

**The Somerset Hills School District
Special Meeting
Olcott Administration Building
FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

Call to Order & Welcome

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Roll Call

Present:

Mr. Baker
Mrs. Coons
Mr. DiGicchino
Mrs. Hoppe
Mrs. Palazzolo
Mr. Palma
Ms. Sooy
Mrs. Virtue

Ms. Goetz was absent

Also Present:

Frances Wood
Jennifer Shouffler
Nancy Lee Hunter

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Questions & Comments

None

Interview of Candidates for the Far Hills Board Seat

1. Jamie Leiss
2. Ashley Welsh

Executive Session

At 6:30PM Mr. Baker moved the following:

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: board candidates 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.

Mr. Palma seconded the motion. The Board returned to public session at 8:30PM.

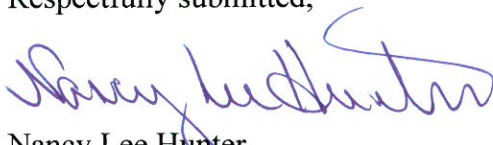
Action Item

Resolved that the Somerset Hills Board of Education appoint Jamie Leiss as Board Member for Far Hills to fill an unexpired term ending January 4, 2017, the date of the next reorganization meeting. Moved by Mrs. Palazzolo, seconded by Mrs. Coons. Approved by a vote of 8-0.

Adjournment

Mrs. Coons moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM; motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. Motion was approved by an 8-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Lee Hunter
Board Secretary

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.**