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**The Somerset Hills School District  
PUBLIC INPUT & ACTION MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 27, 2014**

**Call to Order**

The Public Input & Action Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Coons, President.

**Roll Call**

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

**Welcome****Pledge of Allegiance****Board Retreat**

A meeting was held on August 27, 2014, with the Board of Education and the superintendent for ethics training and to develop superintendent goals and board goals for 2014-2015.

**I. Gwen Thornton NJSBA****a. State of NJ:**

- i. The governor has reduced the percentage of students that will affect the teacher evaluation model.
- ii. There is concern that state funding for charter schools will have an impact on the amount public education receives.
- iii. At this time there is no conversation about the Chapter 78 Healthcare law that will sunset on June 30, 2014.

- b. Ethics training: completed and all board members that were in attendance signed the form and gave to the board secretary.

The board and the superintendent agreed on the following goals:

**II. Superintendent's Goals: (as approved by the county superintendent)**

1. 50% of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will increase by at least one reading level as measured by the TCRWP reading assessment at the end of the year.
2. Develop three benchmark assessments for grade 6 in the connected math program in order to measure the incremental growth and achievement of students in that grade level.
3. Grades 5-8 social studies will achieve a mean SGO of greater than or equal to 3.25

4. Reorganize and support a new administrative structure to facilitate cohesive instructional leadership.
5. Conduct four parent workshops in the areas of math and literacy.

III. Board Goals

1. Continue to engage and communicate with our stakeholders on an ongoing basis.
2. To review on a quarterly basis benchmark performance on superintendent merit and district goals.
3. To continue board professional development and training in areas of identified interest including the new teacher evaluation model, other state reform initiatives and ethics training.

IV. Supplemental matters:

1. Discussed having regularly scheduled meetings with Bedminster in Curriculum and perhaps F&O and Finance. A calendar to be developed.

**Correspondence**

1. Thank You – Nara Vaikumthan
2. Thank You – Ethan Brady

**Report of the Superintendent**

1. Student/Staff Recognition
2. Academic Report

**Public Questions & Comments**

**Approval of Minutes**

Action 1. Approval of Minutes

Resolution Mr. Palma moved, Mrs. Palazzolo seconded that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Public Input & Action and Executive meeting minutes for June 25, 2014. Minutes were approved by a roll call vote of 7-0-1. Mrs. Swadba abstained.

Action 2. Approval of Minutes

Resolution Mr. Palma moved, Mrs. Palazzolo seconded that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Public Input & Action and Executive meeting minutes for July 23, 2014. Minutes were approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

**Finance**

Committee Report

Mr. Baker reported that the next meeting will be at the end of October to start the budget process.

Action Items

Mr. Baker moved Finance resolutions #1-13, seconded by Mr. Palma. Finance resolutions #1-13 were approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

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 June 2014 showing the following balances:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Board Secretary Cash Balance (1)</b>	<b>Treasurer Cash Balance (2)</b>
(10) General Fund	\$3,764,533.15	\$3,764,533.15
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$125,870.99	\$125,870.99
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$161,424.17	\$161,424.17
(40)Debt Service Fund	\$41,895.79	\$41,895.79
Total Government Funds	\$4,093,724.10	\$4,093,724.10

(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.

ActionResolution2. Approve 2013-2014 Budget Transfers\*

Resolved that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the attached list of budget transfers for June 2014.

ActionResolution3. Payment of Bills\*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented a check register dated June 2014 covering check numbers 31761 to 31773 in the amount of \$\$89,010.88 with the recommendation that they 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:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
(10) General Fund	\$21,628.14
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$25,290.52
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$42,092.22
(40) Debt Service Fund	-0-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$89,010.88</b>

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented a check register dated July 2014 covering check numbers 31774 to 31994 in the amount of \$1,997,238.18 with the recommendation that they 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:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
(10) General Fund	\$1,917,961.29
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$1,343.78
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$76,345.90
(40) Debt Service Fund	\$1,587.21
(60) Cafeteria Fund	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,997,238.18</b>

Action  
Resolution

4. Approve NJSIG/ERIC North 2014 Grant  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG) 2014 Safety Grant in the amount of \$10,445.

Action  
Resolution

5. Approve Parent Organization Fund Raiser  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following parent organization fund raisers:

<b>School</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
BHS	a) Boys Baseball Booster	Annual Bowl-A-Thon	3/8/2015
BHS	b) Ski Team,	50/50 Raffle	Sept-Dec 2014
BHS	c) Soccer Booster	Claremont Tavern – pizza party	9/16/14

Action  
Resolution

6. Approve Tuition Student  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills School District approve child of Maryann Sardis as Grade 10 B.H.S. tuition student for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action  
Resolution

7. Approve Service Provider  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following Special Education service provider for the 2014-2015 school year and extended school year program:

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Location</b>
Uncommon Thread	Consulting Services and ABA parent Training	Stirling, NJ

Action 8. Approve Tuition Student  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the child of Mr. & Mrs. David Hill, Kindergarten, B.E.S. tuition student for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 9. Approve Tuition Student  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the child of Thomas & Vincenza Valante, Kindergarten, B.E.S. tuition student for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 10. Approve Tuition Student  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the child of Jeffrey & Kristen Ammeen, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, B.M.S. tuition student for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 11. Approve Tuition Student  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the child of Anne Reilly, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, B.H.S. tuition student for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 12. Approve Tuition Student  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the child of Leeanne & Gene Chiamonte, 2nd Grade, B.E.S. tuition student for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 13. Approve Tuition Student  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the children of Trish Olson, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, B.E.S. tuition students for the 2014-2015 school year.

## Curriculum

### Committee Report

The first meeting will be on September 9, 2014.

### Action Items

Mrs. Palazzolo moved Curriculum resolutions #1-5, seconded by Mr. Palma. Curriculum resolutions #1-5 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:

<b>School</b>	<b>Trip</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b># of Students</b>	<b># of Faculty</b>	<b># of Chaperones</b>
BHS	a) Madrigals - Montclair State UN, Montclair, NJ	10/24/14	25	2	0

BHS	b) Madrigals - Vanderveer House, Bedminster, NJ	12/6/14	30	2	0
BHS	c) Madrigals - Benardsville Public Library, Bernardsville, NJ	12/9/14	30	2	0
BMS	d) Hunterdon Wellness Center, Open Swim Dates: 10/17/14, 11/21/14, 12/10/14, 1/16/15, 2/20/15, 3/20/15, 4/17/15, 5/15/15, 6/12/15	monthly	11	10	0
BHS	e) Men of Concert Choir & Madrigals NJYC Festival Summit NJ	10/11/14	30	2	2
BHS	f) Multiple Disabilities Program: Bedwell Elementary School, Bernardsville	9/18/14	4	3	-
BHS	g) Multiple disabilities Program: Shop Rite of Bernardsville	9/11/14	4	3	-
BHS	h) U.S. History II Class Tenement Museum NYC	9/30/14	23	1	1

Action  
Resolution

2. Approve Professional Development\*

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

School	Name	Workshop/Conference	Est. Cost	Date
BES	a) Angri, David	Units of Study Teachers College, New York, NY	\$190	9/23/14
BES	b) Bardes, Francesca	Units of Study Teacher's College Gr 6-8, New York, NY	\$190	9//22/14
BES	c) Bardes, Francesca	Units of Study Teacher's College Gr K-2, New York, NY	\$190	9//22/14
BMS	d) Catelli, Michael	HSPA District Test Coordinator Training, Whippany, NJ	-	9/17/14
BHS	e) Connor, Anne	Annual NJAAP School Health Conf, Edison, NJ	\$175	10/22/14
BES	f) DeRoberts, Theresa	Units of Study, Teacher's College, New York, NY	\$165.00	9/23/14
BES	g) DeRoberts, Theresa	Balancing Reading, Writing and Language Learning. Teachers College, New York, NY	\$165.00	1/7/15

BMS	h) Georgiana, Michael	Entering a New Century Under Common Core, New Brunswick, NJ	\$165	10/23/14
BMS	i) Jandoli, Denise	Entering a New Century Under Common Core, New Brunswick, NJ	\$170	10/23/14
BES	j) Jongema, Holly	Stations in Self Contained Spec Ed, New York, NY	\$90	9/30/14
Olcott	k) Kolmer, Grant	HSPA District Test Coordinator Training, Whippany, NJ	-	9/17/14
Olcott	l) Kolmer, Grant	NJECC Monthly Meetings 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19, 1/16, 2/27, 4/17, 5/15, 6/12	-	monthly
BMS	m) Latzke, Brian	Entering a New Century Under Common Core, New Brunswick, NJ	\$165	10/23/14
BES	n) Rokosky, Debbie	Stations in Self Contained Spec Ed, New York, NY	\$90	9/30/14
Olcott	o) Shouffler, Jennifer	Title 1 Training, Hamilton, NJ	-	7/15/14
Olcott	p) Shouffler, Jennifer	Regional State training, Hamilton, NJ	-	7/31/17
BHS	q) Szakiel, Mark	PERC, Newark	-	6/19/14
BES	r) Katherine LaCotta	Art Educators of NJ, Ocean Place Resort, Long Branch, NJ	\$175	10/6/14 & 10/7/14
Olcott	s) Michael Catelli	League of Global Scholars Union NJ	0	8/27/14

Action  
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3. Approve School Improvement Panels

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the formation of the following School Improvement Panels (ScIP):

Bedwell:

Amy Phelan - Principal  
Tim Hart - Assistant Principal  
Dana Fischer - Teacher

Bernardsville Middle School:

John Alfieri - Principal  
Shawn Kelly - Assistant Principal  
Kelly Wells - Teacher

Bernards High School:

Scott Neigel - Principal  
Michael Corbett - Assistant Principal  
Angela Cerza - Teacher

Lisa Carpiniello - Teacher

Info These teams support the professional development initiatives at each school.

Action 4. Approve New Curriculum Documents

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following new curriculum documents and revisions for the 2014-2015 school year:

- a. Grades K-4 Technology
- b. Grade 5-8 Computers,
- c. Grade 5 Current Events
- d. Grade 5 Presentation Skills
- e. Grade 6 Public Speaking
- f. Grade 7 Debate
- g. Grade 8 Forensics
- h. Grade 7 Photography
- i. Grade 6 and 6H Math
- j. Grade 8 Technology
- k. Grade 5-8 Study Skills
- l. HS Technology and Research
- m. HS Debate
- n. Grade 9-12 Study Skills
- o. AP Physics 1
- p. AP Computer Science
- q. AP U.S. History
- r. Algebra 1 (all courses)
- s. Algebra 2 (all courses)

Action 5. Approve Self Assessments

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve self assessments for Bedwell Elementary School, Bernardsville Middle School and Bernards High School under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the period of July1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

**Facilities & Operations**

Committee Report

No meeting.

Action Items

Mr. Palma moved Facilities & Operations resolution #1, seconded by Mrs. Palazzolo. Facilities & Operations resolution #1 was approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Action 1. Approve T&M Associates

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Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve agreement with T&M Associates for Bidding and Project Management of B.H.S. lower field in the amount of \$29,900.

**Policy**

**Committee Report**

No meeting.

**Action Items**

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

Action Resolution 1. First Reading and Adoption Policy #3240 Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders. (M)  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the first reading and adoption of policy #3240 Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders. (M)

Action Resolution 2. First Reading and Adoption Policy #7522 School District Provided Technology Devices to Staff Members (Revised)  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the first reading and adoption of policy #7522 School District Provided Technology Devices to Staff Members (Revised).

**Personnel**

**Committee Report**

Mrs. Hawkins gave the report that the committee met on August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Baker gave a review of the salary structure.

**Action Items**

Mrs. Hawkins moved Personnel resolutions #1-49, seconded by Mr. Palma. Personnel resolutions #1-49 were approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Action Resolution 1. Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement – S.H.E.A.  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Somerset Hills Board of Education and the Somerset Hills Education Association, covering the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Action Resolution 2. Approve Memorandum of Agreement with S.H.A.A.  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Somerset Hills Administrators' Association dated August 26, 2014 for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Action 3. Rescind Appointment

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education rescind the appointments of the following teachers for the 2014-2015 school year.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>
a) Bardes, Francesca	Literacy Coach	MA	13	\$73,803
b) DeBarra, Katherine	Biology BHS	MA + 60	6	\$68,435
c) Fross, Liana	LAL leave replacement BMS	BS	1	\$52,435
d) O'Brien, Elena	Special Education Teacher BHS	MA	16	\$82,383
e) Szesko, Julie	Science Teacher BMS	BS	3	\$54,435
f) Terhune, Helaine	LAL Teacher BMS	BA	3	\$53,435
g) Vilela, Jennifer	Social Worker BMS (50%)	MA + 15	12	\$36,588

Action 4. Approve Re-Appointment

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the re-appointments of the following teachers for the 2014-2015 school year.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>
a) Bardes, Francesca	Literacy Coach	MA	13	\$73,703
b) DeBarra, Katherine	Biology BHS	MA + 60	6	\$68,335
c) Fross, Liana	LAL leave replacement BMS	BS	1	\$52,335
d) O'Brien, Elena	Special Education Teacher BHS	MA	16	\$82,283
e) Szesko, Julie	Science Teacher BMS	BS	3	\$54,335
f) Terhune, Helaine	LAL Teacher BMS	BA	3	\$54,335
g) Vilela, Jennifer	Social Worker BMS (50%)	MA + 15	12	\$36,538

Action 5. Rescind Appointment

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education rescind the appointment of Gabriela Colon, ESL Teacher Bernards High School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 6. Rescind Appointment

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education rescind the appointment of Lizabeth Stolarz, Guidance Counselor (50%) Bernards High School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 7. Accept Retirement

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Margaret Rosenthal, Special Education Teacher, Bedwell Elementary School effective October 4, 2014, or sooner as determined by the Superintendent, with thanks for 14 years of service to the district.

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- Action Resolution 8. Accept Retirement  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Joan Gray, Special Education Paraprofessional Bernardsville Middle School effective August 4, 2014, with thanks for 12 years of service to the district.
- Action Resolution 9. Accept Resignation  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept the resignation of Richard Courter Smith, Social Studies Teacher, Bernards High School effective September 18, 2014 or sooner as determined by the Superintendent.
- Action Resolution 10. Accept Resignation  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept the resignation of Julie Clawson English Teacher Bernards High School effective October 10, 2014 or sooner as determined by the Superintendent.
- Action Resolution 11. Accept Resignation  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept the resignation of Gina Cavill, part time Special Education Paraprofessional at Bedwell Elementary School effective September 1, 2014.
- Action Resolution 12. Accept Resignation  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept the resignation of Lauren Rittenhouse, part time Special Education Paraprofessional at Bedwell Elementary School effective September 25, 2014 or sooner as determined by the Superintendent.
- Action Resolution 13. Accept Resignation  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept the resignation of Deborah Leach, part time Special Education Paraprofessional at Bedwell Elementary School effective September 25, 2014 or sooner as determined by the Superintendent.
- Action Resolution 14. Approve Appointment  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Melissa Leonard, Elementary Teacher Enrichment Bedwell Elementary School, level MA, step 9 at an annual salary of \$64,826 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Pike)
- Action Resolution 15. Approve Appointment  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Heather McCloskey, Speech Therapist 50% Bedwell Elementary School, level MA, step 2 at an annual salary of \$28,667.50 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Driska)

Action 16. Approve Parenthood Leave  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve parenthood leave for Kristen Boylan, Bernardsville Middle School Media Specialist from November 3, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Action 17. Approve Parenthood Leave  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve parenthood leave for Anna Sosely, Bernards High School Counselor from November 26, 2014 through April 6, 2015.

Action 18. Approve Leave Replacement Position  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Rebecca Nigro, Elementary Teacher leave replacement Bedwell Elementary School, level BA, step 2 at an annual salary of \$53,335 (prorated) from September 1, 2014 to January 23, 2014. (Seelig)

Action 19. Approve Overload  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve an overload for the following Bernardsville Middle School teacher (salary may be adjusted upon ratification of collective bargaining agreement):

Teacher	Subject Area	Overload	Length	Salary
Michael Georgiana	Mathematics	5 periods/week	2014-2015 school year	\$9,906

Action 20. Approve School Anti-Bullying Specialist  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following School Anti-Bullying Specialist:  
 Bedwell Elementary School – Emily Pike  
 Bernardsville Middle School – Lisa Drew  
 Bernards High School – John Grund

Action 21. Approve School 504 Coordinators  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following School 504 Coordinators:  
 Bedwell Elementary School – Emily Pike  
 Bernardsville Middle School – Shawn Kelly  
 Bernards High School – TBD

Action 22. Approve School Safety Teams  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the formation of the following School Safety Teams. These teams will support the implementation of the requirements from the Anti-Bullying Law:

## Bedwell School members:

Amy Phelan- Principal  
Timothy Hart – Assistant Principal  
Meredith Panik- Psychologist  
Phil Wilkinson- Teacher  
Patrick Reed - Teacher  
Megan Bonanno- Parent  
School Counselor/Anti-Bullying Specialist – Emily Pike

## Bernardsville Middle School members:

John Alfieri - Principal  
Lisa Drew -Student Assistance and Anti-Bullying Specialist  
Shawn Kelly- Assistant Principal  
Chris Habermas – Guidance  
Marcy Craver - Guidance  
Shane Porter- Teacher  
Learning Consultant - TBD  
Lynn Sharp- Parent  
Suzanne Ryan- Nurse

## Bernards High School members:

Scott Neigel - Principal  
John Grund- Student Assistance and Anti-Bullying Specialist  
Anne Connor – School Nurse  
Louise Dubois – School Psychologist  
Rhonda Cooperstein – School Counselor  
Dianne Berger - Teacher  
Michelle Lobo- Parent

Action 23. Approve Traffic Duty  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve Sean McMahon for traffic duty at the Bernards High School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 24. Approve Nursing Services Plan  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the district Nursing Services Plan for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 25. Approve Co-Curricular Positions  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills board of Education approve the following co-curricular positions for the 2014-2015 school year:

**Bernards High School – Co-Curricular 2014-2015**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Person Recommended</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
a) Book Club	Allison Snyder	n/a
b) Green Team	Lisa Carpinello	\$1,851 (prorated)
c) Key Club	Ashleigh Hegedus	\$3,208

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26. Approve Co-Curricular Positions  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills board of Education approve the following co-curricular positions for the 2014-2015 school year:

**Bernardsville Middle School – Co-Curricular 2014-2015**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Person Recommended</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
a) Literary Magazine	Helaine Terhune	\$2,578
b) Newspaper	Helaine Terhune	\$2,578
c) Soccer: Boys Head Coach	Peter Kelly	\$4,305
d) Soccer: Girls Head Coach	Ashley Morris	\$4,305
<b>Volunteer - Athletics</b>		<b>Stipend</b>
a) Dave DeSimone	Cross Country & Track	Volunteer

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27. Approve Additional Summer Work  
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve additional summer work for the following staff members at their per diem rate:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b># of Days</b>
a) Ryan, Suzanne	Nurse	BMS	2 additional days

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

**BHS Athletic Positions**

<b>Fall Positions</b>	<b>Person Recommended</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
a) Cheerleading: Fall Head	Taylor Harris	\$5,053
b) Cheerleading: Fall Assistant	Kara Nelson	\$3,801
c) Football Coach: JV	Shadi Zaiton	\$8,035
d) Cheerleading: Fall Head	Taylor Harris	\$5,053
<b>Volunteer - Athletics</b>		<b>Stipend</b>
e) Gimbel, Amy	Field Hockey	Volunteer

Action 29. Approve Appointment of Custodian  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Carlos Moreno, district custodian at an annual salary of \$25,000 effective August 28, 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 30. Approve Internship  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Internship for Erika Procacci, Counseling Practicum with Kean University for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 31. Accept Resignation  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept the resignation of Kirsten Eckerson, part time Special Education Paraprofessional at Bedwell Elementary School effective September 21, 2014 or sooner as determined by the Superintendent.

Action 32. Approve Appointment of Substitutes  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Substitute</b>	<b>Certificate</b>
McEaney, Edward	Teacher, Paraprofessional	Standard
Menzin, Jonathan	Teacher, Paraprofessional	CEAS
New, Samantha	Teacher, Paraprofessional	CEAS
O'Neill, Pam	Teacher, Paraprofessional, Secretary	Substitute Credential
Schapiro, Stacy	Teacher, Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential
Weinblatt, Mark	Teacher, Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential
Leonard, Elizabeth	Teacher, Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential

Action 33. Approve Self Assessments  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve self assessments for Bedwell Elementary School, Bernardsville Middle School and Bernards High School under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the period of July1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

Action 34. Rescind Leave Replacement Position  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education rescind the appointment of Jianna Spadaccini, Elementary Teacher leave replacement, Bedwell Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 35. Rescind Appointment  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education rescind the appointment of Courtney Biondo, part time Special Education Teacher Bedwell Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year.

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- Action 36. Approve Appointment  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Jianna Spadaccini, Elementary Teacher Bedwell Elementary School, level BA, step 4-5 at an annual salary of \$55,335 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Leonard)
- Action 37. Approve Appointment  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Courtney Biondo, Special Education Teacher Bedwell Elementary School, level BA, step 2 at an annual salary of \$53,335 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Rosenthal)
- Action 38. Approve Appointment  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Monica DeMarco, Special Education Teacher 50% Bedwell Elementary School, level MA, step 2 at an annual salary of \$28,667.50 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Biondo)
- Action 39. Approve Appointment  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Janet Garay, ESL Teacher Bernards High School, level MS + 45, step 8 at an annual salary of \$68,930 for the 2014-2015 school year. (DeRoberts)
- Action 40. Approve Appointment  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Cameron Lan, Social Studies Teacher Bernards High School, level MS, step 1 at an annual salary of \$56,335 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Smith)
- Action 41. Approve Appointment  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Heather Shauger, English Teacher Bernards High School, level MA, step 6 at an annual salary of \$60,335 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Clawson)
- Action 42. Approve Appointment  
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Maryann Lukach, Secretary Bernards High School, step 9 at an annual salary of \$50,796 effective September 11, 2014 or sooner as determined by the Superintendent for the 2014-2015 school year. (Shannon)
- Action 43. Approve Leave Replacement Position

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Allison Gelsinger, Elementary Teacher leave replacement Bedwell Elementary School, level BS, step 1 at an annual salary of \$52,335 (prorated) from September 1, 2014 to January 23, 2014. (Ziolkowski)

Action 44. Approve Leave Replacement Position

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Kirsten Musciano, Physical Education leave replacement teacher Bernardsville Middle School, level BS, step 2 at an annual salary of \$53,335 (prorated) from September 1, 2014 to January 23, 2014. (McGinn)

Action 45. Approve Leave Replacement Position

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Lizabeth Stolarz, Guidance Counselor leave replacement Bernards High School, level BS, step 2 at an annual salary of \$53,335 (prorated) from September 1, 2014 to January 23, 2014. (McGinn)

Action 46. Approve Merit Goals

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Superintendent's Merit Goals for the 2014-2015 school year (see attachment).

Goal #1	50% of 3rd grade students will increase by at least one reading level as measured by the TCRWP reading assessment at the end of the year.
Goal #2	Develop three benchmark assessments for grade six in the Connected Math program in order to measure the incremental growth and achievement of students in that grade level.
Goal #3	Grade five through eight social studies will achieve a mean SGO score of $\geq$ 3.25
Goal #4	Reorganize and support a new administrative structure to facilitate cohesive instructional leadership.
Goal #5	Conduct four parent workshops in the areas of Math and Literacy.

Action 47. Amend Seasonal Technology Appointment

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the following seasonal technology appointment from September 15, 2014 until the end of the assignment for the 2014-2015 school year.

Name	Hourly Rate
Griffith, Christopher	\$15/hour

Action 48. Approve Appointment

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Mark Prunty, Interim Technology Manager at an annual salary of \$82,000 effective September 1, 2014 until the end of the assignment for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action 49. Approve Appointment

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Rickey Saez, Interim Assistant Technology Manager at an annual salary of \$70,000 effective September 1, 2014 until the end of the assignment for the 2014-2015 school year.

**Supplementary Matters**

None

**Public Questions & Comments**

1. Brian Haggerty, resident of Bedminster expressed his concern that education at B.H.S could be homogenized by too much focus on Core Curriculum Content Standards. Emotional intelligence and citizenship are just as important.

**Executive Session**

At 8:25 p.m., Ms. Goetz 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.

Mrs. Palazzolo seconded the motion. The Board returned to public session at 10:15 p.m. Mrs. Coons reported that the Board discussed negotiations, litigation and student matters.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Goetz moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Palazzolo. The motion was 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.**