
THE SOMERSET HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2013

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Mrs. Coons, President.

Pledge of Allegiance**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 reorganization 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

Julie Goetz

Louis Palma

Susan Petrilli

Nancy Palazzolo

Lauriann Swadba

Absent

Deborah Hawkins

Linda Kragie

Also Present

Peter Miller

Nancy Lee Hunter

Barbara Walls

Oath of Office

Susan Petrilli

Lauriann Swadba

Mrs. Hawkins was sworn in previously.

Organizational Procedure**1. Nomination and Election of President**

Motion to nominate Mrs. Coons by Mr. Palma

Seconded by Mr. Baker

No other nominations

Voice Vote: 7-0

2. Nomination and Election of Vice President

Motion to nominate Mrs. Hawkins by Mrs. Palazzolo

Seconded by Mr. Palma

No other nominations

Voice Vote: 7-0

Organizational Action Items

Mrs. Coons moved to approve Organization Items 1-7, seconded by Mr. Palma. Resolutions 1-7 were approved by a roll call vote of 7-0.

Action 1. Adoption of Code of Ethics for School Board Members*
(each Board Member read one)

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education adopts the Code of Ethics for School Board members:

- A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:
1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
 2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
 3. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
 4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
 5. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
 6. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
 7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
 8. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
 9. I will support and protect school personnel in the proper performance of their duties.
 10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Action 2. Re-Adopt All By-Laws & Policies

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education re-adopts all current Board Policies & By-Laws.

Action 3. Re-Adopt All Program & Curriculum*

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education re-adopts all existing Curriculum, on file in the Curriculum office.

Action 4. Re-adopt All District Tradebooks, Software, Motion Pictures/Films*

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education re-adopts district tradebook list, software list, and media list, on file in the Curriculum office.

Action 5. Meeting Dates*Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following dates for regular Public Input & Action Meetings for the remainder of

2012-2013 with a starting time for the public session of 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The meeting schedule for 2013/2014 will be established at the April or May meeting.

Reorganization Only	January 2, 2013 (6:00pm) Wednesday
	January 23, 2013 Wednesday
	February 20, 2013 Wednesday
Public Hearing on the Budget	March 27, 2013 Wednesday
	April 17, 2013 Wednesday
	May 8, 2013 Wednesday*
	June 12, 2013 Wednesday

*This was changed from May 22, 2013.

Action
Resolution

6. Board Representative Appointments*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the following group representative appointments:

N.J. School Board Association

Delegate	Linda Kragie	Alternate	John Dorr
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Somerset County School Board Association

Member	Robert Baker	Alternate	Susan Petrilli
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Somerset County Educational Services Commission

Member	Susan Petrilli	Alternate	Linda Kragie
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Garden State Coalition of Schools

Member	Lou Palma	Alternate	Lauriann Swadba
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Somerset Hills Education Foundation

Member	Jerry Dorr	Alternate	Susan Petrilli
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HSA of Somerset Hills

Member	Nancy Palazzolo	Alternate	Donna Coons
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Municipal Alliance

Member	Deborah Hawkins	Alternate	Nancy Palazzolo
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Resolution

7. Board Committee Assignments*

Resolved, that the following Board Committees be re-established:

- Finance
- Facilities & Operations
- Policy
- Curriculum
- Personnel
- Neighborhood Relations
- Community Relations

Adjournment

Mr. Palma moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Ms. Goetz. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lee Hunter

Board Secretary