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**The Somerset Hills School District  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 2010**

**Call to Order**

The Public Input & Action meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Mrs. Coons, President.

**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.

**Roll Call****Present**

Robert Baker  
Donna Coons  
John Dorr  
Deborah Hawkins  
Linda Kragie \*  
Nancy Palazzolo  
Louis Palma  
Lauriann Swadba

**Absent**

Karen McMahon  
Caitlyn Parker

**Also Present**

Nancy Lee Hunter\*\*  
Barbara Walls\*\*  
Phil Stern, Esq.\*\*\*

\*Ms. Kragie left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

\*\*Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Walls entered the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

\*\*\*Mr. Stern left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

**Executive Session**

At 12:00 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 and contract negotiations

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.

Mrs. Hawkins seconded the motion to adjourn to executive session and the resolution was passed by unanimous vote of 8-0. The Board returned to public session at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Coons reported that the Board discussed personnel and contract negotiations.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Questions & Comments**

None

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Palma seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote of 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Lee Hunter*

Board Secretary