The Somerset Hills School District PUBLIC INPUT & ACTION MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 19, 2014

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Coons, President.

Roll Call

Present Absent Also Present
Mr. Baker Frances Wood
Mrs. Coons Jennifer Shouffler
Mr. DiGioacchino Nancy Lee Hunter

Ms. Goetz Mrs. Hawkins Mrs. Palazzolo Mr. Palma Mrs. Petrilli Mrs. Swadba

Executive Session

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Palma moved the following:

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. DiGioacchino seconded the motion. The Board returned to public session at 7:35 p.m. Mrs. Coons reported that the Board discussed contracts, negotiations, student matters and personnel.

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 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence

Report of the Superintendent

- 1. Student/Staff Recognition
- 2. Academic Report
- 3. Summer Reading Presentation BHS English Teachers

Public Questions & Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Action

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

Resolution

Mr. Palma moved, seconded by Mrs. Hawkins, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Public Input & Action and Executive meeting minutes for October 15, 2014. Roll call vote 9-0.

Finance

Committee Report

Mr. Baker gave the report. The committee met on November 18, 2014. Mr. Baker spoke about the proposal to change health insurance carriers from Oxford to AmeriHealth.

Action Items

Mr. Baker moved Finance resolutions #1-12, seconded by Mr. Palma. Finance resolutions #1-11 were approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.

Action Resolution

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 August 2014 showing the following balances:

FUND	Board Secretary	Treasurer Cash	
	Cash Balance (1)	Balance (2)	
(10) General Fund	\$4,654,158.48	\$4,654,158.48	
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$(39,630.47)	\$(39,630.47)	
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$34,323.01	\$34,323.01	
(40)Debt Service Fund	\$(140,807.21)	\$(140,807.21)	
Total Government Funds	\$4,508,043.81	\$4,508,043.81	

(1) From Secretary's Report

(2) From Treasurer's Report

WHEREAS in compliance with N.J.A.C.6A: 23-2.1©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© 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.

Action Resolution

2. Approve 2014-2015 Budget Transfers*

Resolved that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the attached list of budget transfers for August 2014.

Action Resolution

3. <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 September 2014 showing the following balances:

FUND	Board Secretary	Treasurer Cash
	Cash Balance (1)	Balance (2)
(10) General Fund	\$5,938,344.14	\$5,938,344.14
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$14,470.59	\$14,470.59
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$559,852.01	\$559,852.01
(40)Debt Service Fund	(\$351,054.21)	(\$351,054.21)
Total Government Funds	\$6,161,612.53	\$6,161,612.53

(1) From Secretary's Report

(2) From Treasurer's Report

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Action Resolution

4. Approve 2014-2015 Budget Transfers*

Resolved that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the attached list of budget transfers for September 2014.

Action Resolution

5. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary as presented a check register dated September 2014 covering check numbers 32369 to 32389 in the amount of \$3,233,025.17 with the recommendation that they 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	AMOUNT
(10) General Fund	\$2,684,980.17
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$120.00

(30) Capital Projects Fund	-0-
(40) Debt Service Fund	\$546,625.00
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$1,300.00
TOTAL	\$3,233,025.17

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary as presented a check register dated October 2014 covering check numbers 32390 to 32645 in the amount of \$1,015,464.45 with the recommendation that they 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	AMOUNT
(10) General Fund	\$679,714.95
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$96,526.27
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$238,281.17
(40) Debt Service Fund	-0-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$942.06
TOTAL	\$1,015,464.45

Action Resolution

6. <u>Coordinated Transportation Agreements</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the "Resolution/Agreement" for participation in coordinated transportation services with the Morris-Union Jointure Commission be approved for the 2014 Extended School Year.

Action Resolution

7. <u>Approve Transportation Contract</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve a transportation contract agreement for student #2020159 with Edison Township Board of Education for the 2014/2015 school year.

<u>Action</u>

8. <u>Approve Agreement with PayServ Inc.</u>

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the agreement with PayServ, Inc. to provide payroll services in the amount of \$18,312 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Action

9. <u>Approve Service Provider</u>

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following Special Education service provider for the 2014-2015 school year and extended school year program:

Provider	Service	Location
Dr. Brian Friedlander	Assistive Tech. Evals.	Port Murray, NJ

Action

10. Approve Settlement Agreement

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the settlement agreement between the parents of student 2017008 and the Somerset Hills School District.

<u>Action</u>

11. Approve Parent Organization Fund Raiser

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following parent organization fund raisers:

Organization	School	Event	Date

a)	Girls Basketball	BHS	Poinsettia & Pie Fundraiser before the Holidays	12/2014
b)	Girls Basketball	BHS	Middle School Skills Clinic	1/3/15
c)	Girls Basketball	BHS	Foul Shoot-a-Thon: players get pledges per foul shots	1/10/15
			made out of 100	

12. Approve School

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following school for the

2014/2015 school year:

Student ID# Provider		Location
7712323425	Nuview Academy	Piscataway, NJ

Curriculum

Committee Report

Mrs. Palazzolo gave the report. The committee met on November 4th & 18th, 2014.

Action Items

Mrs. Palazzolo moved Curriculum resolutions #1-3, seconded by Mr. Palma. Curriculum resolutions #1-3 were approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Action Resolution

1. <u>Approve Field Trips*</u>

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following field trips:

School	Trip	Date	# of	# of	# of
			Students	Faculty	Chaperones
BES	1) 1 st Grade-Trailside	5/8 and	109	13	18
	Nature & Science Center,	5/15 (2			
	Mountainside	groups on			
		separate			
		days)			
BHS	2) Madrigals - Veteran's	11/11/14	33	2	0
	Day-Olcott Square				
BHS	3) AP French-MOMA-	12/5/14	8	2	0
	Matisse exhibit in support of AP				
	exam				
BHS	4) Ski Team-Killington pre-	12/4-	16	1	7
	season	12/7/14			
BHS	5) Madrigals- Matheny	12/9/14	26	1	1
	School				
BHS	6) Madrigals-First	12/12/14	26	1	1
	Presbyterian Church,				
	Bernardsville (AARP meeting)				
BHS	7) Madrigals – The Grain	12/21/14	26	1	1
	House				

BHS	8) Winter Track – Somerset	12/29/14	45	3	0
	County meet, Bethlehem, PA				
BHS	9) Winter Track-Hispanic	1/10/15	45	3	0
	Games-NY Armory				
BHS	10) Winter Track – Skyland	1/24/15	45	3	0
	Conference meet, Bethlehem				
BHS	11) Winter Track –	1/28/15	45	3	0
	Metropolitan Invitational - NY				
	Armory				
BHS	12) Jazz Concert & Lecture	1/29/15	21	2	1
	at Lincoln Center				
BHS	13) Winter Track-Varsity	2/2/15	45	3	0
	Classic Meet – NY Armory				
BHS	14) Jazz Festival – Rowan	2/11/15	21	1	1
	University, Glassboro				
BHS	15) Harvard Model Congress	2/19-	26	3	0
		22/15			
BHS	16) Jazz Festival – Temple	3/3/15	21	1	1
	University, Philadelphia				
BHS	17) Anatomy-Learn the	5/13/15	12	1	0
	science of organ transplant and				
	career opportunities-New				
	Providence				
BHS	18) Music Festival-Dorney	5/22/15	21	2	0
	Park				
BMS	19) Music Festival-Dorney	5/15/15	160	3	27
	Park				

2. <u>Approve Professional Development*</u> Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following professional development:

School	Name		Est. Cost	Date
		Workshop/Conference		
BES	1) Berardi, Anne	The Legal	\$80.00	Jan. 5, 2015
		Responsibilities and Role		
		of the School Nurse		
BES	2) Berardi, Anne	Challenges of Today's	\$235.00	Dec. 9, 2014
		School Nurse		
BES	3) Crowley, Sue	Teachers College	\$57.20	Feb. 5, 2015
BES	4) Gelsinger, Allison	Teachers College	0	Jan. 7, 2015
BES	5) Leonard, Melissa	Rutgers Gifted Education	\$149.00	Nov. 20, 2014
		Conference		
BES	6) Pike, Emily	Somerset Co. Traumatic	0	Nov. 21, 2014

		Loss Coalition meeting		
BES	7) Roll, Jill	Practical Strategies for OTs	\$248.30	Jan. 28, 2015
BES	8) Sombers, Diana	Differentiating Math Instruction, Gr. K-5	\$208.62	Dec. 9. 2014
BES	9) Spadaccini, Jianna	Teachers College	0	Feb. 5, 2015
BHS	10) Ellis, Amanda	University of Miami College Counselor Conf.	\$370.00	Feb. 5-6, 2015
BHS	11) Ellis, Amanda	Counselor Day at Rutgers	0	Dec. 4, 2014
BHS	12) Ellis, Amanda	Ramapo Counselor Luncheon	0	Dec. 5, 2014
BHS	13) Foglia, Joe	PERC – Newark, NJ	0	Oct. 24, 2014
BHS	14) Grund, John	Chemistry of Connection- Social and Emotional Intelligence (Garrison, NY)	\$544.88	Nov. 21-23, 2014
BHS	15) Michalski, Joshua	NJCME History Conference – Princeton	\$75.00	Dec. 5, 2014
BHS	16) Sosely, Anna	Meet with Case Western admissions staff	0	Nov. 3, 2014
BHS	17) Sosely, Anna	Conference with Case Western reps.(in Morristown)	0	Nov. 3, 2014
BHS	18) Vassil, Cheryl	Foreign Language Educators of NJ Spring Conference	\$129.20	Feb. 27, 2015
BMS	19) Both, Kristene	What's New in Young Adult Literature-Newark	\$239.00	Feb. 23, 2015
BMS	20) Calabrese, Eric	Teaching with Primary Resources	\$35.73	Dec. 9, 2014
BMS	21) Drew, Lisa	Characteristics of Self- injurious behaviors vs Suicidal Behaviors	\$108.77	Dec. 4, 2014
BMS	22) Fross, Liana	Teachers College	\$63.00	Dec. 17, 2014
BMS	23) Kelly, Shawn	Integrating Tech & Social Media to Enhance Teaching & Learning for PARCC	\$178.96	Nov. 21, 2014
BMS	24) McInaw, Megan	Singapore Math teaching strategies-Chatham	\$298.00	Nov. 21, 2014
BMS	25) O'Halloran, Anne	Singapore Math teaching strategies-Chatham	\$298.00	Nov. 21, 2014
BMS	26) Rizzuto,	Teaching with Primary	\$31.81	Dec. 9, 2014

	Rosemarie	Resources		
District	27) Catelli, Michael	History Conference – Teaching WWI	\$75.00	Dec. 5, 2014
District	28) Shouffler, Jennifer	County Curriculum Meeting	0	Dec. 15, 2014
District	29) Vaught, Teresa; Grant, Christine; Mitchell, Peg	PowerSchool Users Group – Special Ed component	0	Nov. 19, 2014

<u>Action</u>

3. <u>HIB Report</u>

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education reviewed the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying cases presented on November 19, 2014 and upheld the findings and/or consequences recommended by the superintendent.

Facilities & Operations

Committee Report

Mr. Palma gave the report. The committee met on November 19, 2014.

Mrs. Coons thanked Linda Kragie for her years of service to the Board of Education. Mrs. Coons welcomed Sara Sooy to the Board of Education.

Action Items

Mr. Palma moved Facilities & Operations resolution #1-7, seconded by Mr. DiGioacchino. Facilities & Operations resolutions #1-7 were approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Action

. Accept Resignation – Board Member Linda Kragie

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept the resignation of Board Member Linda Kragie effective November 10, 2014.

Action

2. Approve Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the 2015/2016 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

<u>Action</u>

3. <u>Approve Annual Maintenance Budget Worksheet</u>

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the attached Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (Form M-1 calculation of \$125,023).

Action

4. <u>Approve Disposal of Equipment</u>

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the disposal of a Band Saw, Model 141, serial Number 8941124.

Action

5. Approve 2015/2016 School Calendar

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the 2015/2016 School Calendar.

Action

6. Approve Use of Capital Reserve – BMS Air Conditioning Installation

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the use of capital reserve in the amount of \$27,195 to fund the local share of SDA Project #4815-040-14-G-2PN for A/C installation in the multi-purpose room at Bernardsville Middle School.

(Total project cost: \$45,325, State Share: \$18,130)

<u>Action</u>

7. <u>Approve Use of Capital Reserve – BMS Door Replacement</u>

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the use of capital serve in the amount of \$41,520 to fund the local share of SDA Project #4815-040-14-G3KA for exterior door

replacement at Bernardsville Middle School.

(Total project cost: \$69,200, State Share: \$27,680)

Policy

Mr. DiGioacchino reported that the committee met on November 11th. Policies will be approved at the December 10th Board meeting.

Personnel

Committee Report

Action Items

Mrs. Hawkins moved Personnel resolutions #1-11 and 13-21, seconded by Mr. Palma. Personnel resolutions #1-11 and 13-21 were approved by a roll call vote of 9-0. Resolution #12 was pulled from the Agenda.

All personnel action is on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Action Resolution 1. <u>Accept Resignation</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept the resignation of the following employees:

Name	School	Position	Effective date
a) DeVita, Gabrielle	BHS	Special Education	10/22/14
		Paraprofessional	
b) Herrera, Goodness	Bedwell	Special Education	10/31/14
		Paraprofessional	
c) Lowy, Heidi	BMS	Special Education	10/24/14
		Paraprofessional	
d) Mahlik, Annette	Bedwell	Special Education	10/20/14
		Paraprofessional	
e) Polizzi, Lucille	Olcott	Business Assistant	11/21/14
f) Zambito, Mary	Bedwell	Special Education	11/9/14
		Paraprofessional	

Action Resolution

2. Approve Tenure Track Position

Resolution Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following tenure track

position:

Name	School	Level	Step	Salary	Effective
Arnold, Kara	BES	BA	2	\$ 53,335	10/27/14

3. Approve Long Term Substitute

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following long term substitutes:

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Effective
a)	Meeks, Maureen (Hall)	BES	Elementary Teacher	\$262/day	10/27/14
b)	Sheehan, Carolyn (Och)	BES	Elementary Teacher	\$262/day	10/27/14

Action Resolution

4. Rescind Co-Curricular Position

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education rescind the following co-curricular position for the 2014-2015 school year.

Position	School	Name	Stipend
a) Winter Track: Head	BHS	David Szostak	\$4,631
b) Winter Track: Assistant	BHS	Ashley Morris	\$7,142
c) Basketball: Men's Assistant	BHS	Allen Thurlow	\$8,035

Action Resolution

5. Approve Co-Curricular Positions

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following co-curricular positions for the 2014-2015 school year.

Position	School	Person Recommended	Stipend
a) Girls Basketball: Head	BMS	Leslie Atchison	\$5,544
b) Girls Basketball: Assistant	BMS	Zolton Gilly	\$2,669
c) Boys Basketball: Head	BMS	Patrick Reed	\$5,544
d) Boys Basketball: Assistant	BMS	Shane Porter	\$2,669
e) Writing Lab	BMS	Jessica Tynan	\$59.11/hou
f) Tennis: Head	BHS	Patricia McMillian	\$7,142
g) Basketball: Men's Assistant	BHS	Derek Dubois	\$8,035
h) Winter Track: Head	BHS	Ashley Morris	\$7,142
i) Winter Track: Assistant	BHS	David Szostak	\$4,361
j) Peer Tutoring Program	BMS	Samuel Dokus	\$1,000

Action Resolution

6. Approve Salary

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the salary for the following secretarial staff for the 2014-2015 school year:

	Name	Location	Step	Salary	Longevity	Total	Effective
						Salary	
a)	Russoniello, Lucy	BES	18	\$60,470	\$1,790	\$62,261	2/1/14
b)	Nickell, Robin	BHS	9	\$50,796	\$1,434	\$52,230	12/1/14

Action Resolution

7. Approve Overload Salary Advancement

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following overload salary advancement for the 2014-2015 school year.

Teacher	Subject	Overload	Length	Salary
Snyder, Allison	English	5 periods	2014-2015	\$10,058

8. <u>Approve After School Duty Overload</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following staff members for an after school duty overload at Bernardsville Middle School, 15 minutes per day, Tuesday through Friday as assigned, at their hourly per diem rates, effective September 16, 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Name	Position
a) Boylan, Kristen (9/16/14 – 10/31/14)	Media Center
b) Dunay, Diane (10/27/14 – 6/30/15)	Media Center
c) Fitzgerald, Marianne	Detention
d) Rizzuto, Rosemarie	Media Center

Action Resolution

9 <u>Approve Appointment</u>

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Perry Hooker part time special education paraprofessional, Step 1B, at an hourly rate of \$15.13 (not to exceed 25 hours per week) effective September 22, 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Mahlik)

<u>Action</u>

10 <u>Approve Appointment</u>

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Alicia Bezzek, Bus Nurse at an hourly rate of \$35.71 effective November 3, 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year. (new)

Action

11. Approve Salary

Resolution

The Somerset Hills Board of Education hereby resolves to increase the annual salary of Coleen Butler, by \$6,000, Supervisor of Language Arts Literacy K-12, for performing additional duties as directed by the Superintendent of Schools, effective November 20, 2014.

"Resolution pulled from the Agenda"

Action

12. <u>Approve Volunteer</u>

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the

following volunteer for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Volunteer	Certificate
Tannenbaum, Ericka	Gymnastics	Substitute Credential

Action

13 Approve Appointment

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the appointment of Christina Chiaravalloti, Counselor Bernards High School, MA+30, step 14, at an annual salary of \$80,275 effective 12/1/2014 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Labus)

Action

14. Approve Leave

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Allen Thurlow, Teacher Bedwell Elementary School, from January 5, 2015 to March 30, 2015.

Action

15. Approve Substitute

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Substitute	Certificate
a) Burroughs, Paula	Teacher, Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential
b) Macey, Jeanne	Teacher, Paraprofessional, Secretary	Substitute Credential
c) McCullough, Ryan	Teacher, Paraprofessional	Substitute Credential
d) Trokan,Barbara	Teacher, Paraprofessional	CEAS
e) Hagwood, Jessica	Teacher, Paraprofessional	CEAS

Action Resolution

16. Approve Co-Curricular Positions

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following co-curricular positions for the 2014-2015 school year.

Bernardsville High School:

Position	Person Recommended	\$ Stipend \$43/hour	
Spring Digital Photo	Kevin Koch		
Spring Drama Club Director	Lynn Welter	\$2,578	
Spring Drama Club Assistant	Judi Martin	\$1,289	

Action

17. Amend Parenthood Leave

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend parenthood leave start date for Anna Sosely, Bernards High School Counselor to November 17, 2014.

<u>Action</u>

18. <u>Amend Leave Replacement</u>

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the leave replacement position start date for Lizabeth Stolarz, Counselor Bernards High School, to November 24, 2014.

Action

19. <u>Accept Retirement</u>

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education accept the retirement of Nancy Negri, Special Education Paraprofessional at Bedwell Elementary School effective December 31, 2014 with thanks for 15 years of service to the district.

Action

20. <u>Amend Overload</u>

Resolution

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education amend the following overload:

Teacher	Subject Area	Overload	Length	Salary
a) DeMeo, Janet	Mathematics	5 periods/week	9/1/14 – 11/30/14	\$14,982(prorated)

Approve Resolution

21. Approve Increment Withholding

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for efficiency or good cause shown, the Board of Education hereby withholds the employment increment and the adjustment increment of employee member 002750 for the 2014-2015 school year; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the salary of employee number 002750 shall be fixed at his/her salary for the 2014/2015 school year; and BE IT FURTHER that within 10 days,

employee number 002750 shall be provided with written notice of said increment withholding, together with the reasons thereof.

Supplementary Matters

None

Public Questions & Comments

- 1. Mrs. Habibi asked a question on Differentiated Instruction. Ms. Shouffler responded.
- 2. Mrs. Ferrante is concerned about the effectiveness of the elementary report cards. Ms. Shouffler responded.
- 3. Mr. Mitchell of Bernardsville, voiced several concerns about the upcoming PARCC testing. Too much emphasis is being placed on this testing. He asked whether the District can opt out of the testing. Ms. Shouffler responded that according to the State Department of Education we cannot opt out of this testing.

Adjournment

Mr. Palma moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Ms. Goetz. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lee Hunter

Board Secretary

Resolutions:

*Note: The areas of permitted voting for the Bedminster district representative of the Board of Education are: 1) tuition charged by the sending district and bill lists or contracts to be used for the sending district's pupils; 2) new capital construction to be used by the sending district's pupils; 3) appointment, transfer of removal of teaching staff serving the sending district's pupils, including central administration; 4) addition or deletion of curricular or extracurricular programs involving the sending district's pupils.