
THE SOMERSET HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2014 – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mrs. Hunter, Board Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance**Welcome****Oath of Office**

1. Robert Baker
2. Donna Coons
3. Greg DiGiacchino

Roll Call

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

Organizational Procedure

1. Nomination and Election of President
 Motion to nominate Donna Coons by Nancy Palazzolo
 Seconded by Deborah Hawkins
 Any other nominations None
 Approved by a unanimous voice vote

2. Nomination and Election of Vice President
 Motion to nominate Deborah Hawkins by Nancy Palazzolo
 Seconded by Robert Baker
 Any other nominations None
 Approved by a unanimous voice vote

Organizational Action Items

Mrs. Hawkins moved Organizational Action item #1, seconded by Mr. DiGiacchino. Organization Action item #1 was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0.

The Board read the Code of Ethics.

Action Resolution

1. Adoption of Code of Ethics for School Board Members*
 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.

Mrs. Palazzolo moved resolutions #1-6, seconded by Ms. Goetz. Resolution #1-6 was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0.

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. Board Representative Appointments*
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the following group representative appointments:

<u>N.J. School Board Association</u>	
Delegate	Alternate
<u>Somerset County School Board Association</u>	
Member	Alternate

<u>Somerset County Educational Services Commission</u>	
Member	Alternate
<u>Garden State Coalition of Schools</u>	
Member	Alternate
<u>Somerset Hills Education Foundation</u>	
Member	Alternate
<u>HSA of Somerset Hills</u>	
Member	Alternate
<u>Municipal Alliance</u>	
Member	Alternate

- Action 6. Board Committee Assignments*
Resolution Resolved, that the following Board Committees be re-established:
- Finance
 - Facilities & Operations
 - Policy
 - Curriculum
 - Personnel
 - Community Relations

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Ms. Goetz moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Palazzolo. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Lee Hunter
Board Secretary