
**The Somerset Hills School District
PUBLIC INPUT & ACTION MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Coons.

Roll Call

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

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:, Contracts 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. The Board returned to public session at 7:35 p.m. Mrs. Coons reported that the Board discussed Contracts and Litigation.

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board observed a Moment of Silence in Memory of Gail Blake. Gail was a paraprofessional and dedicated employee of the District for over 29 years.

Correspondence

1. Thank You – Coleen Butler

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Wood reported on the following:

- Student/Staff Recognition - National Merit Semi-Finalists Recognition – Mr. Neigel introduced the National Merit Semi-finalists: Meghan Gehan, Nikita Shaiva, Grace Lobo, Navaneethan Vaikunthan.
- Class of 2013 Graduation Report – 79% of our students are attending a 4 year college and 19% attending a 2 year college.
- 2013/2014 Enrollment Update – enrollment is down 5 students since June 20, 2013.
- Academic Report – opening day of school activities were reported.

Public Questions & Comments

1. Mary Kellogg questioned the board policy regarding advertising on school property.

Approval of Minutes

Action 1. Approval of Minutes

Resolution Mr. Palma moved that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Public Input & Action and Executive meeting minutes for August 28, 2013. Mrs. Hawkins seconded the motion. Resolution #1 was approved by a roll call vote of 9-1-0. Ms. Kragie voted no.

Finance**Committee Report**

Mr. Baker gave the Finance Report. There was a meeting on September 17th. The next meeting will be on November 18, 2013.

Action Items

Mr. Baker moved Finance Resolutions #1-11, seconded by Mr. Palma. Finance Resolutions #1-11 were approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Action 1. Payment of Bills*

Resolution WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented a check register dated September 2013 covering check numbers 29347 to 29452 in the amount of \$1,120,001.41 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	\$365,286.71
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$1,185.70
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$8,947.50
(40) Debt Service Fund	\$736,701.00
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$7,880.50
TOTAL	\$1,120,001.41

Action
Resolution

2. Approve Parental Transportation Contract

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following parental transportation contract for the 2013-2014 School Year.

Student ID#	Route #	Cost
1688172299	AF 2013-2014 Governor Livingston HS, NJ	\$ 11,923.40

Action
Resolution

3. Approve Valic Roth 403 (b)

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve participation in the Valic Roth 403 (b) effective September 18, 2103.

Action
Resolution

4. Audit of Somerset County Educational Services Commission

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept audit by the N.J.D.O.E. Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance of the Somerset County Educational Commission Chapter 192/193 Auxiliary Services to Nonpublic Students for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

Be it further resolved that the audit findings were discussed and the Corrective Action Plan (attached) is approved.

Action
Resolution

5. Revised Board Secretary Tax Request Authorization: Borough of Bernardsville

Resolved, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$20,802,498.00 for the General Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its obligations during the 2013-2014 school year from the Borough of Bernardsville and, be it further

Resolved, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$2,336,920.00 for the Debt Service Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its debt obligations during the 2013-2014 school year from the Borough of Bernardsville, and, be it further

Resolved, that the Borough of Bernardsville is required to deposit the funds with the Treasurer of School Moneys prior to the tenth of each month as indicated herein:

Month	General Fund	Debt Service	Total Amount Due
July	\$1,695,968.00	\$198,696.00	\$1,894,664.00
August	\$1,695,968.00	\$198,696.00	\$1,894,664.00
September	\$1,752,328.00	\$192,767.00	\$1,945,095.00
October	\$1,752,328.00	\$192,767.00	\$1,945,095.00
November	\$1,752,328.00	\$192,767.00	\$1,945,095.00
December	\$1,752,329.00	\$192,767.00	\$1,945,096.00
January	\$1,733,541.50	\$194,743.00	\$1,928,284.50
February	\$1,733,541.50	\$194,743.00	\$1,928,284.50

March	\$1,733,541.50	\$194,743.00	\$1,928,284.50
April	\$1,733,541.50	\$194,743.00	\$1,928,284.50
May	\$1,733,541.50	\$194,743.00	\$1,928,284.50
June	\$1,733,541.50	\$194,745.00	\$1,928,286.50
Total	\$20,802,498.00	\$2,336,920.00	\$23,139,418.00

Action
Resolution

6. Revised Board Secretary Tax Request Authorization: Borough of Far Hills
Resolved, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$1,627,596.00 for the General Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its obligations during the 2013-2014 school year from the Borough of Far Hills and, be it further
Resolved, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$182,842.00 for the Debt Service Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its debt obligations during the 2013-2014 school year from the Borough of Far Hills, and, be it further
Resolved, that the Borough of Far Hills is required to deposit the funds with the Treasurer of School Moneys prior to the tenth of each month as indicated herein:

Month	General Fund	Debt Service	Total Amount Due
July	\$136,764.00	\$16,023.00	\$152,787.00
August	\$136,764.00	\$16,023.00	\$152,787.00
September	\$135,068.00	\$14,844.00	\$149,912.00
October	\$135,068.00	\$14,844.00	\$149,912.00
November	\$135,068.00	\$14,844.00	\$149,912.00
December	\$135,066.00	\$14,843.00	\$149,909.00
January	\$135,633.00	\$15,237.00	\$150,870.00
February	\$135,633.00	\$15,237.00	\$150,870.00
March	\$135,633.00	\$15,237.00	\$150,870.00
April	\$135,633.00	\$15,237.00	\$150,870.00
May	\$135,633.00	\$15,237.00	\$150,870.00
June	\$135,633.00	\$15,236.00	\$150,869.00
Total	\$1,627,596.00	\$182,842.00	\$1,810,438.00

Action
Resolution

7. Revised Board Secretary Tax Request Authorization: Borough of Peapack-Gladstone
Resolved, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$5,733,502.00 for the General Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its obligations during the 2013-2014 school year from the Borough of Peapack/Gladstone and, be it further
Resolved, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$644,093.00 for the Debt Service Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its debt obligations during the 2013-2014 school years from the Borough of Peapack/Gladstone, and, be it further
Resolved, that the Borough of Peapack/Gladstone is required to deposit the funds with the Treasurer of School Moneys prior to the tenth of each month as indicated herein:

Month	General Fund	Debt Service	Total Amount Due
July	\$468,215.00	\$54,855.00	\$523,070.00
August	\$468,215.00	\$54,855.00	\$523,070.00
September	\$482,580.00	\$53,084.00	\$535,664.00

October	\$482,580.00	\$53,084.00	\$535,664.00
November	\$482,580.00	\$53,084.00	\$535,664.00
December	\$482,581.00	\$53,084.00	\$535,665.00
January	\$477,792.00	\$53,675.00	\$531,467.00
February	\$477,792.00	\$53,675.00	\$531,467.00
March	\$477,792.00	\$53,675.00	\$531,467.00
April	\$477,792.00	\$53,675.00	\$531,467.00
May	\$477,792.00	\$53,675.00	\$531,467.00
June	\$477,791.00	\$53,672.00	\$531,463.00
Total	\$5,733,502.00	\$644,093.00	\$6,377,595.00

Action
Resolution

8. Approve Fund Raisers

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following 2013/2014 fundraisers:

School	Organization	Date
BHS	a) Field Hockey-Booster Club Claremont Tavern Burgers-Team Parents only	Oct. 2
BES	b) Bedwell HSA –Annual Walk-a-thon	Oct. 16
BES	c) Bedwell HSA – Ipad raffle	Nov. 11 - 26
BHS	d) BHS Varsity Fencing – Parents Fencing Clinic & Dinner	Nov. 16
BES	e) Bedwell HSA – Annual Book Fair	Dec. 9-11
BES	f) Bedwell HSA – Mother-Son Bowling	Jan 26, 2014
BES	g) Bedwell HAS – Ladies Night Out	April 24, 2014
BES	h) Bedwell HSA – Annual Replay event-used sporting goods	April 5, 2014
BES	i) Bedwell HSA – Ladies Night Out	April 24, 2014
BES	j) Bedwell HSA – Annual Plant Sale	May 9, 2014

Action
Resolution

9. Change of Policy Period

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve a change in its group medical and prescription drug policy year from July 1st to January 1st effective January 1, 2014 with no change to benefits, rates or other policy terms and conditions.

Action
Resolution

10. Approve Special Education Provider

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following Special Education service provider for the 2013-2014 school year and extended school year program

Provider	Service	Location
Hybridge Learning Group	Behavioral	Somerset, NJ 08873

Action
Resolution

11. Approve Tuition Student

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Reiter as a Bedwell Elementary tuition student for the 2013-2014 school year.

Curriculum
Committee Report

Mrs. Palazzolo gave the Curriculum report. The Committee met on September 10, 2013.

Mrs. Palazzolo opened the discussion on the fencing documentary. Mr. Ed Coury, resident and organizer of the Somerset Hills Fencing Club, spoke in favor of the documentary and discussed the benefits of publicizing our successful fencing program.

Film maker, Holly Beuchel, described her love of fencing and shared her background. Her mission is to spread the word on the value of a fencing program, especially for public schools. She is in partnership with former Olympian Tim Moorehouse, who ran a program called "Fencing in the Schools". NJSIAA has approved this project. All necessary releases will be provided to parents of the fencing team. Ms. Beuchel wants to get the project started before the first fencing practice on December 2, 2013.

Action Items

Mrs. Palazzolo moved Curriculum Resolutions 1-4, seconded by Mr. Palma. Curriculum Resolutions #1-4 were approved by a roll call vote of 6-0-3. Mr. Baker abstained #2(m), Ms. Kragie abstained #2(n), Mrs. Coons abstained on #2(o) and Mrs. Palazzolo abstained #2(p).

Mrs. Palazzolo moved Curriculum Resolution #5, seconded by Mr. Palma. Resolution #5 was approved by a roll call vote of 7-0-2. Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Swadba abstained.

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
BHS	a) Theatre Arts & Acting Troupe Drama Competition (NJDFL) Dumont H.S. Dumont, NJ	10/26/13	30	2	1
BHS	b) Theatre Arts & Acting Troupe Broadway Production Manhattan NY	11/20/13	30	2	0
BHS	c) Theatre Arts & Acting Troupe Drama Competition (NJDFL) Dumont H.S. Dumont, NJ	1/11/14	30	2	1
BHS	d) Theatre Arts & Acting Troupe NJDFL Finals Raritan H.S. Raritan NJ	2/22/14	30	2	0
BHS	e) Fall Yearbook Conference Morristown Beard H.S. Morristown NJ	10/15/13	3	2	0
BHS	f) Concert & Choir Madrigals	10/30/2013	80	2	4

	“Choralpalooza” Choral Festival Ridge HS, Basking Ridge				
BHS	g) Madrigals Sing for students Matheny School Peapack NJ	12/9/13	27	1	1
BHS	h) Madrigals Christmas Caroling Bernardsville Public Library Bernardsville NJ	12/10/13	27	1	1
BED	i) MD Class Community Based Instruction Bernardsville Library	10/21/13 11/11/13	2	3	0
BED	j) MD Class Community Based Instruction Bernardsville Post Office	10/10/13 11/15/13 12/9/13	2	3	0
BED	k) MD Class Community Based Instruction Shoprite, Bernardsville	10/17/13 12/2/13	2	3	
BHS	l) AP Environmental Science Classes Rutgers & Duke Farms New Brunswick, NJ Environmental studies	10/17/13	45	3	0
BHS	m) AP Environmental Science Classes Environmental Studies Environmental Ed Center Basking Ridge, NJ	10/1/13 10/2/13	22 25	1	0

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) Brooten Darcey	Teacher Effectiveness and TCRWP	\$104.00	10/16/13
BHS	b) Dooley, Megan	Section 504, the ADA & the IDEA: What's New	\$75.00	10/09/13
BHS	c) Neigel, Scot	Master Schedule Building Workshop	\$555.80	01/14-15/14
BHS	d) Neigel Scott	NASSP Conference	\$1,605.80	02/04-07/14
BMS	e) Porter, Shane	Developing SGO for All Content Areas	\$149.00	09/25/13
Olcott	f) Dr. Wood	New Jersey School Boards Convention	\$773.00	10/21-22-23-24/13

Olcott	g) Nancy Lee Hunter	New Jersey School Boards Convention	\$773.00	10/21-22-23-24/13
Olcott	h) Amy Phelan	New Jersey School Boards Convention	\$541.00	10/22-23/13
Olcott	i) Mariel O'Brien	New Jersey School Boards Convention	\$541.00	10/21-22/13
Olcott	j) Karen Detrollo	New Jersey School Boards Convention	\$541.00	10/21-22/13
Olcott	k) Jianna Spadaccini	New Jersey School Boards Convention	\$349.00	10/21/13
Olcott	l) Deb Rokosky	New Jersey School Boards Convention	\$349.00	10/21/13
Olcott	m) Robert Baker	New Jersey School Boards Convention	\$773.00	10/21-22-23/13
Olcott	n) Linda Kragie	New Jersey School Boards Convention	\$773.00	10/21-22-23/13
Olcott	o) Donna Coons	New Jersey School Boards Convention	\$75.00	10/22-23/13
Olcott	p) Nancy Palazzolo	New Jersey School Boards Convention	\$75.00	10/22-23/13
BHS	q) Daben, Jose	AP Workshop-Fine Tuning the Spanish Language Course	\$250.00	10/5/13
BHS	r) Falletta, LuAnn	AP Workshop-New ideas and sharing with colleagues	\$249.00	10/5/13
BES	s) Freda, Michele	NJDEC Annual Conference-Developing and Enabling Competency	\$79.41	10/25/13
BES	t) McCarron, Jim	Art Educators Conference-Art is Infinite	\$175.00	10/3 & 10/4/13
BMS	u) McInaw, Megan	AMTNJ's Annual Conference	\$201.38	10/24/13
BMS	v) O'Halloran, Anne	AMTNJ's Annual Conference	\$192.51	10/24/13

Action Resolution

3. HIB Report
There were no HIB cases this month.

Action Resolution

4. Approve Open Swim
Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve students to participate in Open Swim Time at the Hunterdon Wellness Center in White House, NJ on the dates listed below:

Dates		Students
September 20, 2013	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm time slot	Various students

October 18, 2013	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm time slot	Various students
November 15, 2013	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm time slot	Various students
December 13, 2013	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm time slot	Various students
January 17, 2014	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm time slot	Various students
February 21, 2014	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm time slot	Various students
March 21, 2014	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm time slot	Various students
April 11, 2014	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm time slot	Various students
May 16, 2014	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm time slot	Various students
June 13, 2014	1:30 pm – 2:00 pm time slot	Various students

Action 5. Approve Fencing Documentary
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve entering in contract negotiations with Holly Beuchel for the purposes of filming a documentary on the BHS/BMS Fencing Team. Legal Fees to be reimbursed to the Board of Education by the Bernardsville Parents Fencing Association.

Facilities & Operations

Committee Report

Mr. Palma gave the Facilities & Operations report. The Committee met on September 18, 2013. The next meeting schedule for October 16, 2013.

Action Items

Mr. Palma moved Facilities & Operations Resolution #1, seconded by Ms. Kragie. Facilities & Operations Resolution #1 was approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Action 1. Approve Naming of Press Box
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the naming of the newly renovated press box on Olcott Field for Phil Nardone who has faithfully served the Somerset Hills School District as announcer for the Bernards High School Football games for the past 50 years.

Policy

Committee Report

No report.

Action Item

Mr. Palma moved Policy Resolution #1, seconded by Mrs. Hawkins. Policy Resolution #1 was approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Action 1. Approve Second Reading and Adoption Policy 6163 – Advertising on School Property (New)
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve second reading and adoption of Policy 6163 - Advertising on School Property (New).

Personnel**Committee Report**

Mrs. Hawkins gave the report.

Action Items

Mrs. Hawkins moved Personnel Resolutions #1-26, seconded by Mr. Palma. Personnel Resolutions #1-26 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 approve the resignation of Rosanne Vitiello, part time special education paraprofessional effective September 6, 2013.

Action 2. **Approve Appointment of Paraprofessional**

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Jenifer Behrins, full time special education paraprofessional, Step 1B, at an hourly rate of \$14.91, effective September 4, 2013. (O'Brien)

Action 3. **Approve Appointment of Paraprofessional**

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Amanda DiDonato, part time special education paraprofessional, Step 1B, at an hourly rate of \$14.91 (not to exceed 25 hours per week), effective September 4, 2013. (Arnold)

Action 4. **Approve Appointment of Paraprofessional**

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Joanne Russak, part time special education paraprofessional, Step 1B, at an hourly rate of \$14.91 (not to exceed 25 hours per week), effective September 4, 2013. (Arnold)

Action 5. **Approve Appointment of Paraprofessional**

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Tracey Tlack, part time special education paraprofessional, Step 1B, at an hourly rate of \$14.91 (not to exceed 25 hours per week), effective September 6, 2013. (Murphy)

Action 6. **Approve Parenthood Leave**

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve parenthood leave for Erika Procacci, special education teacher at Bernardsville Middle School from January 21, 2014 through June 30, 2014 and from September 1, 2014 through last day of second marking period (date to be determined) January 2015.

Action 7. **Rescind Paraprofessional Appointment**

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education rescind the appointment of Ariel Gilbert, part time special education paraprofessional for the 2013-2014 school year.

Action 8. Rescind Co-Curricular Appointment
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education rescind the following co-curricular appointment at Bernardsville Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Gilly, Zoltan	Open Gym: Boys Fall

Action 9. Amend Long Term Substitute Assignment
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the long term substitute assignment end date for Patricia Leuthard, Latin long term substitute at Bernards High School from October 7, 2013 to September 18, 2013.

Action 10. Amend Salary
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the salary for Reginald Hampton, full time special education paraprofessional from \$20,874 to \$19,309.

Action 11. Amend Salary
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the salary for Athena Helriegel, full time special education paraprofessional from \$20,874 to \$19,309.

Action 12. Approve After School Duty Overload
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following staff members for an after school duty overload at Bernardsville Middle School, 15 minutes per day, Tuesday through Friday as assigned, at their hourly per diem rates, effective September 17, 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year:

Name	Position
Calabrese, Eric	Media Center
Fitzgerald, Marianne	Detention
McInaw, Megan	Media Center

Action 13. Approve AM/PM Duty
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve AM/PM duty for the following teachers at Bernardsville Middle School at a per diem rate of \$30 for the 2013-2014 school year:

Name	Position
Cicchino, James	PM Duty
DeAngelo, Stephanie	AM Duty
Georgiana, Michael	PM Duty
Jandoli, Denise	AM Duty
Latzke, Brian	AM Duty

Action 14. Approve Co-Curricular Positions
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following co-curricular positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Boylan, Kristen	Peer Leadership	BMS	\$2,578

b) Cicchino, James	Open Gym: Boys	BMS	\$ 574
c) Espineira, Joseph	Activities Technician	BHS	\$4,277
d) Lafargue, Elizabeth	Drama: Fall Assistant	BHS	\$1,701

Action 15. Approve Athletic Position
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following athletic position at Bernards High School for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Lawson, Thomas	Swimming Assistant Coach: Winter	\$4,631

Action 16. Approve Mentor
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following staff member as mentor for novice teacher for the 2013-2014 school year:

Mentor	Novice	Duration	Stipend
a) Porter, Shane	Dokus, Samuel	20 weeks	\$550 (prorated)

Action 17. Approve Appointment of Substitutes
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year:

Name	Substitute	Certificate
Floegel, Carol	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential
Matarante, Kim	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential
Rego, Alyssa	Teacher/Paraprofessional	CEAS
Russak, Joanne	Teacher/Paraprofessional	CE
Sharp, Lynn	Principal	Standard
Thomas, Daniel	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Standard
Tlack, Tracey	Teacher/Paraprofessional	CEAS
Uduaghan, Edith	Teacher	Substitute Credential

Action 17. Approve Appointment of Substitutes
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year:

Name	Substitute/Home Instruction Position	Certificate
a) LaMaire, Lisa	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential
b) Natoli, Annette	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential

Action 18. Amend Appointment of Paraprofessional
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the appointment of James Brady, part time special education paraprofessional, Step 1B, at an hourly rate of \$14.91 (not to exceed 25 hours per week) effective September 4, 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year. (Vitello)

- Action 19. Approve Appointment of Paraprofessional
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Christopher Bubnick, part time special education paraprofessional, Step 1B, at an hourly rate of \$14.91 (not to exceed 25 hours per week) effective September 17, 2013 for the 2012-2014 school year. (Gilbert)
- Action 20. Approve Appointment of Paraprofessional
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Virginia Suriano, part time special education paraprofessional, Step 1B, at an hourly rate of \$14.91 (not to exceed 25 hours per week) effective September 19, 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year. (Scerra)
- Action 21. Approve Appointment of Paraprofessional
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Patrick Nunoo, part time special education paraprofessional, Step 1B, at an hourly rate of \$14.91 (not to exceed 25 hours per week) effective September 23, 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year. (Blake)
- Action 22. Approve Co-Curricular Position
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following co-curricular position at Bernards High School for the 2013-2014 school year:
- | <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Bennett, Joseph | Ice Hockey: Head | \$7,011 |
- Action 23. Approve Termination
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the termination of Violetta Kudelko, Personnel Assistant/Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent, effective October 11, 2013.
- Action 24. Approve Personnel Assistant Substitute
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Rita Taber as Personnel Assistant Substitute, at an hourly rate of \$18.00, effective September 16, 2013 through end of assignment. (Kudelko)
- Action 25. Approve Parenthood Leave
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve a parenthood leave for Lizabeth Stolarz, School Counselor at Bernards High School from January 2, 2014 through June 30, 2014.
- Action 26. Approve Leave Replacement
Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Peter Parente, Social Studies Leave Replacement Teacher at the Bernardsville Middle School, BA+15, Step 3-4, at an annual salary of \$18,624 (33%), effective October 28, 2013 through March 31, 2014. (Drew)

Community Relations

None

Supplementary Matters

1. Ms. Kragie reported on the SHEF Committee meeting of September 10, 2013.
2. Mrs. Coons reported that the Board Retreat is on October 9, 2013.
3. Mrs. Coons read the following statement into the minutes:

Statement Regarding Decision by Board
In Connection with Request by Borough of Bernardsville
To be Permitted to Make Application to the Board of Adjustment
To Expand the Use of the Field

A. Statement Refusing to Consent

Somerset Hills School District considers a vigorous sports program an important part of the core mission of the School Board. Sports add value by teaching self control, team play, responsible competitiveness, and physical conditioning. Unfortunately, due to space limitations in the Borough of Bernardsville, there is a greater demand for sports facilities than can be accommodated. Furthermore, objections by neighbors have complicated the ability of the District to expand its sports facilities. To further its goal of providing the best possible sports facilities for its student population, the District replaced the existing grass athletic field at Olcott Field with artificial turf. This allowed much greater use of this facility.

To be permitted to do this, the District had to make application to the Borough of Bernardsville Board of Adjustment because the Borough of Bernardsville Land Development Regulations Ordinances do not permit schools, as a matter of right, in any zone in the municipality. Its application was met with considerable opposition from the Great Swamp Watershed Association, the Bernardsville Neighborhood Preservation Committee (BNPC) and others. Ultimately, these objections were resolved and the District was granted a variance, but with numerous conditions that substantially limited the use of Olcott Field. Furthermore, engineering and legal expenses to achieve this result placed a significant burden on the taxpayers of the towns served by the District.

The conditions imposed by the Board of Adjustment were significant. In addition to the limited lighting options, the Board of Adjustment Resolution specifically provided that the Board's use of Olcott Field is limited to the District's functions and athletic events and that the District could not rent out or engage in any *quid pro quo* arrangements with unrelated users, except for certain limited uses provided for in the Resolution. The effect of this Resolution was to limit the use of the field when it was not being used for District activities. The taxpayers of Bernardsville contributed to the cost of the placing turf at Olcott Field and the field often remains vacant when not used for District activities. However, the taxpayers of Bernardsville cannot make full use of Olcott Field because of the conditions imposed by the Board of Adjustment.

Because the Borough of Bernardsville suffers from the same lack of recreational facilities for its citizens, representatives of the Borough contacted the Board of Education and requested permission to petition its Board of Adjustment to expand the time periods that Olcott Field could be used by Borough residents. In light of the time, effort and expense the District incurred in securing the right to convert the grass athletic fields to artificial turf, the District consulted with its land use attorneys about whether this was a beneficial idea. Those attorneys expressed considerable skepticism about whether such an approach would expose the

District to the risk that the Board of Adjustment would modify the current conditions in such a way so as to reduce the District's permitted use of Olcott Field. In other words, the Board of Adjustment could, based on objections raised by neighbors, reduce the use of Olcott Field by the District students.

While the District is very interested in accommodating the Borough's needs, and recognizes that there is a substantial need for additional recreational facilities in the Borough, the Board of Education has concluded that an application to the Board of Adjustment poses substantial risks that the hard earned benefits that the District now possesses with respect to the use of Olcott Field may be lost or diminished because of objections raised by neighbors or others. Accordingly, the Board of Education is not willing to consent to an application by the Borough to the Board of Adjustment.

The Board's decision in this regard is based, to some degree, on the fact that the Borough is not without options to achieve its goal of increasing its recreational opportunities at Olcott Field. The Borough has a simple means at its disposal to increase its recreational opportunities at the Olcott Field. It can simply amend the zoning ordinance to make schools and recreational fields either a permitted or conditional use in the zones in which they are located. This would obviate the need for an application to the Board of Adjustment. By making recreational and school uses a permitted or conditional use, the expanded use of Olcott Field could be easily accommodated. Moreover, any concerns about the impact of increased recreational use of the fields upon the neighbors could be dealt with through such an ordinance change. Accordingly, the Board of Education requests that the Borough evaluate a change in the zoning ordinance that will permit greater use of Olcott Field by members of the public. The Board of Education supports greater use of the field at times when it is not needed for school activities.

Public Questions & Comments

1. Mr. Kellogg asked what happened to the Chestnut Field agreement. The Board responded that Chestnut Field was put on hold until the Olcott field restriction discussion is complete.
2. Mrs. Kellogg read a statement voicing her concern with the use of Olcott field particularly on Sunday. Mrs. Kellogg was also concerned about the new PA system at B.H.S. and the loud music and type of music being played.
3. Mr. DePodwin asked questions regarding the case of expansion of the lower field. The Board stated that it could not respond since the matter is in litigation.
4. Nancy Suez, 15 Old Colony Road, agreed with everything Mrs. Kellogg stated and concerns with loud music.

Adjournment

Mr. Palma moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Hawkins. 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.