

**The Somerset Hills School District
Special Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
Olcott Conference Room**

Call to Order & Welcome

Mrs. Frenda called the meeting to order 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Ms. Baker
Ms. Ballard
Ms. Cooper (arrived 6:09pm)
Mrs. Frenda

Ms. Gils
Mr. Joyce (arrived 6:09 pm)
Mrs. Santoror
Mrs. Wry

Absent:

Mrs. deGrandpré
Ms. Nathans

Also Present:

Dr. Brian Brotschul
Dr. Coleen Butler
Mrs. Jinnee DeMarco
Mr. Adam Weiss, Esq.

Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Session

Mrs. Wry moved the following at 6:10 p.m., Mr. Baker 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 8:30 p.m

Public Comments

None

Seeing no one from the public, Ms. Ballard moved to close public comments, Mr. Baker seconded.

FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

A. Action Items: Ms. Cooper moved item #1, Mr. Joyce seconded.

Item #1, was approved by roll call vote of 8-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Ballard, Cooper, Gils, Joyce, Santoro, Wry, Frenda. Absent: deGrandpré , Nathans

1. Approve HIB Determination

RESOLVED, that the Board affirm the Superintendent's decision on HIB Case BMS #33 following a Board hearing of an appeal on behalf of the student, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(b)(6)(e).

B. Action Items: Mr. Baker moved item #2, Mrs. Wry seconded.

Item #2, was approved by roll call vote of 8-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Ballard, Cooper, Gils, Joyce, Santoro, Wry, Frenda. Absent: deGrandpré , Nathans

2. Approve HIB Determination

RESOLVED, that the Board affirm the Superintendent's decision on HIB Case BMS #35 following a Board hearing of an appeal on behalf of the student, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(b)(6)(e).

C. Action Items: Mrs. Wry moved item #3, Ms. Cooper seconded.

Item #3, was approved by roll call vote of 7-0-1. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Ballard, Cooper, Joyce, Santoro, Wry, Frenda. Absent: deGrandpré , Nathans
Ms. Gils abstained.

3. Approve HIB Determination

RESOLVED, that the Board affirm the Superintendent's decision on HIB Case BES #13 following a Board hearing of an appeal on behalf of the student, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(b)(6)(e).

Adjournment

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Ms. Ballard 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)