

**The Somerset Hills School District
Special Meeting
June 23, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.
Bernards High School Community Room**

Call to Order & Welcome

Mrs. Santoro called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent

Dr. Gretchen Dempsey

Also Present:

Dr. Coleen Butler
Mrs. Jinnee DeMarco
Ms. Derlys Gutierrez, Esq.

Executive Session

Ms. Wry moved to enter Executive Session at 6:33 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.

Public Comments

None

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

Approval of Agreement

Mr. Baker moved item #1, Mrs. Tober seconded. Item #1 was approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

1. Approve S.H.E.A. Memorandum of Agreement*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Somerset Hills Education Association (S.H.E.A.) dated April 13, 2021 and corresponding salary guides as ratified by the S.H.E.A. on June 15, 2021.

Finance

Mrs. Leiss moved items #1-3, Ms. Cooper seconded. Items #1-3 was approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

A. Action Items:

1. Approve Insurance Renewals*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the renewal of insurance policies for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Coverage Type	Carrier	Amount
Package (includes Cyber)	Utica	\$115,987.00
Umbrella	Utica	\$14,401.00
Worker's Compensation	NJSIG	\$197,079.00
School Board Legal Liability	NJSIG	\$69,462.00
Bonds	Hanover	\$1,350.00
Student Accident	Bollinger	\$56,448.00
TOTAL		\$454,727.00

2. Approve 2021-2022 ESSA Grant*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes application and approves funds for the 2021-2022 school year for the ESSA-ESEA Federal Grant Allocation for as follows:

Grant	Somerset Hills (Public)	Far Hills (Nonpublic)	St. Elizabeth's (Nonpublic)	Total
Title I, Part A	\$54,917			\$54,917
Title II, Part A	\$21,765	\$3,204	\$1,862	\$26,831
Title III	\$23,387			\$23,387
Title III i	\$8,258			\$8,258
Title IV, Part A	\$8,112	\$1,194	\$694	\$10,000

3. Approve Student Transportation Agreement*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the transportation contract (route # S2178) for Student #2021130 for ESY and 2021-2022 school year. The board authorizes the Somerset County Educational Services Commission to accept the second lowest quoted route as an exception due to his medical needs.

FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

Mrs. Leiss moved item #1, Ms. Cooper seconded. Item #1 was approved by a roll call vote of 9-0

1. Approve Participation in Interscholastic Sport*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve student #2025163 to represent Bernards High School as an individual, in the sport of gymnastics, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Curriculum

Mrs. Leiss moved item #1, Ms. Cooper seconded. Item #1 was approved by a roll call vote of 9-0

1. Approve Professional Development*

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

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference	Date	Est. Cost
a	District	Lucas, Doug	NJSBGA: Northwest Chapter Meeting	July 14	\$14.26
b	District	Walker, Jaime	Trauma Informed Instruction Training: Mental Health First Aid Training	July 28 - 30	\$2,200

Personnel

Mrs. Leiss moved item #1-12, Ms. Cooper seconded. Item #1,3,5,7-9 was approved by a roll call vote of 9-0. Items #2,4,6,10-12 was approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

1. Accept Retirement*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the retirement of the following Employee:

	Name	School	Position	Effective
a	DeAngelo, Frances	District	Transportation Driver	August 1, 2021

2. Approve Leave Replacement Teacher

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve 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	Effective
a	Haney, Jacob	BMS	English Teacher MA	9767	MA	1	\$65,800	10/04/2021-03/30/2022 <i>Pending clearance</i>

3. Approve Appointment Employee*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of the following employee for the 2021-2022 school year:

	Name	Position	Amount
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a	Favino, Judy	Treasurer of School Monies	\$7,000
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4. Approve Appointment Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following Part-Time Paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year: District

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Step	Hourly Rate
a	Welsh	Ashley	Para-Spec Ed B Hourly	5	\$ 18.15

5. Approve Summer Support*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff *subject to enrollment*:

	Name	Position	Effective	Hourly Rate	Expected Program Rate
a	Falzarano, Jeffrey	English Summer Support	July 6, 8, 12 & 14 (10am - 12 Noon)	\$71.10	\$568.80

6. Approve Summer Support & Summer SOAR

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

	Name	Position	Effective	Hourly Rate	Expected Program Rate
a	Bracero, Jeannette	Summer Support	July 6 - August 12	\$53.02	\$4,258.25
b	Brooten, Darcy	Summer SOAR	July 12 - 15	\$60.74	\$848.40
c	Carreiro, Olivia	Substitute	-	\$47.68	-
d	Chaffee, Salome	Summer SOAR	July 6 - 22	\$44.88	\$1,724.03
e	DeRoberts, Theresa	Substitute	-	\$69.11	-
f	Falzarano, Sarah	Summer SOAR	July 6- 8	\$50.03	\$513.55
g	Rudin, Beth	Summer SOAR	July 19 - 22	\$76.72	\$1,071.56
h	Young, Meghan	Summer Support	July 6 - August 12	\$44.88	\$3,604.79

7. Approve Summer Work*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following summer work for staff members at their 2021-2022 per hour rate: BHS & District

	Name	Position	School	Not to Exceed	Hourly Rate
a	McCloskey, Heather	Speech Language Therapist	District	4 days	\$49.78
b	Roll, Jill	Occupational Therapist	District	4 days	\$69.60
c	Strohman, Liz	Speech Language Therapist	District	4 days	\$52.32

8. Amend Approval Summer Curriculum*

Resolved that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the approval of the following teachers and days for the 2021 summer curriculum projects in order to improve documents to meet New Jersey Standards and course requirements. As per SHEA contract, 1 day is defined as 5 hours of work at \$40/hour.

	Course	Project	Days	Writer(s)
a	Science K	NJSLS-S Updates 2020	1	L. Heppes L. Heppes & DeStefano, P.

9. Approve Athletic/Co-Curricular Volunteers*

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

	Last Name	First Name	Season	Position
a	Simoneau	Wayne	Fall	Volunteer Football
b	DeLeon	Ryan	Fall	Volunteer Football
c	Locatelli	Thomas	Fall	Volunteer Football
d	Sheehan	Carolyn	Fall	Volunteer Field Hockey
e	Mase	Arlen	Fall	Volunteer Open Gym
f	LaBruno	Wendi	Fall	Volunteer Gymnastics

10. Approve Athletic/Co-Curricular Volunteers

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

	Last Name	First Name	Season	Position
a	Terraciano	Vincent	Fall	Cup Stacking
b	DeSimone	David	Fall	Volunteer Cross Country <i>pending clearance</i>

11. Approve Co-Curricular and Athletic Positions

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following BMS co-curricular and athletic positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

	Last Name	First Name	BMS Co-Curricular Fall Athletic Positions	Stipend
a	Spautz	Daniel	Soccer: Girls' Assistant - 50%	\$1,366.55 (½ of \$2,733)

12. Accept Resignation

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the resignation of the following Employee:

	Name	School	Position	Effective
a	Newton, Samantha	BES	Preschool ABA Teacher	August 31, 2021

Executive Session

Mrs. Leiss moved to enter Executive Session at 7:34 p.m., Mrs. Frenda Seconded. The Board moved into Executive Session.

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Adjournment

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting 8:52 p.m., Ms. Nathans seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jinnee DeMarco
Board Secretary

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)