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**The Somerset Hills School District  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2012**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 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  
Karen McMahon  
Nancy Palazzolo  
Louis Palma  
Lauriann Swadba

**Absent**

Julie Goetz

**Also Present**

Peter Miller  
Nancy Lee Hunter  
Barbara Walls  
Phil Stern, Esq.

**Pledge of Allegiance****Executive Session**

At 1:10 p.m., Mr. Dorr 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, Negotiations and Student 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. Baker seconded the motion to adjourn to executive session and the resolution was passed by unanimous vote of 9-0. The Board returned to public session at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Coons reported that the Board discussed Personnel, Negotiations and Student Matters.

### **Personnel**

Mrs. Hawkins moved Resolution #1, seconded by Mr. Palma. Resolution #1 was approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Action            1.     Accept Resignation  
Resolution     Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education (“Board”) hereby accepts the irrevocable resignation of Mr. Patrick Lott from employment with the Board, effective February 2, 2012.

The Board also resolves to accept the Separation Agreement between Mr. Patrick Lott and the Board, and authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to take all action necessary to execute and effectuate the provisions of said Separation Agreement.

### **Public Questions & Comments**

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Dorr moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Palma. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Lee Hunter*

Board Secretary