
The Somerset Hills School District
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 21, 2009

Call to Order

The Special Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Mrs. Coon, 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 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.

Roll Call

Present

Robert Baker
Donna Coons
Jerry Dorr
Deborah Hawkins
Linda Kragie
Karen McMahon
Nancy Palazzolo
Louis Palma
Alice Rose
Lauriann Swabda

Absent

Also Present

Peter Miller
Nancy Hunter
Barbara Walls

Executive Session

At 9:40 a.m., Mrs. Hawkins 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: Litigation 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.

Mr. Palma seconded the motion to adjourn to executive session and the resolution was passed by unanimous vote of 10-0. The Board returned to public session at 10:10 a.m. Mrs. Coons reported that the Board discussed litigation items while in executive session.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Public Questions & Comments

None

Adjournment

Mr. Palma made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Mrs. Palazzolo seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote of 10-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lee Hunter

Board Secretary