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**The Somerset Hills School District  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2015**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Coons, President.

**Roll Call**

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

**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.

**Pledge of Allegiance****Presentation and Discussion of Proposed Referendum for November 3, 2015**

The Board discussed the financial and practical implications of a proposed referendum of approximately \$5 million. Mr. Somjen and Mr. Banister from Parette Somjen were present to answer questions from the Board.

**Facilities & Operations\***

**Action Resolution**      1.      Authorize Parette Somjen Architects  
Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mrs. Palazzolo that the Somerset Hills Board of Education authorizes Parette Somjen Architects to submit all necessary plans and paperwork to the New Jersey Department of Education for approval concerning the following projects:

- Bernards High School Auditorium Conversion
- Bernards High School Media Center Conversion
- Bedwell Elementary School Restroom Renovations
- Bernards High School Parking Lot Improvements and Repairs

- Bedwell Elementary School Walkway Improvements

This will also serve as an application to the Office of School Facilities and an amendment to the District's Long Range Facility Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will fund these projects through the proceeds of a referendum.

Resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.

### **Public Questions & Comments**

1. Patrice Cummings, spoke in favor of the proposed referendum. She would like to see more information get out to H.S.A. and S.H.E.F to explain the projects.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Palma moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Swadba. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Nancy Lee Hunter*  
Board Secretary