
**The Somerset Hills School District
PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2012-2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET
AND
PUBLIC INPUT & ACTION MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 28, 2012**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 McMahan

Nancy Palazzolo

Louis Palma

Lauriann Swadba

Absent

Julie Goetz

Also Present

Peter Miller

Nancy Lee Hunter

Barbara Walls

Executive Session

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Palma 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.

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 7:40 p.m. Mrs. Coons reported that the Board discussed Personnel, Students Matters, Contracts, Negotiations and Litigation

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence

Report of the Superintendent

1. Student/Staff Recognition

The BHS Academic Challenge Team's quarter-final contest with Morristown-Beard will air on the MSG network at 6:30pm tomorrow, Thursday, March 29.

The New Jersey Department of Education has announced that Bernards High School is one of four schools in the state to be recognized as a 2012 New Jersey Green Ribbon school. Nancy Hunter and Mariel O'Brien accepted the award from the Deputy Commissioner of Education Andrew Smarick at the first New Jersey Sustainable Schools Conference in Monroe yesterday. The Green Ribbon School Award recognizes exemplary achievement and best practices in the areas of energy efficiency, healthy school environments and sustainability education.

Dana Giordano was named the Courier News Girls Track Athlete of the Year.

2. 2012-2013 Annual School Budget Hearing

Mr. Miller and Mrs. Hunter presented the 2012-2013 Annual School budget and responded to questions from the Board.

Public Questions & Comments

Several residents voiced their concern about negotiations. One resident urged the Board to settle, another resident felt the Board should hold fast. Several parents expressed their concern over recent actions by the teachers and the wearing of blue t-shirts distributed by S.H.E.A., especially on Golden Guest Day.

Approval of Minutes

Action 1. Approval of Minutes*

Resolution Mr. Palma moved that the Public Input & Action and Executive session minutes of March 14, 2012 be approved. Ms. Kragie seconded the motion. Resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Finance

Committee Report

No report.

Action Items

Mr. Dorr moved Finance resolutions 1-6, seconded by Mr. Palma. Finance resolutions 1-6 were approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Action
Resolution1. Board Secretary & Treasurer Reports & Board Certification*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has received the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of February, 2012 showing the following balances:

FUND	Board Secretary Cash Balance (1)	Treasurer Cash Balance (2)
(10) General Fund	\$4,133,881.43	\$4,133,881.43
(20) Special Revenue Fund	(95,816.41)	(95,816.41)
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$262,534.02	\$262,534.02
(40)Debt Service Fund	\$911,523.83	\$911,523.83
Total Government Funds	\$5,212,122.87	\$5,212,122.87

(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.

Action
Resolution2. Approve 2011-2012 Budget Transfers*

Resolved that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the attached list of budget transfers for February 2012.

Action
Resolution3. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented a check register dated March 21, 2012 covering check numbers 25404 to 25514 in the amount of \$3,700,835.98 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:

FUND	AMOUNT
(10) General Fund	\$1,572,323.59
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$24,515.35
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$8,455.75
(40) Debt Service Fund	\$2,038,926.53
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$56,614.76
TOTAL	\$3,700,835.98

Action
Resolution4. Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 Budget *

RESOLVED that the Somerset Hills Board of Education adopt the 2012-2013 Budget (attached) as approved by the County Superintendent of Schools;
And, be it further

RESOLVED that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves that the 2012-2013 general fund tax levy of \$27,611,369. and the debt service fund tax levy of \$3,234,883, for a total tax levy of \$30,846,252 which represents a 1.6% increase from the tax levy for 2011-2012.

Action 5. Approve Psychological Evaluations
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the following psychologist to conduct psychological evaluations on a per case basis as needed in the district for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year:

Provider	Location
Meredith A. Panik, PhD	Bernardsville, NJ

Action 6. Approve Grant Application*
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the submission of a grant application for the 2012 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group's ERIC NORTH Subfund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$9,550.00 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Curriculum

Committee Report

Mrs. Palazzolo gave the report. The Committee met on March 20th.

Action Items

Mrs. Palazzolo moved Curriculum resolutions 1-2, seconded by Mrs. Hawkins. Curriculum resolutions 1-2 were approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Action 1. Approve Field Trips
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following field trips:

School	Trip	Date(s)	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
BMS	a) Grade 6 Morris Museum Morristown, NJ	5/22/12	140	9	6

Action 2. Approve Professional Development*
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following professional development for the 2011-2012 School Year:

School	Name	Workshop/Conference	Est. Cost	Date
BES	a) Cooper, Megan	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$ 825.00	6/25-29/12
BMS	b) McMillan, Patricia	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$792.50	6/25-29/12
BMS	c) Paporozzi, Melissa	World Cultures Day Seminar	\$18.00	3/30/12
Olcott	d) Walls, Barbara	Legal One: Affirmative	\$75.00	5/4/12

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School	Name	Workshop/Conference	Est. Cost	Date
BES	e) Butler, Coleen	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$ 675.00	8/6-10/12
BES	f) Fischer, Susan	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$ 675.00	8/13-17/12
BES	g) Fulton, Cynthia	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$ 675.00	7/2-7/12
BES	h) Jaeger, Laraine	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$ 675.00	8/13-17/12
BES	i) Jongema, Holly	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$ 775.00	8/6-10/12
BES	j) Leonard, Melissa	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$ 1,031.57	8/13-17/12
BES	k) Maddaluna, Penny	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$ 675.00	8/13-17/12
BES	l) Reeves, Jamie	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$ 675.00	8/13-17/12
BES	m) Virtue, Janis	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$ 887.00	7/2-7/12
BMS	n) Tchorz, Valerie	Teaching of Writing Institute at Columbia University	\$ 850.00	7/2-7/12

Facilities & Operations

Mr. Palma reported that the Committee met with the Old Colony Road residents.

Policy**Committee Report**

Mrs. McMahon reported that the Committee will meet on April 17th.

Action Items

Mrs. McMahon moved Policy resolutions 1-7, seconded by Mr. Palma. Policy resolutions 1-7 were approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Action Resolution

1. **Second Reading and Adoption Policy #2431 Athletic Competition (Revised)**
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Policy #2431 Athletic Competition (Revised).

Action Resolution

2. **Second Reading and Adoption Policy #3324 Right of Privacy - Teaching Staff Members (New)**
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Policy #3324 Right of Privacy - Teaching Staff Members (New).

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- Action 3. Second Reading and Adoption Policy #4324 Right of Privacy - Support Staff Members (New)
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the a second reading and adoption of Policy #4324 Right of Privacy - Support Staff Members (New)
- Action 4. Second Reading and Adoption Policy #7510 Use of School Facilities (Revised)
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Policy #7510 Use of School Facilities (Revised).
- Action 5. Second Reading and Adoption Policy #8613 Waiver of Pupil Transportation (New)
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Policy #8613 Waiver of Pupil Transportation (New).
- Action 6. Second Reading and Adoption Policy #9191 Booster Clubs (Revised)
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Policy #9191 Booster Clubs (Revised).
- Action 7. Second Reading and Adoption Policy #9210 Parent Organizations (Revised)
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Policy #9210 Parent Organizations (Revised).

Personnel**Committee Report**

Mrs. Hawkins reported that the Committee met today.

Action Items

Mrs. Hawkins moved Personnel resolutions 1-11, seconded by Mr. Palma. Personnel resolutions 1-11 were approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

All personnel action is on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

- Action 1. Accept Resignation
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accepts the resignation of Debra Prosser, elementary teacher at Bedwell Elementary School, effective June 30, 2012.
- Action 2. Amend Salary for Custodial Foreman*
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the amended salary for Daniel Beam, District Custodial Foreman, from June 20, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at a stipend of \$13,332 (prorated) and for the 2011-2012 school year at a salary of \$69,812.
- Action 3. Amend Salary for Custodial Foreman*
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the amended salary for Daniel Beam, District Custodial Foreman, at an annual salary of \$70,859 for the 2011-2012 school year, effective July 1, 2011.

Action 4. Approve Transfer
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves transfer for the following paraprofessionals for the 2011-2012 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Caitlin Anelli	BMS	BES/BMS effective 3/19/12
Bryan Rennalls	BHS	BES effective 1/21/12

Action 5. Approve Girls on the Run Coaches
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the following Bedwell Elementary School staff members as Girls on the Run coaches at an hourly rate of \$58.24, beginning March 27, 2012 for 10 weeks:

1 Session Weekly	2 Sessions Weekly	Substitutes
Melissa Leonard	Deborah Rokosky	Robin Davitt
Jessica Collins	Karen Ayers	Karen Detrolio
Michele Freda		
Megan Cooper		

(Funded by the Municipal Alliance Committee)

Action 6. Approve Girls on Track Coaches
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the following Bernardsville Middle School staff members as Girls on Track coaches at an hourly rate of \$58.24, beginning March 29, 2012 for 10 weeks:

1 Session Weekly	2 Sessions Weekly	Substitutes
Carrie Malwitz	Amanda Morawick	Carrie Malwitz
Elizabeth St.Ours		Elizabeth St.Ours

(Funded by the Municipal Alliance Committee)

Action 7. Approve Appointment of Substitutes *
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Substitute Position	Certificate
John Koblan	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential
Margaret Dolson	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential
Elizabeth Leonageo	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential

Action 8. Approve Appointment of French Teacher
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the appointment of Stephanie Lynn DeAngelo, French teacher at Bernardsville Middle School, Level MA, Step 1-2, at an annual salary of \$55,660, effective September 1, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year. (step and salary may be adjusted upon ratification of collective bargaining agreement)

Action 9. Accept Resignation

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accepts the resignation of Suzanne Cooley, Bernards High School Principal, effective June 30, 2012.

Action 10. Approve Termination

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the termination of Ibrahim Valjevac, part time district custodian, effective March 23, 2012.

Action 11. Approve Transfers

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves transfers for the following special education paraprofessionals, effective March 26, 2012, for the 2011-2012 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Bryan Gross	BHS 17hrs/30min	BMS 18hrs/8min
Kim Johnson	BMS 18hrs/8min	Bedminster 20hrs (out of district placement)

Neighborhood Relations

No report.

Community Relations

No report.

Supplementary Matters

No report.

Public Questions & Comments

None

Adjournment

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. Palma. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.

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.**