
**The Somerset Hills and Bedminster School Districts
Special Joint Meeting Agenda - October 29, 2025
Public Input & Action - 6:30 PM
Bernards High School - Media Center**

Call to Order & Welcome

Somerset Hills School District Board President Mrs. Frenda called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Bedminster School District Roll Call

Somerset Hills School District Roll Call

Present:

Mr. Baker	Mrs. Gomez
Ms. Ballard	Mrs. Hoppe
Ms. Clark-Emery	Mrs. Santoro
Ms. Cooper	Mrs. Wry
Ms. Gils	Mrs. Frenda

Absent: none.

Also Present:

Dr. Brian Brotschul, Somerset Hills School District Superintendent
Dr. Coleen Butler, Somerset Hills School District Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Richard Liguori, Somerset Hills School District Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Dr. Jennifer Giordano, Bedminster School District Superintendent
Ms. Eulalia Gillis, Bedminster School District Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation #1:

- A. Dr. G. Kennedy Greene, Sweeney Center for Public Policy - Rowan School Regionalization Institute
- B. Discussion by Board members and administrators was held during the presentation and at the conclusion of the presentation.

Public Comments for Presentation #1

- A. Marie Galli - Bedminster - raised equity issues in current math offerings and prerequisites in Bedminster, compared to Somerset Hills.
- B. Jen Chang - Bedminster - raised the issue of challenges due to differences in curriculum, criteria, and availability of offerings.
- C. Jeff Reaves - Bedminster - former BOE member; indicated this has been addressed previously, asked what has changed in the past 15-20 years, such that this would make sense now.
- D. David Anderson - Bedminster - asked that the previous study and any accompanying documentation be made available to the group conducting this study.

Seeing no one else from the public, Mrs. Santoro moved to close public comments on behalf of the Somerset Hills Board. Mr. Baker seconded. All voted in favor. A similar motion was then made by the Bedminster Board.

The Somerset Hills School District Board President Mrs. Frenda then called for a brief recess at 8:34 pm.

Mrs. Gils left at 8:38 pm.

The meeting resumed at 8:40 pm.

Presentation #2:

- A. Dr. Brian Brotschul, Superintendent, Somerset Hills School District - Referendum 2026 Capital Improvement Program Proposal for Bernards High School.
- B. Discussion by Board members and administrators was held during the presentation and at the conclusion of the presentation.

During Presentation #2, Ms. Clark-Emery returned from the recess at 8:47 pm, and Ms. Cooper returned from the recess at 8:51 pm.

Public Comments for Presentation #2 and Any Other Items - none.

Seeing no one from the public, Mrs. Santoro from the Somerset Hills Board moved to close public comments. Ms. Hoppe seconded. All voted in favor. A similar motion was then made by the Bedminster Board.

Adjournment

The Bedminster Board moved to close the meeting.

Mr. Baker from Somerset Hills then also moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Mrs. Wry seconded the motion. All in favor. Ayes: 10-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Liguori
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)