
**The Somerset Hills School District
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 3, 2012**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 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
Julie Goetz
Linda Kragie
Nancy Palazzolo
Louis Palma
Lauriann Swadba

Absent

Deborah Hawkins
Karen McMahan

Also Present

Peter Miller
Nancy Lee Hunter
Barbara Walls

Executive Session

At 6:15 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,

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 a unanimous vote of 8-0. The Board returned to public session 6:45 p.m. Mrs. Coons reported that the Board discussed personnel.

Mr. Scott Neigel came into the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Questions & Comments

Personnel

Action Items

All personnel action is on the recommendation of the Superintendent

Mrs. Palazzolo moved Personnel resolutions #1-3, seconded by Mr. Palma. Resolutions # 1-3 were approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Action Resolution 1. **Approve Appointment of Principal**
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the appointment of Scott Neigel, principal at Bernards High School at an annual salary of \$141,000 effective July 1, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year. (Cooley)

Action Resolution 2. **Approve Appointment of Supervisor of Instruction K-8**
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the appointment of Coleen Butler, Supervisor of Instruction K-8, at an annual salary of \$82,850 (prorated) effective November 1, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year. (new)

Action Resolution 3. **Accept Resignation**
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mark Reinman, English teacher at Bernards High School, effective June 30, 2012.

The Board wholeheartedly welcomed Mr. Scott Neigel to the district and Mr. Neigel expressed appreciation and thanks to the Board. He is looking forward to his new position.

Supplementary Matters

None

Public Questions & Comments

1. Kate Hagen wanted to let the Board know how concerned everyone is about teacher's negotiations and as a former teacher she hopes that the contract settles soon.

Executive Session II

At 7:00 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 and Negotiations,

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.

Ms. Goetz seconded the motion to adjourn to executive session and the resolution was passed by unanimous vote of 8-0. The Board returned to public session at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Coons reported that the Board discussed Personnel and Negotiations.

Adjournment

Ms. Goetz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Mr. Baker. The motion was approved by a unanimous 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.**

