations

A. Committee Report & Discussion:

B. Action Items:

Action Resolution

1. Authorization to Conduct School Election

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education authorizes the Board Secretary to take all action necessary to conduct the annual school election from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60, and be it further Resolved, that the Board Secretary be authorized to conduct the drawing for ballot positions on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the office of the Board of Education.

Information:

Three (3) Board seats are open for Bernardsville residents and no Board seat is open for Peapack-Gladstone or Far Hills this year. Petitions for persons who wish to be placed on the ballot must be filed with the Board Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1 2010. Petition and school board candidate kits may be obtained from the Board Secretary between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 25 Olcott Avenue, Bernardsville, NJ

- Action 2. Adoption – 2010-2011 School Calendar Option 4
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education adopt the 2010-2011 school calendar:
Option 4:

Students	Staff	SEPTEMBER 2010							Students	Staff	FEBRUARY 2011						
17	19	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	18	18	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 STAF	2 STAF	3	4					1	2	3	4	5
		5	6	7 First Day	8	9	10	11			6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18 YK			13	14	15	16	17	18 RECESS	19
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25			20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		26	27	28	29	30					27	28					
		9/7--FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (full day)															
20	21	OCTOBER 2010							23	23	MARCH 2011						
		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat			Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
							1	2					1	2	3	4	5
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9			6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		10	11 STAFF	12	13	14	15	16			13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23			20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30			27	28	29	30	31		
		31															
18	18	NOVEMBER 2010							16	16	APRIL 2011						
		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat			Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4	5	6								1	2
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13			3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20			10	11	12**	13	14	15	16
		21	22	23	24*	25	26	27			17	18 RECESS	19 RECESS	20 RECESS	21 RECESS	22 RECESS	23
		28	29	30							24	25 Snow Day	26**	27	28	29	30
		* 11/24--Half Day									** Possible dates for Election						
17	17	DECEMBER 2010							21	21	MAY 2011						
		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat			Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11			8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18			15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		19	20	21	22	23*	24	25			22	23	24	25	26	27 Snow Day	28
		26	27 RECESS	28 RECESS	29 RECESS	30 RECESS	31 RECESS				29	30	31 Snow Day				
		* 12/23--Half Day															
20	20	JANUARY 2011							13	14	JUNE 2011						
		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat			Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
								1						1	2	3	4
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8			5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15			12	13	14	15*	16*	17 Last Day	18
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22			19	20 STAFF	21	22	23	24	25
		23	24	25	26	27	28	29			26	27	28	29	30		
		30	31								* Last 3 days are Half Days						
		SHADED AREAS = SCHOOLS CLOSED															
		TOTAL SCHEDULED DAYS: 183 - Students									NOTE: This calendar allows for three snow days.						
		187 - Staff															

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Somerset Hills of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) is a party to an agreement with North America Power Partners, LLC (hereinafter referred to as “NAPP”), dated February 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Board is interested in extending the agreement for an additional one (1) year term consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement and any addenda thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board finds that NAPP is providing services under the agreement in an effective and efficient manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby agrees to extend the Agreement for an additional one (1) year term, as the price change as part of the one (1) year extension does not exceed the change in the index rate for the twelve (12) months preceding the most recent quarterly calculation available, and the terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain substantially the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator shall deliver a copy of this resolution to NAPP as evidence of its intention to renew the agreement.

XIII. Policy

A. Committee Report & Discussion:

B. Action Items:

Action
Resolution

1. Adoption Policy #2560 Live Animals in School - Revision
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the adoption of Policy #2560 Live Animals in School.

Action
Resolution

2. Adoption Policy #3126 Induction Program for Provisional Teachers - Revision
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the adoption of Policy #3126 Induction Program for Provisional Teachers.

Action
Resolution

3. Adoption Policy #3281 Inappropriate Staff Conduct - Revision
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the adoption of Policy #3218 Inappropriate Staff Conduct.

Action
Resolution

4. Adoption Policy #4281 Inappropriate Staff Conduct - Revision
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the adoption of Policy #4281 Inappropriate Staff Conduct.

Action
Resolution

5. First Reading Policy #6422 Budget Transfers – Revision
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the first reading of Policy #6422 Budget Transfers.

XIV. Personnel

A. Committee Report & Discussion:

B. Action Items:

All personnel action is on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Action

1. Approve Appointment of Paraprofessional

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the appointment of Lisa Kotz as a part time Special Education Paraprofessional at Bedwell Elementary School, Step 1, at an annual salary of \$12,648 (prorated) effective January 19, 2010, for the 2009-2010 school year.

Action 2. Approval of Parenthood Leave

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves a parenthood leave for Nicole Marashlian, teacher at Bernardsville Middle School, effective June 1, 2010 through the end of the first marking period (November 2010).

Action 3. Approval of Parenthood Leave

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves a parenthood leave for Lauren Smith, teacher at Bedwell Elementary School, effective May 3, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

Action 4. Approval of Unpaid Medical Leave

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves an unpaid medical leave with benefits (provided under FMLA, not to exceed 12 weeks) for Carolyn Benner, effective January 19 (p.m.) until further notice.

Action 5. Approval of Overloads

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the following overloads, effective January 12, 2010 until the end of the assignment (medical Benner):

Lisa Seela	\$82.13 per period
Lynda Burns	\$63.39 per period
Jeannette Bracero	\$46.49 per period
Dianne Berger	\$67.74 per period
Janice O'Brien	\$57.06 per period
Mara Hellman	\$86.19 per period

Action 6. Approval of Girls on the Run Coaches

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the following coaches for Girls on the Run after school program at Bedwell. Program will run April 6 – June 10, Tuesday and Thursday, at an hourly rate of \$55.76. (This program is funded by the Somerset Hills Municipal Alliance):

Deborah Rokosky (full time)
Sophia Seelig (full time)
Karen Ayres (50%)
Melissa Schwartz (50%)
Holly Jongema (50%)
Robin Davitt (50%)
Substitute Coaches
Marcella Craver
Jessica Collins
Diana Sombers

Action 7. Approval of Substitutes

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Teacher</u>	
Maryann Amiano	Sub Certificate
Charles Johnson	Sub Certificate
Russell Kostelak	Sub Certificate
Robert Simon	CE

XV. Neighborhood Relations

XVI. Community Relations

XVII. Supplementary Matters

XVIII. Public Questions & Comments

XIX. 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.**



LOOKING AHEAD

- **February 24, 2010**
Wednesday – 7:30 p.m.
Public Input & Action Meeting
The Community Room at Bernards High School
- **March 10, 2010**
Wednesday – 7:30 p.m.
Public Input & Action Meeting
The Community Room at Bernards High School
- **March 24, 2010**
Wednesday – 7:30 p.m.
Public Input & Action Meeting
The Community Room at Bernards High School
- **April 20, 2010**
Annual School Election
- **April 28, 2010**
Wednesday – 7:30 p.m.
Public Input & Action Meeting
The Community Room at Bernards High School
- **May 19, 2010**
Wednesday – 7:30 p.m.
Public Input & Action Meeting
The Community Room at Bernards High School
- **June 9, 2010**
Wednesday – 7:30 p.m.
Public Input & Action Meeting
The Community Room at Bernards High School
- **June 30, 2010**
Wednesday – 7:30 p.m.
Public Input & Action Meeting
The Community Room at Bernards High School