

**The Somerset Hills School District
PUBLIC INPUT & ACTION MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 29, 2015**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Hawkins, Vice President.

Roll Call

Present	Absent	Also Present
Mr. DiGiacchino	Mr. Baker	Frances Wood
Ms. Goetz	Mrs. Coons	Jennifer Shouffler
Mrs. Hawkins		Nancy Lee Hunter
Mrs. Palazzolo		
Mr. Palma		
Mrs. Petrilli		
Mrs. Swadba		
Ms. Sooy		

Executive Session

At 5:20 p.m., Mr. Palma 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: Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts, Negotiations and Litigation.

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. DiGiacchino seconded the motion. The Board returned to public session at 7:35 p.m. Mrs. Hawkins reported that the Board discussed personnel, student matters and litigation.

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.

Pledge of Allegiance**Correspondence****Report of the Superintendent**

3. 2015-2016 Annual School Budget Hearing

Mrs. Hunter gave a power point presentation on the Budget and responded to questions from Board members.

Public Questions & Comments

None

Approval of Minutes*Action 1. Approval of Minutes

Resolution Mr. Palma moved, seconded by Mr. DiGiacchino, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Public Input & Action and Executive meeting minutes for March 18, 2015. Roll call vote 7-0-1. Mrs. Palazzolo abstained.

Action 2. Approval of Minutes

Resolution Mr. Palma moved, seconded by Mr. DiGiacchino, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Special Meeting minutes for April 8, 2015. Roll call vote 8-0.

FinanceCommittee Report

No report.

Action Items

Mr. Palma moved Finance resolutions #1-9, seconded by Ms. Sooy. Finance resolutions #1-3 and #5-9 were approved by a roll call vote of 8-0. Finance resolution #4 was approved by a roll call vote of 7-1-0. Mr. DiGiacchino voted no.

Action 1. Board Secretary & Treasurer Reports & Board Certification*

Resolution WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has received the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of March, 2015 showing the following balances:

FUND	Board Secretary Cash Balance (1)	Treasurer Cash Balance (2)
(10) General Fund	\$5,317,471.62	\$5,317,471.62
(20) Special Revenue Fund	(\$119,608.23)	(\$119,608.23)
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$599,874.77	\$599,874.77
(40)Debt Service Fund	(\$658,436.50)	(\$658,436.50)
Total Government Funds	\$5,139,301.66	\$5,139,301.66

(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 2014-2015 Budget Transfers*

Resolved that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the attached list of budget transfers for March, 2015.

Action
Resolution

3. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented a check register dated March, 2015 covering check numbers 33538 to 33555 in the amount of \$2,714,004.70 with the recommendation that the checks 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	\$2,707,913.09
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$6,091.61
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-0-
(40) Debt Service Fund	-0-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	-0-
TOTAL	\$2,714,004.70

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented a check register dated April, 2015 covering check numbers 33556 to 33783 in the amount of \$2,333,209.58 with the recommendation that the checks 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	\$2,191,260.68
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$32,679.87
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$46,357.43
(40) Debt Service Fund	-0-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$62,911.60
TOTAL	\$2,333,209.58

Action
Resolution

4. Adoption of the 2015-2016 Budget *

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education adopt the 2015-2016 Budget (attached):
And, be it further

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves that the 2015-2016 general fund tax levy of \$29,549,127 and the debt service fund tax levy of \$3,184,619 for a total tax levy of \$32,733,746 which represents a 1.6% increase from the tax levy for the previous school year.

Action 5. Approve Settlement Agreement

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the settlement agreement between the parents of student 2021109 and the Somerset Hills School District.

Action 6. Approve School

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following schools for the 2014/2015 school year:

Student ID#	Provider	Location
4050102480	Chapel Hill	Montville, NJ
6414980590	Winston School	Whippany, NJ
7841323206	MUJC - DLC	Warren, NJ
1105155019	Montgomery Academy	Basking Ridge, NJ
7712323425	NuView Academy	Piscataway, NJ

Action 7. Approve Special Education Consultant Services (Behaviorist)

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following Special Education service provider(s) for the 2014-2015 school year and extended school year program:

Provider	Service	Location
Cambridge Behavioral Health	Consulting Services and ABA Parent Training	Morristown, NJ
Behavior Therapy Associates	Consulting Services and ABA Parent Training	Somerset, NJ
Education, Inc.	Home Instruction	Plymouth, MA

Action 8. Approve Tuition Student

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills School District approve (2) children of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brandes as Grade Kindergarten at Bedwell Elementary School tuition student for the 2015-2016 school year.

Action 9. Approve Parent Organization Fund Raiser

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following parent organization fund raiser:

Organization	School	Event	Date
Bernards Football Club	BHS	Canning at Bernardsville Kings	6/6/15 & 6/7/15

Curriculum

Committee Report

Mrs. Palazzolo gave the report. The Committee met on March 24, April 7 and April 21, 2015.

Action Items

Mrs. Palazzolo moved Curriculum resolutions #1-4, seconded by Mr. Palma. Curriculum resolutions #1-4 were approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Action 1. Approve Field Trips*

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

School	Trip	Date	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
a) BHS	Robotics Competition-Lincroft, NJ	May 2	4	1	0
b) BHS	World Language-Orlando SAA Poetry Contest – William Patterson University	May 14	13	3	0
c) BHS	Peer Leadership training-Camp Cromwell, Bridgewater, NJ	May 16 (Sat.)	50	2	1
d) BHS	AP Environmental Science – Bernardsville Wastewater Treatment Plant	May 18	33	3	0
e) BHS	Algebra 1 Resource Math Class-Peapack/Gladstone Bank, Bernardsville	May 20	13	2	0
f) BHS	Algebra 1 Resource Math Class-King’s Food Store, Bernardsville	May 22 and May 28	13	2	0
g) BHS	Math League-Matheny School-Tour	May 28	13	2	0
h) BHS	AP Statistics-Bronx Zoo	June 3	60	3	5
i) BHS/ BMS	MD Program – Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange, NJ	May 5	8	9	0
j) BHS/ BMS	MD Program – Jenkinson’s Aquarium, Pt. Pleasant, NJ	May 14	8	9	0
k) BHS/ BMS	MD Program – Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown, NJ	May 19	8	9	0
l) BHS/ BMS	MD Program – Mt. Freedom Golf/Randolph Diner, Randolph	June 2	8	9	0
m) BMS	Bernardsville – 4 locations to access water quality	May 5 & 6 (Rain dates May 7, 11, 12 & 13)	26 per trip	2-3 per trip	0
n) BMS	MD Program – Home Depot/Target – Bridgewater, NJ	May 1	5	4	0

o) BMS	MD Program – ShopRite, Bernardsville	May 29	5	5	0
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Action 2. Approve Professional Development*

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

School	Name	Workshop/Conference	Est. Cost	Date
a) BES	Arnold, Kara	TC-June Writer's Institute	\$1140.85	June 22-26
b) BES	Biondo, Courtney	Autism, ADHD and Anxiety – Strategies— Princeton, NJ	\$223.00	May 19
c) BES	Brooten, Darcey	TC – Summer Reading Institute	\$890.00	June 29-July 3
d) BES	Gelsingier, Allison	TC Summer Reading Institute	\$925.00	June 29-July 3
e) BES	Gunderman, Jenny	NJ Speech & Hearing Assn. Convention Long Branch, NJ	\$187.96	May 1
f) BES	Hart, Tim	TC- July Reading Institute	\$1011.50	June 29-July 2
g) BES	Horowitz, Susan	TCNJ-Dyslexia Initiative Conference- Ewing, NJ	\$102.90	June 5
h) BES	Kleinstein, Mary	TC – Summer Reading Institute	\$992.50	June 29-July 3
i) BES	McCloskey, Heather	NJ Speech & Hearing Assn. Convention Long Branch, NJ	\$324.23	April 30
j) BES	Pike, Emily	Bullying Prevention Specialist Training - online	\$99.00	Online
k) BES	Spadacini, Jianna	TC-June Writer's Institute	\$1140.85	June 22-26
l) BES	Windisch, Mary Clare	TC-June Writer's Institute	\$1140.85	June 22-26
m) BHS	Cerza, Angela	AP Reader – Psychology, Louisville, KY	\$565.56	June 8-16
n) BHS	Cherng, Jon	AP Statistics Reader, Kansas City, MO	0	June 10-18
o) BHS	Chiaravalloti, Christina	School Counselor Conference and tour of Kean University	\$35.00	April 10 (approved 3/18 without cost)
p) BHS	Chiaravalloti, Christina	Columbia University – Tour and Info Session	\$35.00	May 5
q) BHS	Chiaravalloti, Christina	Rutgers University Spring Counselor Day	0	May 8
r) BHS	Chiaravalloti, Christina	NYU Tour and Info Session	\$35.00	May 12
s) BHS	Chiaravalloti, Christina	Guidance Counselor Breakfast-Exploring College Options – East Brunswick	0	May 13 (AM)
t) BHS	Chiaravalloti,	Montclair University – Tour and Info Session	0	May 14

	Christina			
u) BHS	Collins, Kay	Making Best Use of Free Google Tools- Edison	\$235.00	May 20
v) BHS	Connor, Anne	Managing School Refusal, Mountainside, NJ	0	March 20
w) BHS	Cooperstein, Rhonda	NJ Assoc for College Admission Counseling-AC	\$502.97	June 1-2
x) BHS	Koch, Kevin	Computer Coding – NYC	\$237.33	May 21
y) BHS	Monroe, Sky	TC – Literacy Unbound	\$261.00	May 1-2
z) BHS	Neigel, Scott	TCNJ Interview Day - Ewing, NJ	0	March 27
aa) BHS	O’Brien, Janice	Jostens Yearbook Spring Training/Planning Workshop-New Providence, NJ	0	May 21
bb) BHS	Sosely, Anna	Drexel University – informational session-Wyndham Hamilton Park Hotel, Florham Park	0	April 30-AM
cc) BHS	Stolarz, Lizabeth	NJ Assoc for College Admission Counseling-AC	\$733.52	June 1-2
dd) BHS	Weltler, Lynn	A New Approach to teaching “To Kill A Mockingbird” – Bank Street - NYC	\$60.00	April 24-25
ee) BMS	Fitzgerald, Marianne	Next Generation Science Standards Summer Inst., - Raritan Valley Community College	\$250.00	July 27-31
ff) District	Butler, Coleen	ELA Supervisors Roundtable – Livingston, NJ	0	April 24
gg) District	Catelli, Michael	TCNJ – Staff recruitment – Ewing, NJ	0	Mar. 27
hh) District	Shouffler, Jennifer	TCNJ – DOE Workshop, College and Career Readiness/21 st Century Skills – Ewing, NJ	0	May 28
ii) District	Vaught, Teresa	ELL Training – County Office	0	April 13
jj) District	Vaught, Teresa	IDEA Training – County Office	0	April 17 (rescheduled – snow)

Action Resolution 3. HIB Report*
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education reviewed the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying cases presented on April 29, 2015 and upheld the findings and/or consequences recommended by the Superintendent.

Action Resolution 4. PARCC Resolution
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education (“BOE”) fully supports educational policies and practices designed to provide results that promote and improve student achievement, college and career readiness, lifelong learning and best teaching practices; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Education has adopted the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (“PARCC”) tests developed by a consortium of states, as the exclusive and required form of State assessment for public school students in grades 3-11, administered for the first time this school year and if the Somerset Hills School District (“SHSD”) refused to administer the PARCC test, it would likely result in a loss of State funding; and

WHEREAS, the BOE recognizes that a sound, well-vetted standardized assessment aligned appropriately to meaningful standards and administered in developmentally appropriate ways can inform our understanding of students, programs and instruction; and

WHEREAS, the BOE stands committed to the Common Core State Standards (“CCSS”) but understands and shares administrators, teachers, parents and the public’s concerns regarding CCSS testing through the use of the PARCC test and its impact on the BOE, including the loss of instructional time, the lack of timely feedback from the test to be used to assist instruction, the potential over testing of students, the ambiguity of a prescribed State penalty for refusal to take the test, the disruption to the school calendar and the use of scores to evaluate teacher performance, student placement and high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, the BOE believes in its ability to measure student achievement, evaluate staff performance and determine student readiness for graduation without the use of the PARCC assessment; and

WHEREAS, for the past several years, the SHSD has fully complied with the district’s legal obligation to take all necessary and appropriate measures to ensure the district’s readiness for the administration of the PARCC tests this year even though it interfered with and reduced administrative planning and preparation for other district program priorities, and to ensure students’ readiness to take those assessments acknowledging that the actual testing time disrupted the school calendar resulting in reduced instructional time; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the PARCC tests created organizational strains including budgetary impacts, technological constraints and required upgrades and reallocation of staff; and

WHEREAS, the PARCC assessments are an unfunded mandate with the financial costs of implementing the tests shouldered almost entirely by local school districts and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the SHSD has spent approximately \$92,000 for technology enhancements, professional development and administrative and teaching staff time to implement this mandate; and

WHEREAS, the SHSD dedicated with great difficulty, significant technology resources, including professional support, to provide the means to test students in a computer based testing environment; and

WHEREAS, the approximate time spent in training, preparing, coordinating, attending meetings, administering, reporting and actual taking of PARCC assessments included 1550 hours for Test Coordinators who are SHSD Curriculum Supervisors and Assistant Principals, 365 hours for the Guidance teams, 258 hours for Administrators, 180 hours for the Technology team, 172 hours for the Child Study Team, 90 hours for Secretarial services, 35-45 hours per teacher for Teacher prep and 20-25 hours per student for Student tutorials/testing; and

WHEREAS, the BOE questions the reliability and validity of the data due to the high percentage of students refusing to sit for the assessment, particularly Bernards High School students 50% refusal, and the effect the data will have for teacher evaluations and external assessment of the school district; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOE shall follow its established discipline and attendance policies but shall impose no disciplinary consequences on students whose parents refuse the test on behalf of their children; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PARCC scores will not be a factor in student placement for the 2015-2016 school year; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOE directs the administration to minimize the impact of PARCC test scores on teacher and administrative evaluations to the greatest extent allowed by law for the 2015-2016 school year; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOE encourages the Governor, State Legislature, the Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education and Study Commission on the Use of Student Assessments in New Jersey to reconsider the speed, timing, amount and financing of testing and consider exempting 11th graders who fulfill graduation requirements of competency in Language Arts or Math through the SAT or ACT.

Facilities & Operations*

Committee Report

No report. The Committee will meet on May 6, 2015.

Action Items

Mr. Palma moved Facilities & Operations resolutions #1-3, seconded by Mr. DiGiacchino. Facilities & Operations resolutions #1-3 were approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Action 1. Approve Application for 2015 Safety Grant

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education hereby approves the submission of a grant application for the 2015 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group's ERIC NORTH Subfund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$2,645.

Action 2. Approve Architectural Services

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve Parrette Somjen Architect to perform architectural services required to submit the five projects for the proposed 2015 Referendum to the NJ Department of Education for a flat fee of \$17,500.00.

Action 3. Award HVAC Upgrades at B.H.S.

Resolution Bids were received on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 from the following:

BIDDERS	ADDRESS	BASE BID
Mechanical Degrees, Inc.	26 World's Fair Drive Somerset, NJ	\$538,500

Dumont Mechanical	2048 Route 31 Glen Gardner, NJ	\$359,980
Bill Leary Heating & HVAC	8 Green Street Metuchen, NJ	\$547,000
Envirocon, LLC	490 Schooley's Mountain Road Hackettstown, NJ	\$396,082
Gabe Sganga, Inc.	90 Main Street Farmingdale, NJ	\$519,000
K&D Contractors LLC	351 Monroe Avenue Kenilworth, NJ	\$629,000

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education award the HVAC Upgrades at B.H.S. to:

	Base Bid
Dumont Mechanical	\$359,980

Policy

Committee Report

Mrs. Hawkins gave the report. The Committee met on April 8, 2015.

Action Items

Mrs. Hawkins moved Policy resolutions #1-2, seconded by Mr. Palma. Policy resolutions #1-2 were approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Action

1. Second Reading and Adoption

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations: (attachment)

#	Title
a) Policy 2312	Class Size
b) Regulation 2312	Class Size

Action

2. First Reading

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations: (attachment)

#	Title
a) Bylaw 0134	Board Self Evaluation
b) Bylaw 0152	Board Officers
c) P 2622	Student Assessment
d) Procedure 2622	Student Assessment
e) P 3212	Attendance
f) P 3218	Substance Abuse
g) R 3218	Substance Abuse
h) P 4212	Attendance
i) P 4218	Substance Abuse
j) R 4218	Substance Abuse
k) P 5200	Attendance

Personnel**Committee Report**

Mrs. Hawkins gave the report. The Committee met on March 24, April 7 and April 28, 2015.

Action Items

Mrs. Hawkins moved Personnel resolutions #1-17, seconded by Mr. Palma. Personnel resolutions #1-17 were approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

All personnel action is on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Action**1. Accept Retirement****Resolution**

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept the retirement of the following employees:

Name	Location	Position	Year of Service	Effective
a) Benner, Carolyn	BHS	Special Education Teacher	15	7/1/15
b) Sheehan, Pamela	Olcott	Secretary/Bookkeeper	14	7/1/15

Action**2. Amend Retirement****Resolution**

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the retirement date of the following employee:

Name	Location	Position	Years of Service	Effective
Clendenny, Marilyn	BHS	Teacher	24	7/1/15

Action**3. Accept Resignation****Resolution**

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept the resignation of the following leave replacement employee:

Name	Location	Position	Effective
Musciano, Kirsten	BMS	Phys Ed	4/29/15

Action**4. Approve Appointment Certified Staff****Resolution**

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of the following certified staff for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Location	Position	Replace	Level	Step	Salary	Effective
Dolson, Margaret	BHS	Media Specialist	Kulakowski	MA + 45	4-5	\$59,335	4/30/15

Action**5. Approve Appointment Certified Staff****Resolution**

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of the following certified staff for the 2015-2016 school year:

Name	Location	Position	Replace	Level	Step	Salary	Effective
Rodriguez, Jennifer	BHS	School Psychologist	DuBois	MA+60	2	\$65,335	9/1/15

Action**6. Approve Appointment Non-Certified Staff****Resolution**

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of the following non-certified staff for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Location	Position	Replace/New	Step	Salary	Effective
Haring, Halina	BMS	Special Education Paraprofessional	Overton	1	\$15.13/hour	3/25/15

Action
Resolution

7. Approve Parenthood Leave

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following parenthood leave for the 2015-2016 school year:

Name	School	Position	Begin Date	End Date
a) DeBarra, Katherine	BHS	Teacher of Biology	9/9/15	3/29/16
b) Roll, Jill	BES	Occupational Therapist	5/5/15	6/19/15

Action
Resolution

8. Amend Parenthood Leave

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the following parenthood leave for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	School	Position	Begin Date	Return Date
McGinn, Jessica	BMS	Physical Education Teacher	9/1/14	4/29/15

Action
Resolution

9. Amend Appointment Leave Replacement

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the appointment of leave replacement for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	School	Position	Replace	Level	Step	Salary	End Date
Nigro, Rebecca	BES	Elementary Teacher	Mustich	BA	2	\$53,335 (prorated)	6/30/15

Action
Resolution

10. Approve Appointment Leave Replacement

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of leave replacement for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	School	Position	Replace	Level	Step	Salary	Effective
a) Guzman, Julia	BES	OT	Jill Roll	MA+60	1	\$321.68 Per diem	5/04/15-6/30/15
b) Stolarz, Lizabeth	BHS	Counselor	Amanda Ellis	MA+45	3	\$64,335 (prorated)	5/04/15-6/30/15 or sooner as determined by the Supt.

Action
Resolution

11. Approve Staff Member Student

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following child of staff member as a district student for the 2015-2016 school year:

Staff Member	Grade
Sands, Stephen	Grade 6

Action 12. Approve Home InstructorResolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following home instructors for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Subject	Certification
a) Yuknis, Mary	Teacher of Spanish Teacher of French	Standard Certificates
b) Lawenda, Kathy	Home Program	Substitute Credentials

Action 13. Amend Home InstructorResolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the following home instructor for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Subject	Certification
Salvo, Donna	Teacher of the Handicapped Speech Language Specialist Teacher of the Deaf	Standard Certificates

Action 14. Approve Co-Curricular PositionsResolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following co-curricular positions for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	School	Position	Stipend
a) Hammond, Joshua	BHS	Fencing Assistant	\$5,277
b) Stanek, Cary	BMS	Baseball Assistant	\$2,961

Action 15. Approve VolunteersResolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Volunteer	Certificate
a) McCullough, Ryan	Baseball Coach	Substitute Credential
b) McInaw, Megan	BHS Softball	Standard
c) Palek, Tim	BHS, Girls Lacrosse	Standard

Action 16. Approve Longevity Salary of Certified StaffResolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the longevity salary of the following certified staff for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Location	Position	Level	Step	Longevity	Salary	Effective
Lacotta, Katherine	BMS	Teacher	MA +60	20	\$1,000	\$107,337*	3/1/15

*Longevity included

Action 17. Approve SubstitutesResolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Substitute Position	Certification
Kornfeld, Shona	Teacher, Paraprofessional	Standard Certificate

Supplementary Matters

1. Mr. DiGiacchino invited all Board Member and Administrators to attend the Inter-generational Prom on May 1, 2015 at 6 p.m.
2. Mrs. Hawkins surveyed the Board for a retreat on June 6, 2015.

Public Questions & Comments

None

Executive Session

At 8:45 p.m., Mr. Palma 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

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Mr. DiGiacchino seconded the motion. The Board returned to public session at 10:05 p.m. Mrs. Hawkins reported that the Board discussed personnel, student matters and litigation.

Adjournment

Mr. Palma moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. DiGiacchino. Motion approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

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.**