The Somerset Hills School District
Regular Meeting Agenda - December 15, 2021
Executive Session - 6:00 P.M.
Public Input & Action - 7:30 P.M.
Bernards High School Media Center

### Call to Order & Welcome

Mrs. Santoro called the meeting to order 6:01 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Also Present:

Mr. Baker Ms. Nathans Dr. Gretchen Dempsey
Ms. Cooper Mr. Rosin Dr. Coleen Butler
Mrs. deGrandpré Mrs. Santoro Mrs. Jinnee DeMarco

Mrs. Frenda Mrs. Tober Ms. Derlys M. Gutierrez, Esq.

Mrs. Leiss Mrs. Wry

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Rosin moved the following at 6:05 p.m., Ms. Cooper seconded.

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.

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.

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:32 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

# **Report of the Superintendent**

- 1. Student Representatives' reports. BMS representatives Charlie Quinn and Joe Sorge gave their report. BHS representatives Mariel Pallante and Chris Sun gave their reports.
- 2. Governor's Educator of the Year

### Teacher Recognition Program:

WHEREAS, the Somerset Hills School District subcommittee selected Jonathan Cherng, Teacher, Bernards High School, Jessica McGinn, Teacher, Bernardsville Middle School, and Jennifer Bohr,

Teacher, Bedwell Elementary School, for recommendation to the Governor's Educator of the Year Program for the 2021-2022 school year and;

WHEREAS, Jonathan Cherng, Jessica McGinn, and Jennifer Bohr have demonstrated their ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn and;

WHEREAS, Jonathan Cherng, Jessica McGinn, and Jennifer Bohr have the respect and admiration of students, parents, administrators, and colleagues, and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Cherng, Jessica McGinn, and Jennifer Bohr are exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable and skilled professionals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and Administration confirm the selection of Jonathan Cherng, Jessica McGinn, and Jennifer Bohr for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program for the 2021-2022 school year and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Administration commend Jonathan Cherng, Jessica McGinn, and Jennifer Bohr for their outstanding qualities and the high caliber of the services they provide and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Administration enthusiastically approve and support the selection of Jonathan Cherng, Jessica McGinn, and Jennifer Bohr for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program.

### Educational Service Provider Recognition Program:

WHEREAS, the Somerset Hills School District subcommittee selected Colleen Zuppa, Special Education Paraprofessional, and Carol Guedez, Special Education Paraprofessional, for recommendation to the Governor's Educator of the Year Educational Service Provider Recognition Program for the 2021 – 2022 school year, and

WHEREAS, Colleen Zuppa and Carol Guedez have demonstrated the ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn and

WHEREAS, Colleen Zuppa and Carol Guedez have the respect and admiration of students, parents, administrators, and colleagues and

WHEREAS, Colleen Zuppa and Carol Guedez are exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable and skilled teacher assistants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and Administration confirm the selection of Colleen Zuppa and Carol Guedez for the Governor's Educator of the Year Educational Service Provider Recognition Program for the 2020-2021 school year and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Administration commend Colleen Zuppa and Carol Guedez for their outstanding qualities and the high caliber of the services they provide and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Administration enthusiastically approve and support the selection of Colleen Zuppa and Carol Guedez for the Governor's Educator of the Year Educational Service Provider Recognition Program.

3. Academic Report- Dr. Olga Edgerton, District Testing Coordinator

### **Public Comments for Actionable Agenda Items**

None

Seeing no one from the public, Ms. Cooper moved to close public comments, Mrs. Frenda seconded.

## **Approval of Minutes\***

Mrs. deGrandpré moved to approve the minutes for November 17, 2021, Ms. Cooper seconded. Minutes were approved by a roll call vote of 10-0-0.

## 1. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Public Input & Action and Executive meeting minutes for November 17, 2021.

### **FINANCE**

- A. Committee Report & Discussion: Mr. Baker gave the report. The committee met on December 2, 2021.
- B. Action Items: Mr. Baker moved items #1-12, Mrs. Tober seconded. Items #1-12 were approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0.

# 1. <u>Board Secretary & Treasurer Reports & Board Certification</u>\*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has received the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of October 2021 showing the following balances:

FUND	<b>Board Secretary</b>	Treasurer Cash
	Cash Balance (1)	Balance (2)
(10) General Fund	\$10,490,128.88	\$10,490,128.88
(20) Special Revenue Fund	(\$176,741.85)	(\$176,741.85)
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$371,191.25	\$371,191.25
(40)Debt Service Fund	\$310,969.43	\$310,969.43
Total Government Funds	\$10,995,547.71	\$10,995,547.71

(1) From Secretary's Report (2) From Treasurer's Report

WHEREAS in compliance with N.J.A.C.6A: 23-2.1(c)3 the secretary has certified that, as of the date of the report(s), no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education, now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education accepts the above referenced report and certifications and orders that they be attached to and made part of the record of this meeting, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, in compliance with N.J.A.C.6A: 23-3.11(c) 4, the Board of Education certifies that, after review of the secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriation section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge, no major

account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A: 23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

# 2. Approve 2021-2022 Budget Transfers\*

Resolved that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the attached list of budget transfers for October 2021.

### 3. Payment of Bills\*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached October 2021 check registers with the recommendation that the checks 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	
(10) General Fund	\$95,753.18
(20) Special Revenue Fund	_
(30) Capital Projects Fund	_
(40) Debt Service Fund	_
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$610.00
(90) Agency Fund	_
TOTAL	\$96,363.18

### 4. Payment of Bills\*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached November 2021 check registers with the recommendation that the checks 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	
(10) General Fund	\$3,033,252.58
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$49,810.05
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$66,967.73
(90) Agency Fund	\$1,048,991.70
TOTAL	\$4,199,022.06

# 5. <u>Amend American Rescue Plan - IDEA Grant</u>\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the submission and acceptance of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Preschool Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) as follows for the 2021-2022 school year.

ARP IDEA Basic Public: \$ 90,427 ARP IDEA Non Public: \$ 9,436 ARP IDEA Preschool Public: \$ 8,517 TOTAL \$108,380

### 6. <u>Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools</u>\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the Send/Receive Tuition Agreement with Somerset County

Vocational & Technical Schools for the sending of students to Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

## 7. <u>Approve Professional Service Contract</u>\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the professional service agreement with Policy Find for the 2021-2022 school year not to exceed \$7,500.

### 8. <u>Approve Settlement Agreement\*</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the settlement agreements with respect to litigation involving an injury to a minor student on a school bus on school premises.

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement involves no admission of liability on the part of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District's portion of the proposed settlement approximately equals the cost of continued defense of the litigation; and

WHEREAS, the District's portion of the settlement will be paid fully by the District's insurance carrier

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby consents to the resolution of this litigation with no admission of liability and with payment being made primarily by the bus transportation company and a contribution on behalf of the Board of Education by the District's insurance carrier.

# 9. <u>Approve Professional Service Contract</u>\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following appointment for the 2021-2022 school year:

Provider	Service	Est Amt. Not to Exceed
Anderson & Shah, LLC	Legal	\$25,000(\$200/hr-attny; \$85/hr paralegal)

### 10. Payment of Bills\*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached November 2021 check registers with the recommendation that the checks 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	
(10) General Fund	\$74,122.89
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$9,786.60
(30) Capital Projects Fund	
(40) Debt Service Fund	_
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$56,144.65
(90) Agency Fund	_
TOTAL	\$140,054.14

## 11. Approve Consulting Service Agreement\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Education Consortium for Telecommunications Savings to provide consulting services for E-Rate applications for the 2021-2022 school year:

Funding range Received	Flat Fee
Up to \$100,000	\$1,200
\$100,001 to \$499,000	\$2,200

### 12. Amend 2021-2022 Budget for Security Grant Award\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the district audit firm, revise the Somerset Hills School District budget for 2021-2022 fiscal year to reflect a \$114,351 increase for the School Security Grant that was approved by NJDOE on 9/22/2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there will be an increase in Revenue Line - Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act (Alyssa's Law, Account 10-3256) in the amount of \$114,351; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there will be an increase in Appropriation Line - Other Purchased Professional and Technical Services (Account 12-000-3XX) in the amount of \$114,351.

### **FACILITIES & OPERATIONS**

- A. Committee Report & Discussion: Mrs. Wry gave the report. The committee met on December 8, 2021.
- B. Action Items: Mrs. Wry moved item #1, Ms. Cooper seconded. Item #1 was approved by a roll call vote of 10-0-0.

### 1. HIB Report\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education reviewed the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying cases presented on November 17, 2021, and upheld the findings and/or consequences recommended by the Superintendent.

- BMS 2021-2022 #5
- BHS 2021-2022 #1

### **CURRICULUM**

A. Committee Report & Discussion: Ms. Cooper gave the report. The committee met on December 7, 2021. B. Action Items: Ms. Cooper moved items #1-4, Mrs. Wry seconded. Items #2, 4 were approved by a roll call vote of 10-0-0, Item #1, 3 was approved by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

### 1. Approve Field Trips

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following field trips:

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
a	BES	Red Mill Village: Clinton, NJ	85	8	12
b	BMS	Calvary Temple & Dorney Park: Allentown, PA	155	132	20

c	BMS	Virtual Steam Tank Challenge Regionals: Virtual	10	1	0	
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# 2. <u>Approve Field Trips</u>\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following field trips:

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
a	BHS	NJ Physics Olympics: Tinton Falls, NJ	24	1	0
b	BHS	Black River Roasters: Whitehouse Station, NJ	9	4	0
c	BHS	Sweet Melissa Bakery & Destination Athlete: Lebanon, NJ	10	1	0
d	BHS	Observe Live Surgery - Anatomy & Physiology Class: BHS PAC	87	2	4
e	BHS	Rowan Jazz Festival: Glassboro, NJ	19	2	0

# 3. <u>Approve Professional Development</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following professional development:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BES	Strohman, E.	Demystifying Swallowing & Feeding in the School Setting	12/18/21	\$99
b	BES	O'Day, L.	Making the Most of Spelling Instruction	01/07/22	\$50
c	BES	Falzarano, S.	Making the Most of Spelling Instruction	01/07/22	\$50
d	BES	Ziolkowski, M.	Developing Data Based High Leverage, Transferable Tools to Support your Small Group & 1:1 Work	01/10/22	\$50
e	BES	Westfall, S.	Increasing the Humanity of Reading & Writing Workshop	01/12/22	\$50
f	BES	DeRoberts, T.	Accelerate ELL Students' Learning in PreK & K	01/18/22	\$0
g	BES	Klebaur, G.	Robust Vocabulary Instruction	01/28/22	\$0
h	BES	McCarron, J.	NAEA National Convention	03/03/22- 03/05/22	\$300
i	BMS	Rizzuto, R.	Guided Math: Practical Strategies to Differentiate Your Math Instruction	01/06/22	\$279
j	BMS	Froysland, M.	Guided Math: Practical Strategies to Differentiate Your Math Instruction	01/06/22	\$279
k	BMS	McGinn, J.	Somerset County Health Curriculum Updates	01/13/22	\$0

1	BMS	Porter, S.	Trauma Sensitive Schools	01/18/22	\$0
m	BMS	Marashlian, N.	NGSS - Using Explanation & Argument to Assess Student Learning	03/02/22	\$125
n	BMS	Internoscia, B.	MUJC - Behavioral Disabilities (BD) Symposium Meeting	03/08/22	\$0

# 4. <u>Approve Professional Development</u>\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following professional development:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BHS	Cherng, J.	AP Calculus Roundtable	12/16/21	\$0
b	BHS	Falletta, L.	AP Calculus Roundtable	12/16/21	\$0
с	BHS	Neigel, S.	Somerset County HS Principals Association Meeting	12/17/21	\$0
d	BHS	Miranda, J.	Grief Treatment Certification Training	01/07/22	\$0
e	BHS	O'Connor, L.	Somerset County PE Standards Meeting	01/13/2022	\$0
f	BHS	Miranda, J.	Rewire the Anxious Brain: Neuroscience Informed Treatment of Anxiety, Panic and Worry	01/28/22	\$0
g	BHS	Young, J.	Anatomy & Physiology Class Live Surgery	02/07/22	\$0
h	BHS	Albanese-DeMair, C.	Anatomy & Physiology Class Live Surgery	02/07/22	\$0
i	BHS	Pasqua, J.	NECTFL 68th Annual Conference	02/10/22	\$255
j	District	Barna, L.	Practical & Effective Ways to Support Students' Literacy Growth in Tiers 1, 2, 3 of RT	01/11/22	\$50
k	District	Catelli, M.	Legal One: Code of Conduct Specialized Populations	01/27/22	\$125
1	District	Lucas, D.	NJBGA Meetings	11/17, 12/15, 01/19, 02/16, 03/16, 04/20, 05/18, 06/15	\$109.12
m	District	DeMarco, J.	NJASA Techspo 22	01/26-01/28	\$899.40
n	District	Schwarz, J.	NJASA Techspo 22	01/26-01/28	\$958.40

### **PERSONNEL**

- A. Committee Report and Discussion. Mrs. Tober gave the report. The committee met on December 9, 2021.
- B. Action Items: Mrs. Tober moved items #1-17, Mrs. Frenda seconded. Items #2-7,11-14,17 were approved by a roll call vote of 10-0-0, Item #1,8-10,15,16 were approved by roll call vote of 9-0-0.

## 1. <u>Accept Resignation</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the resignation of the following employee:

	Name	School	Position	Effective
a	Prinz, Ralph Peter	BMS	Leave Replacement Teacher	01/31/2022

# 2. Rescind Approval Full-Time Special Education Paraprofessional\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the approval of the appointment of the following Full-Time Paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year:

	Name	Replace	Position	Step	Hourly
a	O'Reilly, Brendan	9531	Para-Spec Ed B Hourly	1	\$17.34

# 3. Rescind Approval Athletic/Co-Curricular Position\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the approval of the following BHS athletic stipend for the 2021-2022 school year:

	Last Name	First Name	BHS Co-Curricular Position	Season	Stipend
a	Maginnis	Luke	Basketball: Women's Assistant (FR) (50%)	Winter	\$3,325 (½ of \$6,650)

# 4. Rescind Approval Athletic/Co-Curricular Volunteers\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescinds the approval of the appointment of the following volunteer for the 2021- 2022 school year:

	Last Name First Name		Season	Position
a	Kulcsar	Christopher	Fall	Volunteer Football

# 5. <u>Amend Approval Co-Curricular & Athletic Positions</u>\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, amends the approval of the following BHS co-curricular and athletic stipends for the 2021-2022 school year:

	Last Name	First Name	<b>BHS Co-Curricular Position</b>	Stipend
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a	Tynan	Jessica	Field Hockey: Assistant (FR)	\$ <del>6,000</del> \$5,600
b	LaValle	Alexa	Basketball: Women's Assistant (FR) (50%)	\$6,650

## 6. <u>Approve Athletic/Co-Curricular Position</u>\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following BHS co-curricular and athletic stipend position for the 2021-2022 school year.

	Last Name	First Name	BHS Co-Curricular Position	Season	Stipend
a	Maginnis	Luke	Winter Track: Assistant	Winter	\$5,400

# 7. <u>Approve Family Medical Leave</u>\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Family Medical Leave of Absence dates for the 2021-2022 school year:

	ID	School	Position	Dates for Accumulated Sick Leave	Dates for FMLA (Unpaid with Benefits)
a	9693	District	Manager	0	11/29/2021 - 1/02/2022

# 8. <u>Approve Unpaid Absences</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following unpaid absences for the 2021-2022 school year:

	Name	School	Position	Dates
a	Bohr, Jennifer	BES	Teacher BA	01/12/2022 - 01/14/2022

# 9. Approve Appointment of Interim Assistant Principal

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Lynn Sharp, interim assistant principal at Bernardsville Middle School at an hourly rate of \$70, effective January 3, 2022 through the end of the assignment, *subject to further investigation pursuant to law* (Latzke).

# 10. Approve Appointment Administrator

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following administrator for the 2021-2022 school year *subject to further investigation pursuant to law*:

	Name Position		Replace	<b>Salary</b> <i>Prorated</i>	Effective
a	Koellhoffer, Keith B.	Assistant Principal - BMS	Latzke, B.	\$107,000	Pending Clearance

# 11. Approve Appointment Non - Certified Staff\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following non - certified staff for the 2021-2022 school year *subject to further investigation pursuant to law*:

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Effective
a	Delapaz, Manuel	District	Bus Driver	\$32./hour	01/03/2022

## 12. Approve Overloads\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following BMS overloads for the 2021-2022 school year.

	Course	Teacher	Term	Salary	OVERLOAD Salary
a	English	Kimmel, Melissa	12/06 per diem until completed as determined by BMS principal	\$74,260	\$61.90 per diem
b	English	Russo, Dawn	12/06 per diem until completed as determined by BMS principal	\$82,675	\$68.91 per diem
c	English	Tchorz, Valerie	12/06 per diem until completed as determined by BMS principal	\$98,179	\$81.83 per diem

# 13. <u>Approve Job Description</u>\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following job description:

• Director/Supervisor of Student Services

# 14. <u>Approve Substitutes</u>\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following substitute for the 2021-2022 school year, *subject to further investigation pursuant to law*:

	Last	First	Substitute Position	Certification
a	Koczot	Kristen	Teacher/Paraprofessional	K-12 County Certification
b	Hayes	Emily	Teacher/Paraprofessional	K-12 County Certification

# 15. <u>Amend Approval Unpaid Absences</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent amend the approval of the following unpaid absences for the 2021-2022 school year:

	Name	School	Position	# of Requested days	Dates
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a	Sarullo, Dally	BMS	Paraprofessional	2	12/17/21 & 12/20/21 3/24 - 3/25/2022
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#### 16. Amend Approval Leave Replacement Teacher

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, amend the approval of the following Leave Replacement Teacher for the

2021-2022 school year, subject to further investigation pursuant to law:

	Name	School	Position	Replace	Level	Step	Salary	Dates
a	Adams, Jennifer	BES	Teacher	8857	MA	4-5	\$67,205 prorated	<del>11/30/21</del> 01/03/2022 - 6/30/22

### 17. Approve Maintenance Stipend\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following maintenance stipend for the 2021-2022 school year, effective as of 7/1/2021:

	Name	Position	Stipend
a	Brenner, Kevin	System Maintenance	\$16,774

### **POLICY**

- A. Committee Report and Discussion. Mrs. Leiss gave the report. The committee did not meet this month.
- B. Action Items: Mrs. Leiss moved items #1-2, Mrs. Frenda seconded. Items #1-2 were approved by a roll call vote of 10-0-0.

#### First Reading\* 1.

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the first reading of the following bylaw, policy & regulation:

Policy / Regulation #	Title
P0155	Board Committees

### 2. Second Reading\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the second reading of the following bylaw, policy & regulation:

Policy / Regulation #	Title
P5751 & R5751	Sexual Harassment of Students (M) (Revised)

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

A. Committee Report & Discussion: Mrs. Frenda gave the report. The committee met on December 7, 2021.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

- 1. Mrs. Santoro thanked Mr. Rosin for his service on the board.
- 2. Mrs. Santoro thanked Mrs. Leiss for her 6+ years of service on the board.
- 3. Mrs. Leiss expressed her appreciation and gratitude to the board.

- 4. Dr. Dempsey expressed condolences for the passing of a beloved long-time substitute, Clarissa Krumbiegel.
- 5. Mrs. Santoro thanked the staff and the community members for participating in the district's Strategic Planning.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 1. Sarah Falzarano BES teacher, parent, SHEA representative, coach expressed concern for outside organizations not wearing masks in school.
- 2. Jim McCaron SHEA Vice President, SHEA Head Negotiator SHEA cannot go into negotiations as they do not have a signed contract from this past negotiation.
- 3. Nick Hemans BHS teacher, coach, parent we are in desperate need of substitute teachers and reconsider online fundraising for sport teams for equipment.
  - Mrs. Santoro responded that the district raised the substitute rates and we are trying to address this issue. In regards to sport equipment, she urged Mr. Hemans to speak to the Athletic Director.
- 4. Joe Foglia SHEA Grievance Chair urged the board to consider having grievance hearings. Mr. Rosin moved to close public comments, Mrs. Leiss seconded.

### XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Mrs. Leiss seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jinnee DeMarco

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

\*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)