

**THE SOMERSET HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2021
VIRTUAL**

Call to Order

Mrs. Santoro called the meeting to order at 6:32.p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance**Welcome**

Welcome to a special 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 meeting is strictly in Executive Session for the sole purpose of negotiations. No action will be taken.

Due to the public health emergency in the State of New Jersey, as declared in Executive Order 103, the Board will be suspending its normal meeting procedures this evening and conducting a virtual meeting. Directions for accessing the virtual public meeting were posted on the District website: www.shsd.org

Roll Call**Present:**

Mr. Baker
Ms. Cooper (arrived at
6:36 p.m.)
Mrs. Frenda
Mrs. Leiss
Ms. Nathans

Absent:

Mr. Rosin

Also Present:

Dr. Gretchen Dempsey
Coleen Butler
Jinnee DeMarco
Derlys Gutierrez, Esq.

Suspend policy for public meetings

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education suspends its policies relating to in person board meetings and authorizes virtual board meetings to occur during this period of emergency due to the COVID 19 emergency as referenced in Executive Order 103 and pursuant to Bylaw 131

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

Mrs. Leiss moved to enter Executive Session at 6:36 p.m., Mrs. Tober seconded. The Board moved into 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

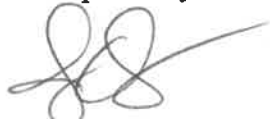
“circumstances” test of such Act: RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Somerset Hills now adjourns its public session to reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following: Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts, Negotiations and Litigation. And, be it further, RESOLVED that 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 moved to return to Public Session at 7:30 p.m., Ms. Virtue seconded. The Board returned to Public Session.

Adjournment

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn at 7:31 p.m., Ms. Virtue seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jinnee DeMarco
Board Secretary