# THE SOMERSET HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

# REORGANIZATION MEETING COMMUNITY ROOM JANUARY 7, 2014 – 4:30 P.M.

<b>[.</b>	Call	to	Order

# II. Pledge of Allegiance

# III. 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 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. Robert Baker
- 2. Donna Coons
- 3. Greg DiGioacchino

### V. Roll Call

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

# VII. Organizational Action Items

(Attachment #1)

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

(each Board Member reads one)

Resolution

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.

# Action

## 2. Re-Adopt All By-Laws & Policies

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

# <u>Action</u>

### 3. Re-Adopt All Program & Curriculum\*

### Resolution

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

#### Action

### 4. Re-adopt All District Tradebooks, Software, Motion Pictures/Films\*

### Resolution

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

# <u>Action</u>

# 5. <u>Board Representative Appointments\*</u>

# Resolution

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

Member Alternate

Municipal Alliance

Member Alternate

Action 6. Board Committee Assignments\*

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

Finance

Facilities & Operations

Policy Curriculum Personnel

Neighborhood Relations Community Relations