THE SOMERSET HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION MEETING COMMUNITY ROOM JANUARY 2, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

I. <u>Call to Order</u>

II. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>

III. Welcome

Welcome to the annual reorganization 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 reorganization 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.

IV. Oath of Office

- 1. Jamie Leiss
- 2. Janis Virtue
- 3. Nicole Cooper

V. Roll Call

VI.	Organizational Procedur
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1. Nomination and Election of	of President	
Motion to nominate	(enter name) by	
Seconded by		
Any other nominations		
Voice Vote:		
2. Nomination and Election of	of Vice President	
Motion to nominate	(enter name) by	
Seconded by		
Any other nominations		
Voice Vote:		

VII. Organizational Action Items

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

(each Board Member reads one)

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.

2. Re-Adopt All By-Laws & Policies

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education re-adopts all current Board Policies & By-Laws.

3. Re-Adopt All Program & Curriculum*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education re-adopts all existing Curriculum, on file in the Curriculum office.

4. <u>Re-adopt All District Tradebooks, Software, Motion Pictures/Films*</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education re-adopts district tradebook list, software list, and media list, on file in the Curriculum office.

5. <u>Board Representative Appointments</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the following group representative appointments:

N.J. School Board Association

Delegate: Alternate:

Somerset County School Board Association

Member: Alternate:

Somerset County Educational Services Commission

Member: Alternate:

Garden State Coalition of Schools

Member: Alternate:

Somerset Hills Education Foundation

Member: Alternate:

HSA of Somerset Hills

BES/BMS Member: BHS Member:

Municipal Alliance

Member: Alternate:

6. <u>Board Committee Assignments</u>

Resolved, that the following **Board Committees be re-established**:

Finance

Facilities & Operations

Policy

Curriculum

Personnel

Negotiations

Community Relations

7. Approve Authorized Signatures

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the authorized signatures on warrants as follows:

Accounts	Signatures			
a) Payroll	Board Secretary & Board President			
b) Agency	Board Secretary & Board President			
c) General	Board Secretary & Board President			
d) Cafeteria	Board Secretary			
e) Unemployment	Board Secretary			

VIII. <u>Policy</u>

- A. Committee Report & Discussion:
- B. Action Items:

IX. Personnel

- A. Committee Report & Discussion:
- B. Action Items:

All personnel action is on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

1. <u>Approve Appointment Non-Certified Staff</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of the following non-certified staff for the 2017-2018 school year:

Name	School	Position	Replace	Step	Salary	Effective

X. <u>Community Relations</u>

- A. Committee Report & Discussion:
- B. Action Items:

X. <u>Public Comment</u>

XI. Executive Session

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.

RESOLVED, that the discussion in Executive Session be disclosed in the minutes to be released at the next regular meeting of the Board, provided 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.

XII. Adjournment

Resolutions:

*Note: The areas of permitted voting for the Bedminster district representative of the Board of Education are: (a) Tuition to be charged the sending district by the receiving district and the bill lists or contracts for the purchase, operation or maintenance of facilities, equipment and instructional materials to be used in the education of the pupils of the sending district; (b) New capital construction to be utilized by sending district pupils; (c) Appointment, transfer or removal of teaching staff members providing services to pupils of the sending district, including any teaching staff member who is a member of the receiving district's central administrative staff; (d) Addition or deletion of curricular and extracurricular programs involving pupils of the sending district; (e) Any matter directly involving the sending district pupils or programs and services utilized by those pupils; (f) Approval of the annual receiving district budget; (g) Any collectively negotiated agreement involving employees who provide services utilized by sending district pupils; (h) Any individual employee contracts not covered by a collectively negotiated agreement, if those employees provide or oversee programs or services utilized by sending district pupils; and (i) Any matter concerning governance of the receiving district board of education including, but not limited to, the selection of the board president or vice-president, approval of board bylaws, and the employment of professionals or consultants such as attorneys, architects, engineers, or others who provide services to the receiving district board of education.

(cf: P.L.1996, c.103, s.1)