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**The Somerset Hills School District  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2012**

**Call to Order**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:10 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	Absent	Also Present
Robert Baker	John Dorr	Nancy Lee Hunter
Donna Coons	Julie Goetz	Barbara Walls
Deborah Hawkins	Karen McMahan	Gwen Thornton, NJSBA
Linda Kragie		
Nancy Palazzolo		
Louis Palma		
Lauriann Swadba		

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

At 6:10 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.

Mrs. Hawkins seconded the motion to adjourn to executive session and the resolution was passed by unanimous vote of 7-0. The Board returned to public session at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Coons reported that the Board discussed Personnel.

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Gwen Thornton, New Jersey School Boards Association met with the Board in Executive Session to discuss Superintendent Search Criteria.

**Public Questions & Comments**

None

**Adjournment**

Mr. Palma moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Palazzolo. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 7-0

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.**