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**THE SOMERSET HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 25, 2021  
VIRTUAL**

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Santoro called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Board of Education candidate interviews. 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](http://www.shsd.org)

**Roll Call**

Present:

Mr. Baker  
Ms, Cooper  
Mrs, Frenda  
Mrs, Leiss  
Ms. Nathans

Mrs. Santoro  
Mrs. Tober  
Ms. Virtue  
Mrs. Wry

Also Present:

Dr. Gretchen Dempsey  
Jinnee DeMarco

**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 6:12pm, Ms. Cooper 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,

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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 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Leiss Seconded. The Board returned to public session,

**Adjournment**

Mr. Baker Moved to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. Mrs. Leiss seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jinnee DeMarco  
Board Secretary