

**The Somerset Hills School District
 Regular Meeting Agenda - March 18, 2026
 Executive Session - 6:00 pm
 Regular Public Meeting - 7:30 pm
 Bernards High School - Community Room**

Call to Order & Welcome

Board President Mrs. Frenda called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call

Present:

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| Ms. Ballard | Mrs. Hunt |
| Ms. Clark-Emery | Mrs. Librera |
| Ms. Cooper | Mrs. Santoro |
| Mrs. Gomez (left 7:35 pm, returned 8:25 pm) | Mrs. Wry |
| Mrs. Hoppe (arrived 7:03 pm) | Mrs. Frenda |

Absent: None.

Also Present:

- Dr. Brian Brotschul, Superintendent
- Dr. Coleen Butler, Assistant Superintendent
- Mr. Richard Liguori, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
- Ms. Hope Blackburn, Esq., Busch Law Group

Board Norms

Before a Meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arrive on time and prepared (read agenda and all attachments, including committee minutes in advance). ● Understand the placement of items on the agenda and understand why. ● Observe the board chain of command and respect the distinction between the role of the superintendent and the board. ● Understand what our role as members of the board is, including what items are executive session discussions versus public meeting discussions. ● Be problem solvers by working through issues and seeking advice and clarity from fellow board members and NJSBA if there are points of concern or contention.
During a Meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No active use of phones in executive sessions or at the board table. ● Why speaking/why not? ● Value all voices; everyone has a chance to respond while being respectful of others.

- Non-repetition of issues/debate by the same individual until all have had the opportunity to speak.
- Signal to the board president to speak, the board president acknowledges the next speaker to allow uninterrupted opinions with time in mind.
- No surprises to the board or administration.

After a Meeting

- Support the outcomes determined by the majority while ensuring that minority voices are acknowledged.
- Abide by your responsibilities as a board member and be respectful of administrative and board time constraints.
- Be dedicated to supporting and attending school functions.
- Strive to develop professionally as individual board members and as a Board.
- Remember that students are always at the center of our decisions.

District Goals

2025-2026 District Goals

- **Academic**
 - Show progress in decreasing achievement gaps by advancing academic performance through increased support in areas of instruction for academic subgroups. Evaluate progress annually using all available assessment data.
 - Identify staff to leverage existing education by assessing interest in obtaining further certifications to expand available dual enrollment and career and technical education (CTE) student course offerings.
- **Facilities**
 - To prioritize planning for STEM/Robotics/CTE curriculum, develop a prioritized long-range facility plan and cost estimates.
- **Community Integration**
 - To support the belief that every community member is a stakeholder, develop 2-3 avenues to expand community connectivity and engage with all community members to communicate district outcomes and opportunities for further engagement with those residents with and without school-aged children.
- **Culture & Climate / Social Emotional Learning**
 - Identify and implement tools and mechanisms to establish a baseline understanding of student and staff experience in Somerset Hills School District to develop a future strategic plan to enhance workplace and school culture, climate, and social-emotional learning.

Executive Session

Ms. Ballard made a motion to go to Executive Session at 6:03 pm. Ms. Cooper 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 / Superintendent Evaluation, Student Matters, and Attorney/Client Privilege.

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 public disclosure will no longer clearly endanger the public interest.

During the Executive Session, Dr. Butler and Mr. Liguori recused themselves at 6:03 pm and returned at 7:03 pm. Mrs. Hoppe also joined at 7:03 pm.

Mrs. Santoro made a motion to return to Public Session at 7:27 pm. Ms. Cooper seconded.

The public meeting resumed at 7:35 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance**Report of the Superintendent**

1. Student Reports
 - a. BMS report provided by Gwen Finnerty and Zander Diemar
 - b. BHS report provided by Sophia Fazel-Sarjui and Nolan Baker
2. Recognition of Bernards High School’s Unsung Hero - Allison Arcentalez Shaigua

WHEREAS, The Somerset Hills Board of Education hereby recognizes Allison Arcentalez Shaigua for receiving the Somerset County School Boards Association’s Unsung Hero Award on March 2, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Unsung Hero award honors students who make outstanding contributions to their schools and communities. These students have persevered, despite adversity, while modeling good citizenship and a quiet strength that has inspired others.

WHEREAS, Allison Arcentalez Shaigua has managed complex challenges while maintaining rigorous coursework at Bernards High School, and who has volunteered in countless ways to aid her community, especially to help others navigate more accessible healthcare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution is presented to Allison Arcentalez Shaigua as a sincere token of the Somerset Hills Board of Education’s congratulations and best wishes for continued success. The Board of Education Secretary is directed to have this Resolution reflected in the permanent minutes of the Somerset Hills Board of Education on this 18th day of March 2026.

Samantha Frenda
Board of Education President

Brian B. Brotschul, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

3. Recognition of the 2026 St. Baldrick’s event:
 - a. Janice O’Brien
 - b. Kelly Clark
 - c. Heather Hunkele
 - d. Jane Stauffer
 - e. Aletha Reynolds
 - f. Anakh Sawhney
 - g. Max Caldwell

A Resolution honoring BHS Educator, for her role in the extraordinary March 4, 2026 St. Baldrick’s event in honor of Campbell Grace Hoyt.

WHEREAS, the Somerset Hills Board of Education gives special honor and commendation to esteemed educators who exemplify dedication to their students, in the classroom and beyond;

WHEREAS, BHS Educator is part of Bernards High School and serves to inspire students and staff members alike, with kindness and helpfulness.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Somerset Hills Board of Education that: The members of the Board of Education hereby commend BHS Educator for her commitment to supporting the student event organizers, and orchestrating an amazing fundraiser, which took over six months of planning, and ultimately surpassed its initial goal of \$25,000, by raising over \$30,000.

When the Somerset Hills Board of Education adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the achievements earned by BHS Educator.

The Board of Education Secretary is directed to have this Resolution reflected in the permanent minutes of the Somerset Hills Board of Education on this 18th day of March 2026.

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Superintendent of Schools

A Resolution honoring BHS Student for his/her role in the extraordinary March 4, 2026 St. Baldrick’s event in honor of Campbell Grace Hoyt.

WHEREAS, the Somerset Hills Board of Education gives special honor and commendation to students who perform selfless acts for the betterment of others;

WHEREAS, BHS Student recruited shavee participants and barbers, solicited donations and door prizes, and organized countless details with grit and determination;

WHEREAS, BHS Student is part of the Bernards High School Flutterflies and serves as an inspiration to peers and staff members alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Somerset Hills Board of Education that: The members of the Board of Education hereby commend BHS Student for his/her extraordinary accomplishment in seeing the St. Baldrick’s event through from concept to completion, an event that reached and surpassed its initial goal of \$25,000, by raising over \$30,000 in the hopes of conquering childhood cancer.

When the Somerset Hills Board of Education adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the achievements earned by BHS Student.

The Board of Education Secretary is directed to have this Resolution reflected in the permanent minutes of the Somerset Hills Board of Education on this 18th day of March 2026.

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- 4. Board Recognition - Retirees - announced by Ms. Ballard, Chair of Policy & Personnel Committee:
 - a. WHEREAS, Dr. Coleen Butler has been employed from September 2005 through June 2026 as a Teacher, Director and Assistant Superintendent; and
WHEREAS, she exemplified expertise, commitment, and professionalism in her duties;
and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills School District and Board of Education recognize Dr. Coleen Butler’s retirement effective July 1, 2026, and extends to her congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

b. WHEREAS, Elizabeth Rudin has been employed from September 2000 through June 2026 as a Teacher; and
WHEREAS, she exemplified expertise, commitment, and professionalism in her duties;
and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills School District and Board of Education recognize Elizabeth Rudin's retirement effective July 1, 2026, and extends to her congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

c. WHEREAS, Brian King has been employed from September 2001 through June 2026 as a Teacher; and
WHEREAS, he exemplified expertise, commitment, and professionalism in his duties;
and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills School District and Board of Education recognize Brian King's retirement effective July 1, 2026, and extends to him congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

d. WHEREAS, Patricia McMillan has been employed from September 2002 through June 2026 as a Teacher; and
WHEREAS, she exemplified expertise, commitment, and professionalism in her duties;
and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills School District and Board of Education recognize Patricia McMillan's retirement effective July 1, 2026, and extends to her congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

e. WHEREAS, LuAnn Falletta has been employed from September 2008 through June 2026 as a Teacher; and
WHEREAS, she exemplified expertise, commitment, and professionalism in her duties;
and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills School District and Board of Education recognize LuAnn Falletta's retirement effective July 1, 2026, and extends to her congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

f. WHEREAS, Michele Freda has been employed from September 2004 through September 2026 as a Teacher; and
WHEREAS, she exemplified expertise, commitment, and professionalism in her duties;
and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills School District and Board of Education recognize Michele Freda's retirement effective October 1, 2026, and extends to her congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

4. Superintendent Report: Dr. Brotschul raised awareness of several timely and pertinent District issues, including:
- a. An update from Jenny McLaughlin DeNicola on behalf of the PAC Parents organization
 - b. An update on next steps for the recently passed Referendum
 - c. A preview of the FY27 Budget Retreat to be held on March 21, 2026 at 8:00 am
 - d. An update on Somerset Hills regional mayors and SHSD roundtable meetings

Public Comments for Actionable Agenda Items - seeing no one from the public, Mrs. Hunt moved to close public comments. Ms. Cooper seconded. All present voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Public Input & Action and Executive meeting minutes for February 19, 2026.

Mrs. Santoro moved to approve, and Mrs. Librera seconded.

Item #1 was approved by roll call vote of 9-0-1. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry. Abstain: Mrs. Frenda.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items - Mrs. Santoro gave the report. The Committee met on March 9, 2026. The following items were discussed:

- Referendum passage
- Tennis Court Bid Award
- Review of Governor’s Budget Address
- Budget (including Maintenance Reserve Update & Capital Reserve Update)
- End of Year Spending

Discussion - Dr. Brotschul indicated that the tennis court construction would begin in mid-May.

B. Action Items: Mrs. Wry moved items #1-15 (including Attachment A). Mrs. Librera seconded.

Items #1-15 were approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda.

1. Board Secretary & Treasurer Reports & Board Certification*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has received the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of February 2026 showing the following balances:

FUND	Board Secretary Cash Balance (1)	Treasurer Cash Balance (2)
(10) General Fund	\$9,050,191.57	\$9,050,191.57
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$160,554.03	\$160,554.03
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-	-
(40)Debt Service Fund	\$1,484,516.70	\$1,484,516.70
Total Government Funds	\$10,695,262.30	\$10,695,262.30

(1) From Secretary’s Report (2) From Treasurer’s Report

WHEREAS in compliance with N.J.A.C.6A: 23-2.1(c)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(c) 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.

2. Approve 2025-2026 Budget Transfers*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the attached list of budget transfers for February 2026.

3. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached Final February 2026 check register with the recommendation that the checks 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	
(10) General Fund	\$4,156,943.33
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$25,680.84
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$68,833.88
(90) Agency Fund	\$1,241,547.35
TOTAL	\$5,493,005.40

4. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached March 2026 check register with the recommendation that the checks 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	
(10) General Fund	\$1,826,776.69
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$41,645.13
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	-
(90) Agency Fund	\$414,715.48
TOTAL	\$2,283,137.30

5. Approve Special Education Schools*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following schools for the 2025-2026 school year and extended school year.

	Student ID#	School	Location	Cost
a	4472747319	Montgomery Academy	Basking Ridge, NJ	\$37,594.92 (Pro-rated)

6. Approve Home Instruction and Beside Instruction*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following home instruction and beside instruction for the 2025-2026 school year and extended school year.

	Provider	Services	Location	Cost	Not to Exceed Amount
a	Knower Academics	Study Group Services	Plymouth, NH	\$750/ 2 Wks	\$7,500.00

7. Approve DebtBook Services*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve DebtBooks Services for year 3 of 3 subscription management services, for the period 3/15/2026 through 3/14/2027, to comply with GASB 96 audit preparation, at an amount of \$15,000.00.

8. Approve 2025-2026 Non-Public Security Aid*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the use of funds for Non-Public Security Aid for the following school:

	Non-Public School	Description	Amount
a	School of St. Elizabeth	Bailor Clutch Roller Shades, ELP Shades	\$15,489.40

9. Approve 2025-2026 Non-Public Technology Aid*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the use of funds for Non-Public Technology Aid for the following school:

	Non-Public School	Description	Amount
a	Far Hills Country Day School	CDW-G Chromebooks and Mouses	\$7,125.67

10. Approve Independent Auditor to Prepare A41, A42 and Resource Room Actual Costs per Pupil*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves PFK O'Connor Davies as the independent auditor to prepare the A41, A42 and Resource Room Actual Costs Per Pupil from the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$8,000, to be shared with Bedminster Board of Education. The Somerset Hills Board of Education will be responsible for \$4,000.

11. Approve Capturing Kids' Hearts*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Capturing Kids' Hearts Board of Education retreat at an amount not to exceed \$6,800 for the 2025-2026 school year.

12. Award Tennis Court Construction Project*

WHEREAS, The Somerset Hills Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18:18A-1 et seq., advertised for sealed bids for Tennis Court Refurbishment on February 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that advertisement, bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room in the Olcott Administration Building, 25 Olcott Avenue, Bernardsville, NJ 07924 on February 19, 2026. A total of three (3) bids were received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the base bid be awarded to Halecon, Inc., 136 Billian Street, Bridgewater, NJ, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the total amount of \$894,600.00, including a \$70,000.00 contingency allowance, subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement pending review by Board Counsel, which the Board President is authorized to execute on behalf of the Board.

13. Approve Not to Exceed Amounts*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised not to exceed amounts for the 2025-2026 school year:

	Vendor	Description	Amount Not to Exceed
a	Pediatric Workshop	Physical Therapy / Evaluations	\$35,000.00
b	MEM Education Services	Bilingual Educational Evaluations	\$15,000.00
c	Capturing Kids Hearts	K-12 SEL Curriculum & On-site Professional Dvmt	\$20,000.00

14. Authorization to Utilize Competitive Contracting for Regionalization Feasibility Study*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the School Business Administrator / Board Secretary to seek RFPs from qualified consulting firms to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study for school district regionalization and/or consolidation, as part of the New Jersey School Regionalization Efficiency Program (SREP).

15. Resolution and Exhibits Determining the Form and Other Details of \$38,024,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of School Bonds, Series 2026 of the Board of Education of the Somerset Hills School District in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, Providing For Their Sale and Determining Other Matters In Connection Therewith* (Attachment A, inclusive of Resolution and Exhibits)

C. Business Operations Old Business / New Business - Mrs. Santoro would like to gain an overall understanding of roofing, including items included and not included in the referendum, as well as new ROD grant opportunities. Ms. Clark-Emery would like an update on the future of the lower fields.

CURRICULUM

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items - Ms. Cooper gave the report. The Committee met on March 11, 2026. The following items were discussed:

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS AND DECISIONS/CONCLUSIONS REACHED:

1. Meeting at Bedwell - Dr. Butler took us on a tour of Bedwell. During the tour, we visited the bilingual kindergarten, the bilingual first grade class, a preschool class and the media center. We also visited some of the areas we targeted for upgrades in the referendum (including the hallway on the lower level, the technology spaces, and kindergarten classrooms). The tour confirmed the critical need for upgrades in many of these locations (particularly the media center and the technology rooms).

DECISIONS

1. No concerns were raised regarding PD or field trip requests.

Discussion - Mrs. Hoppe said the tour was excellent and Bedwell is a beautiful place. Mrs. Frenda added that visiting the bilingual class was a special experience, and that she is grateful to the community so that critical work can be done. Mrs. Cooper said she enjoyed the artwork, especially the character education stairwell. Dr. Butler added that it is a happy environment at Bedwell. Mrs. Hoppe also added that many projects were displayed and this showed the school's personality. Mrs. Santoro enjoyed the 3rd grade artwork which has remained for many years.

B. Action Items: Ms. Cooper moved items #1-14, Mrs. Hunt seconded.

Items #1-4, 6, 9, 13-14 were approved by roll call vote of 9-0-1. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda. Abstain: Mrs. Gomez

Items #5, 7-8, 10-12 were approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda.

1. Rescind Professional Development/School Business

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the following professional development/school business, which was approved on August 27, 2025:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BMS	Fabregas, Kelly	Conquer Math 2025-26 Workshops	9/18/25, 11/12/25, 2/2/26	\$224.16

2. Rescind Professional Development/School Business

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the following professional development/school business, which was approved on October 15, 2025:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BES	Strohman, Liz	NJ Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention	4/16/26, 4/17/26	\$355

3. Rescind Professional Development/School Business

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the following professional development/school business, which was approved on January 28, 2026:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BES	Roth, Sarah	2026 Spring Conference NJTESOL/NJBE, Inc. (NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/NJ Bilingual Educators, Inc.)	5/21/26	\$325
b	BES	Pacheco, Yarelis	2026 Spring Conference NJTESOL/NJBE, Inc. (NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/NJ Bilingual Educators, Inc.)	5/21/26	\$325

4. Approve Professional Development/School Business

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following professional development/school business for the 2025-2026 school year:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BMS	Chaffee, Salome	Field Trip Chaperone-BMS Robotics Club	4/29/26	\$0
b	BES	Collins, Jessica	Field Trip Chaperone-Grade 4	6/4/26	\$0
c	BMS	Cox, Brett	Passing as Non-Jewish During the Holocaust	3/20/26	\$0
d	BMS	Gash, Adriane	Field Trip Chaperone-BMS Robotics Club	4/29/26	\$0
e	BES	Hall, Kristine	Field Trip Chaperone-Grade 4	6/4/26	\$0
f	BMS	Liapis, Kelly	Field Trip Chaperone-Kindness Club	5/21/26	\$0
g	BMS	Liapis, Kelly	Conquer Math 2025-26 Workshops	9/18/25, 11/12/25, 2/2/26	\$271.91
h	BES	Lippert, Mechu	Field Trip Chaperone-BES Preschool	3/24/26	\$0
i	BMS	Jacobs Deutsch, Jennifer	Field Trip Chaperone-Kindness Club	5/21/26	\$0
j	BMS	Jurgens, Allyssa	Field Trip Chaperone-BHS Madrigals	3/28/26	\$0
k	BES	Mariani, Jessica	Field Trip Chaperone-Grade 4	6/4/26	\$0
l	BES	Noland, Desiree	Field Trip Chaperone-BES Preschool	3/24/26	\$0
m	BES	Pacheco, Yarelis	2026 Spring Conference NJTESOL/NJBE, Inc. (NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/NJ Bilingual Educators, Inc.)	5/21/26	\$390

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
n	BES	Panik, Meredith	Field Trip Chaperone-BES Preschool	3/24/26	\$0
o	BMS	Porter, Shane	Passing as Non-Jewish During the Holocaust	3/20/26	\$0
p	BES	Reed, Patrick	Field Trip Chaperone-Grade 4	6/4/26	\$0
q	BMS	Reilly, Kathryn	Field Trip Chaperone-BMS Robotics Club	4/29/26	\$0
r	BES	Rice, Taylor	Field Trip Chaperone-BES Preschool	3/24/26	\$0
s	BES	Roth, Sarah	2026 Spring Conference NJTESOL/NJBE, Inc. (NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/NJ Bilingual Educators, Inc.)	5/21/26	\$390
t	BES	Sakin, Jordan	Field Trip Chaperone-Grade 4	6/4/26	\$0
u	BES	Strohman, Liz	NJ Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention	4/16/26, 4/17/26	\$435
v	BES	Wolfe, Scott	Capturing Kids' Hearts Training	3/10/26, 3/11/26	\$0

5. Approve Professional Development/School Business*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following professional development/school business, for the 2025-2026 school year:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	District	Barna, Lindsay	Centenary University Annual Literacy Conference: The Art & Science of Teaching Reading	3/27/26	\$99
b	District	Barna, Lindsay	Capturing Kids' Hearts Flagship Event	3/10/26, 3/11/26	\$0
c	BHS	Chang, Newstein	National Geographic Pre-Expedition Workshop	4/15/26- 4/19/26	\$0
d	District	Edgerton, Olga	IXL Live: Administrator Edition	3/11/26	\$0
e	BHS	Hoppe, Mike	Field Trip Chaperone-BHS Spring Athletes	4/23/26	\$0
f	District	Liguori, Richard	2026 NJ Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference	6/2/26- 6/5/26	\$1019.57
g	BHS	Malzone, Emilia	Vantage Sports Demo	2/20/26	\$0
h	BHS	Pietroluongo, Jade	Field Trip Chaperone-Comparative World Religions Class	4/23/26	0

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
i	BHS	Sosely, Anna	2026 Counselors Program - Raritan Valley Community College	3/20/26	\$0
j	BHS	Stolarz, Lizabeth	2026 Counselors Program - Raritan Valley Community College	3/20/26	\$0
k	BHS	Volosin, Lauren	Field Trip Chaperone-Tomorrow's Teachers	3/25/26, 4/20/26	\$0
l	BHS	Walker, Jaime	College Tours	3/30/26, 3/31/26	\$0
m	BHS	Wertman, Suzanne	Field Trip Chaperone-Kindness Club	5/21/26	\$0
n	BHS	Ferrara, James	AP Reading - Physics (Tampa, FL)	6/5/26- 6/18/26	\$0
o	BHS	Szostak, David	AP Reading - Macroeconomics (Cleveland, OH)	5/28/26- 6/10/26	\$0
p	BHS	Cameron, Brad	AP Reading - Psychology (virtual)	6/2/26- 6/5/26, 6/8/26	\$0
q	BHS	Murphy, Theresa	AP Reading - U.S. Government & Politics (virtual)	6/3/26- 6/5/26, 6/8/26- 6/9/26	\$0

6. Approve Field Trips

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
a	BES	Bernardsville Fire Department - Bernardsville, NJ Bedwell Elementary Preschool	18	7	0
b	BMS	Eleventh Hour Animal Rescue - Rockaway, NJ RAK (Kindness Club)	10	3	0
c	BES	Bernardsville Pool - Bernardsville, NJ Grade 4	86	6	14

7. Approve Field Trips*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
a	BHS	North Hunterdon High School - Annandale, NJ BHS Spring Athletes	8	1	0
b	BHS	Sri Venkateswara Temple and Community Center- Bridgewater, NJ Comparative World Religions Class	20	2	0
c	BHS	Tenement Museum - New York, NY AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islanders) Club	41	4	0
d	BHS	Bedwell Elementary School - Bernardsville, NJ Tomorrow's Teachers	4	1	0

8. Approve Ellevation Essential*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Ellevation Essential for multilingual students for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$36,113.19, with funding in part by Title I federal grant.

9. Approve Professional Development Program

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the contract for Lift As We Climb Consulting, LLC, for professional development in sheltered instruction and bilingual program coaching for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$1,095, funded by Title IV federal grant.

10. Approval of Anticipated BHS Summer History Support Programs for Summer 2026*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Summer History Support Program for Summer 2026, grades 9-11, to commence on July 27, 2026, and to conclude on July 30, 2026.

11. Approval of Anticipated BHS Summer Algebra Support Program for Summer 2026*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Summer Algebra Support Program for Summer 2026, grades 9-11, to commence on August 3, 2026, and to conclude on August 14, 2026.

12. Approval of Anticipated BHS Summer Geometry Support Program for Summer 2026*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Summer Geometry Support Program for Summer 2026, grades 9-11, to commence on August 3, 2026, and to conclude on August 14, 2026.

13. Approve Summer Kindergarten Support Program for Summer 2026

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Summer Kindergarten Support Program for Summer 2026 to commence on June 29, 2026, and conclude on July 30, 2026. (Note: There will be no school on Fridays during this program.)

14. Approve Summer Grades 1-4 Support Program for Summer 2026

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Summer Grades 1-4 Support Program for Summer 2026 to commence on June 29, 2026, and conclude on July 30, 2026. (Note: There will be no school on Fridays during this program.)

C. Curriculum Old Business / New Business - None.

PERSONNEL

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items: Ms. Ballard gave the report. The Committee met on March 10, 2026. The following items were discussed:

1. Retirements
2. Retirement Impact on Budget
 - a. Breakage vs Payouts
 - b. Looking at possible personnel reorganizations in the schools, dependent on the budget
 - c. Upcoming Job Fairs
 - d. Anticipated Vacancies for 26-27
 - e. Assistant Principal Search Process-Bedwell
 - i. Recommendation of Candidate (April Regular Public Meeting)
 - ii. July 1 start date
 - f. Brief discussion of the FY27 Budget Hearing

Discussion - Ms. Cooper added items that make a successful candidate, including interpreting data and folding into curriculum, as well as operations. Mrs. Wry asked if July 1 was a firm start date for the Assistant Principal role; Dr. Brotschul indicated it was structured with appropriate timing of 60 days prior.

B. Action Items: Mrs. Hunt moved items #1-17 (including Attachment B), Mrs. Librera seconded.

Items #2-3, 6-8, 12, 14 were approved by roll call vote of 9-0-1. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda. Abstain: Mrs. Gomez

Items #1, 4-5, 9-11, 13, 15-17 were approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda.

1. Accept Retirement*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the retirement of the following employees:

	Employee	School	Position	Effective
a	Dr. Coleen Butler	Central	Assistant Superintendent ADM.DIST.ASSTSUP.NA	7/1/26
b	Falletta, LuAnn	BHS	Teacher TCH.HS.MATH.NA.06	7/1/26

2. Accept Retirement

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the retirement of the following employees:

	Employee	School	Position	Effective
a	Rudin, Elizabeth	BES	Teacher TCH.ES.ELEM..02.05	7/1/26
b	McMillan, Patricia	BMS	Teacher TCH.MS.ENGL.NA.03	7/1/26
c	King, Brian	BMS	Teacher TCH.ES.SCNC.NA.02	7/1/26
d	Freda, Michele	BMS	Teacher TCH.MS.RERM.NA.07	10/1/26

3. Accept Resignation

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the resignation of the following employee:

	Employee	School	Position	Effective
a	Minassian, Tanya	BES	Special Education Paraprofessional PARA.DIST.RR.NA.01	4/1/26

4. Amend Appointment Non-Certified Staff*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, amend the appointment of the following non-certified staff for the 2025-2026 school year, *subject to further investigation pursuant to law:*

	Name	Location	Job Title	Salary	Step	Total Salary
a	Phochan, Sakniran	District	Custodian	Base Salary \$47,405 Night Differential \$1,800 Boiler License 1,206	12	\$50,411 \$49,205
b	Cantor Duran, Lady	District	Custodian	Base Salary \$23,143 (.50 FTE) Boiler License 1,206	11	\$24,349 (.50 FTE) \$23,143 (.50 FTE)

5. Approve Overloads*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following overloads for the 2025-2026 school year:

	Teacher	Type of Support	Term	Periods/ week	Salary	Overload Salary prorated
a	Bittner, Cassandra	AP Environmental Sci	3/3/26-6/18/26	1.75	\$82,200	\$1,630.63
b	Chang, Newstein	Anatomy & Physiology H	3/3/26-6/18/26	6	\$76,835	\$5,225.82
c	Neiss, Joanna	Biology A	3/3/26-6/18/26	6	\$67,895	\$4,617.78
d	Wagner, Alyssa	AP Environmental Sci	3/3/26-6/18/26	5.25	\$87,450	\$5,204.32
e	Wagner, Alyssa	Anatomy & Physiology H	3/3/26-6/18/26	6	\$87,450	\$5,947.79
f	Young, Joseph	AP Environmental Sci	3/3/26-6/18/26	7	\$90,050	\$7,145.40

6. Approve Overloads

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following overloads for the 2025-2026 school year:

	Teacher	Type of Support	Term	Periods/ week	Salary	Overload Salary prorated
a	Fitzgerald, Marianne	Math I/E - BMS	2/17/26-3/31/26	5	\$94,425	\$2,361.10
b	O'Halloran, Anne	Math I/E - BMS	2/17/26-3/31/26	5	\$86,825	\$2,171.06

7. Amend Leave of Absence

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, amend the following leave of absence:

	Employee #	School	Position	Type of leave	Date of Leave/Notes
a	9413	BMS	Certified	Unpaid Disability FMLA Extended Leave Anticipated Return	06/02/25-06/23/25 (unpaid w/benefits) 09/02/25-11/25/25 (unpaid w/benefits) 11/26/25- 06/30/26 06/30/27 (unpaid w/o benefits) 09/01/26 08/24/27

8. Approve Leave of Absence

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following leave of absence:

	Employee #	School	Position	Type of leave	Date of Leave/Notes
a	8281	BES	Certified	Disability FMLA Anticipated RTW	06/18/26-06/22/26 paid w/benefits 08/31/26-11/20/26 unpaid w/benefits 11/23/26
b	9561	BES	Certified	FMLA Anticipated RTW	08/31/26-11/20/26 unpaid w/benefits 11/23/26

9. Approve Leave of Absence*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following leave of absence:

	Employee #	School	Position	Type of leave	Date of Leave/Notes
a	9867	BHS	Non Certified	FMLA Anticipated RTW	03/02/26-04/02/26 unpaid w/benefits 04/13/26

10. Rescind Athletic Position*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the appointment of the following athletic position for the 2025-2026 school year:

	Name	Position	School	Season	Stipend
a	Caldwell, Patrick	Lacrosse: Volunteer	BHS	Spring	\$0

11. Approve Athletic Positions*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following athletic positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

	Name	Position	School	Season	Stipend
a	Mele, Vincent	Baseball: Volunteer	BHS	Spring	\$0
b	Palmieri, Jeremy	Assistant AD 50%	BHS	Spring	\$1,964.60
c	Saez, Angelo	Track & Field: M/W Assistant	BHS	Spring	\$6,204.00

12. Approve Athletic Positions

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following athletic positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

	Name	Position	School	Season	Stipend
a	Masoti, Steven	Baseball Assistant	BMS	Spring	\$2,825.92
b	Haenny, Alexandra	Track: Boys/Girls Assistant	BMS	Spring	\$2,825.92

13. Approve Staff Member Nonresident Student*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve nonresident student of the following staff member for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Grade	Staff Member
a	Grade 10	Maureen Ziolkowski

14. Approve Staff Member Nonresident Students

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve nonresident students of the following staff members for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Grade	Staff Member
a	Grade 7	Jon Simoneau
b	Grade 8	Maureen Ziolkowski

15. Approve Substitutes*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year *subject to further investigation pursuant to law*:

	Name	Substitute Position	Certification	Effective
a	Christiansen, Emily	Teacher/Paraprofessional	County Substitute Certificate	3/19/26
b	Bressler, Matthew	Teacher/Paraprofessional	County Substitute Certificate	3/19/26
c	Nigro, Marc	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Certificate of Eligibility	3/19/26
d	Whelan, Sandra	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Standard Certificate	3/19/26
e	Sheehan, Lindsay	Teacher/Paraprofessional	County Substitute Certificate	3/19/26
f	Ferruggia, Kathleen	Secretary	County Substitute Certificate	3/19/26

16. Approve Summer Hours*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve 2026 summer hours for 12 month staff to begin June 26, 2026 and end on August 21, 2026. (**Attachment B**)

17. Approve Holiday Calendars*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Holiday calendars for the following 12 month staff for the 2026-2027 school year: (**Attachment B**)

	Staff
a	SHEA Clerical
b	SHEA Technology
c	SHEA Custodial & Maintenance
d	SHAA Administrators
e	Unaffiliated

C. Personnel Old Business / New Business - None.

POLICY

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items: Ms. Ballard gave the report. The Committee met on March 10, 2026. The following items were discussed:

1. Class Size policy review
2. Random Drug Testing policy review
3. Review of Second Reading Policies
 - a. P 0142.1: Nepotism
 - b. P 1220: Employment of Chief School Administrator
 - c. P 1552: Sexual Harassment-Staff
 - d. R 1552: Sexual Harassment-Staff

Discussion: Mrs. Santoro noted that random drug testing was also addressed at Student Services.

B. Action Items: Mrs. Hoppe moved item #1, Ms. Ballard seconded.

Item #1 was approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda.

1. Second Reading*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the second reading of the following bylaw, policy and/or regulation:

Policy/Regulation #	Title
P 0142.1	Nepotism
P 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator

Policy/Regulation #	Title
P 1552	Sexual Harassment - Staff
R 1552	Sexual Harassment-Staff

C. Policy Old Business / New Business: None.

STUDENT SERVICES

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items: Mrs. Santoro gave the report. The committee met on March 10, 2026. The following items were discussed:

1. Programming Overview Random Drug Testing
2. NJ SCI Climate Matters
 - a. March 6, 2026 School Climate Leadership Teams work with Rutgers University School of Applied Psychology
 - b. Capturing Kids Hearts
 - i. Flagship Training - BHS Staff (10-12), K-12 Supervisor(s), Bedwell Principal
 - ii. Planning for 2026-2027 (BHS and BHS Fully Funded in FY27 Budget)
3. Athletic Department Reimagined
 - a. Coaching for Greatness training (CKH) for coaching staff members
 - b. Visiting dates and budget
4. Board of Education Training - Capturing Kids Hearts
 - a. Shane Naterman, Presenting April 18, 2026
 - b. Goal: Creating consistent language between the Board and our schools while developing norms and expectations of each other as individual Board members and as a Board
5. School Start Times
 - a. BHS Start: 8:00 am (Current is 7:45 am) End: 2:56 pm (Current is 2:41 pm)
 - b. BMS Start: 8:05 am (Current is 7:50 am) End: 3:01 pm (Current is 2:46 pm)
 - c. Bedwell Start: 9:10 am (Current is 8:55 am) End: 3:46 pm (Current is 3:31 pm)

Discussion: Ms. Clark-Emery mentioned parents should know about the drug testing policy. Mrs. Santoro indicated parents sign off for extra curricular activities, etc., but that a refresh should be considered. Mrs. Hoppe asked if the coaches training was different and wondered if grants were available.

B. Action Items: Mrs. Hoppe moved items #1-2, Mrs. Wry seconded.

Item #1 was approved by roll call vote of 9-0-1. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda. Abstain: Mrs. Gomez.

Item #2 was approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda.

1. HIB Report

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education reviewed the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying cases presented on February 19, 2026, and upheld the findings and/or consequences recommended by the Superintendent:

School	Report #	Outcomes
BMS	18	Founded
BMS	19	Founded
BMS	20	Unfounded
BMS	21	Unfounded

HIBs to Date (25-26 SY)	Founded	Unfounded	Split	Total
BES	0	0	0	0
BMS	13	6	2	21

2. HIB Report*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education reviewed the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying cases presented on February 19, 2026, and upheld the findings and/or consequences recommended by the Superintendent:

School	Report #	Outcomes
BHS	15	Founded
BHS	16	Unfounded
BHS	17	Founded

HIBs to Date (25-26 SY)	Founded	Unfounded	Split	Total
BHS	10	6	1	17

C. Student Services Old Business / New Business - Mrs. Santoro requested a deeper dive into dyslexia.

Board Announcements

- Mrs. Librera discussed watching students shine at events such as Unsung Heroes, BHS girls semifinal game, Atlantic City women's state wrestling tournament, BHS and BMS musicals, and during her judging at the STEM competition. A great month at SHSD.
- Mrs. Frenda said the Unsung Heroes event was phenomenal and we have a lot to be proud of regarding women's wrestling.
- Mrs. Santoro was grateful to SCSBA for the Unsung Heroes event and that it was wonderful to hear accomplishments.
- Mrs. Gomez indicated the Bedwell community is special and that the basketball game had lots of support with a great sense of community.

Public Comments

Seeing no one from the public, Mrs. Wry moved to close public comments. Mrs. Librera seconded. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Mrs. Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. Mrs. Gomez seconded the motion. All in favor. Ayes: 10-0-0.

March 18, 2026 - Somerset Hills School District - Agenda - Attachment A

EXTRACT from the minutes of a regular meeting of The Board of Education of the Somerset Hills Regional School District in the County of Somerset, New Jersey held at the Bernards High School Community Room, 25 Olcott Avenue, Bernardsville, New Jersey on March 18, 2026, at ____ p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

_____ introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution and _____ seconded the motion:

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$38,024,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2026 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOMERSET HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOMERSET HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The \$38,024,000 School Bonds, Series 2026 of The Board of Education of the Somerset Hills Regional School District in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) authorized by virtue of a proposal adopted by the Board on November 19, 2025, and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the legal voters present and voting at a special School District election held on March 10, 2026 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented, shall be issued as School Bonds (the "Bonds"). The Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on April 1 in each of the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2028	\$1,574,000	2038	\$2,200,000
2029	1,100,000	2039	2,200,000
2030	1,825,000	2040	2,200,000
2031	1,845,000	2041	2,200,000
2032	1,860,000	2042	2,200,000
2033	1,880,000	2043	2,200,000
2034	1,915,000	2044	2,200,000
2035	1,995,000	2045	2,200,000
2036	2,075,000	2046	2,200,000
2037	2,155,000		

The Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as set forth therein. The Bonds shall be nineteen (19) in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity and shall be numbered SCH-1 to SCH-19 inclusive. The Bonds are entitled to the benefits of the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as amended and supplemented.

SECTION 2. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered book-entry form, without certificates. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York (“DTC”), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds (the “Securities Depository”). The certificates will be on deposit with DTC. DTC will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers of such beneficial interests. Individual purchases of the beneficial interests in the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$1,000 each or any integral multiple thereof with a minimum purchase of \$5,000 required, through book entries made on the books and the records of DTC and its participants.

Individual purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their beneficial ownership interest in the Bonds, but each book-entry Bond owner will receive a credit balance on the books of its nominee, and this credit balance will be confirmed by an initial transaction statement stating the details of the Bonds purchased.

The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery and will bear interest from such date, which interest shall be payable, commencing October 1, 2026 and semiannually thereafter on the first day of April and October in each year until maturity or prior redemption, at a rate or rates per annum, expressed in a multiple of one-eighth (1/8) or one-twentieth (1/20) of one per centum (1%), as proposed by the successful bidder in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized and defined herein. The principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Board on the respective maturity dates and due dates and will be credited on the respective maturity dates and due dates to the participants of DTC as of each next preceding March 15 and September 15 (the “Record Dates” for the Bonds). The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Board President under the official seal (or facsimile thereof) affixed, imprinted, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the Bonds:

Date of Bonds:	Date of Delivery
Principal Payment Dates:	April 1, 2028 and each April 1 thereafter until maturity or prior redemption
Interest Payment Dates:	Semiannually on each April 1 and October 1 of each year beginning October 1, 2026 until maturity or prior redemption
Place of Payment:	Cede & Co., Brooklyn, New York

SECTION 3. The Bonds shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Board to market the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of DTC.

SECTION 4. The Notice of Sale (the “Notice of Sale”) and the Official Form of Proposal for Bonds shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit B with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Board to market the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of DTC.

SECTION 5. The Bonds shall be sold, subject to receiving the certified election results of the March 10, 2026 special election, upon receipt of electronic bids on April 21, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board on i-Deal’s Bidcomp®/PARITY® electronic competitive bidding system (“PARITY”) in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein. The use of the services provided by PARITY and the fees associated therewith are hereby approved. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary or Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel (“Bond Counsel”) is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the publication of the Notice of Sale, such publication to be not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of sale, in summary form in The Bond Buyer, a nationally recognized local government bond marketing publication devoted to financial news and municipal bonds, and the full text of such Notice of Sale will be available on the Board’s website. The Board hereby delegates to and designates the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the officer authorized to sell and to award the Bonds in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein, and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall report in writing the results of the sale to this Board as required by law. **Furthermore, the Board hereby delegates to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the authority to postpone and reschedule the sale of the Bonds, upon consultation with Bond Counsel, without readvertisement in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein and to adjust the maturity schedule of the Bonds up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of sale indicated herein and/or within twenty-four (24) hours after the award, which adjustment shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the principal amount of any maturity or in the aggregate, the overall issue.**

The Board President, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc. (the “Municipal Advisor”), the Board Auditor and the Board Attorney, are each hereby further authorized and directed to do and accomplish all matters and things necessary or desirable to effectuate the offering and sale of the Bonds.

SECTION 6. The Bonds shall have affixed thereto a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds that is to be rendered by Bond Counsel to the Board.

SECTION 7. The Official Statement to be distributed in preliminary form on or about April 14, 2026 (the “Preliminary Official Statement”), prepared in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds, is hereby “deemed final” for the purposes of Rule 15c2-12, as amended and supplemented (the “Rule”) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented, with the exception of certain information permitted to be omitted thereby and is hereby approved and authorized for the information of purchasers of the Bonds, with such changes and corrections not inconsistent with the substance thereof, including those required to reflect the effect of the sale of the Bonds, as are deemed necessary and advisable by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary in consultation with Bond Counsel.

SECTION 8. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the printing of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement on behalf of the Board to those financial institutions that customarily submit bids for such Bonds. The Board President or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to deliver the Official Statement to the purchaser of the Bonds for its use in connection with the sale, resale and distribution of the Bonds, where and if applicable. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement as necessary in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and the Board President or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Official Statement and any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Official Statement. Bond Counsel is hereby further authorized and directed to arrange for the printing of the Bonds.

SECTION 9. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Bonds, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Bonds.

SECTION 10. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor and the Board Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to make representations and warranties, to enter into agreements and to make all arrangements with DTC, as may be necessary in order to provide that the Bonds will be eligible for deposit with DTC and to satisfy any obligation undertaken in connection therewith.

SECTION 11. The Board reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the Bonds for certain costs of the school project paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds. No funds from sources other than the Bonds have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or have otherwise been set aside by the Board, or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Board, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to their budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 11 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Board's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward certain costs of the school project, as described above, to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, and no further action (or inaction) will be an abusive arbitrage device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10 to avoid, in whole or in part, arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under Section 148 of the Code. The proceeds of the Bonds used to reimburse the Board for any expenditures toward certain costs of the school project to be financed by the Bonds will not be used directly or indirectly (i) to "refund" an issue of governmental obligations within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(d), (ii) to create or increase the balance in "replacement proceeds", within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1 of the Bonds, or any other Bond issue, with respect to any obligation of the Board or to replace funds or (iii) to reimburse the Board for any expenditure or payment that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation of the Board (other than borrowing by the Board from one of its own funds or the funds of a member of the same "Controlled Group" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e)). The Bonds used to reimburse the Board for any expenditures toward certain costs of the school project, as described above, will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$38,024,000. The costs to be reimbursed with the

proceeds of the Bonds will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of section 150 of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1. This section shall take effect immediately, but will be of no effect with regard to expenditures for costs paid outside the permitted reimbursement period set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2(d)(2).

SECTION 12. In the event that DTC may determine to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds or is removed by the Board and if no successor securities depository is appointed, the Bonds which were previously issued in book-entry only form shall be converted to registered Bonds (the "Registered Bonds") in denominations of \$1,000, or any integral multiple thereof with a minimum purchase of \$5,000 required. The beneficial owner under the book-entry system, upon registration of the Bonds held in the beneficial owner's name, will become the registered owner of the Registered Bonds. The Board shall be obligated to provide for the execution and delivery of the Registered Bonds in certified form.

SECTION 13. The Board hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Certificate") which will set forth the obligation of the Board to file budgetary, financial and operating data and notices of certain enumerated events deemed material in accordance with the provisions of the Rule. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Certificate evidencing the Board's undertaking with respect to the Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure of the Board to comply with the Certificate shall not be considered a default on the Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance to cause the Board to comply with its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 14. The Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are each hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters in connection with the issuance of the Bonds by the Board not determined by this or a subsequent resolution, all in consultation with Bond Counsel and the manual or facsimile signature of the Board President or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary upon any documents shall be conclusive as to all such determinations. The Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and any other Board representative, including but not limited to, Bond Counsel and the Board Attorney, are each hereby authorized and directed to take such actions or refrain from such actions as are necessary to consummate the transaction contemplated by the issuance of the Bonds by the Board and any and all such actions or inactions heretofore taken by the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and any other Board representative, including, but not limited to Bond Counsel and the Board Attorney, are hereby ratified and confirmed. Wherever herein the Board President is authorized and directed to act or execute and deliver documents, including the Bonds, the Board Vice President is hereby authorized and directed to do same in the Board President's place.

SECTION 15. After a process seeking proposals, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with the Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized to invest the proceeds of the Bonds and provide arbitrage/rebate services.

SECTION 16. The Bonds will not be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Code.

SECTION 17. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote on March 18, 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

EXHIBIT A

Payment of this obligation is secured under the provisions of the "New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act" in accordance with which an amount equal to 1% of the aggregate outstanding bonded indebtedness (but not to exceed the moneys available in the fund), of New Jersey counties, municipalities and school districts for school purposes as of September 15 of each year, is held within the State Fund for the Support of Free Public Schools as a school bond reserve pledged by law to secure payments of principal and interest due on such bonds in the event of the inability of the issuer to make payment.

**REGISTERED
NUMBER SCH-_____**

**PRINCIPAL SUM
\$_____**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SOMERSET HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY
SCHOOL BOND, SERIES 2026**

<u>DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM</u>	<u>CUSIP NUMBER</u>
May 5, 2026	April 1, _____	_____%	834735____

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOMERSET HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) hereby acknowledges itself to be indebted and for value received promises to pay to CEDE & CO., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"), on the MATURITY DATE specified above, the PRINCIPAL SUM specified above, and to pay interest on such sum from the DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE of this Bond until it matures, at the RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM specified above semiannually on the first day of April and October in each year until maturity or prior redemption, commencing on October 1, 2026. Principal of and interest on this Bond will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Board and will be credited to the participants of DTC, as listed on the records of DTC, as of each March 15 and

September 15 next preceding the date of such payments (the "Record Dates" for such payments).

This Bond is not transferable as to principal or interest except to an authorized nominee of DTC. DTC shall be responsible for maintaining the book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants are responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers.

The Bonds of this issue maturing prior to April 1, 2034 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds of this issue maturing on or after April 1, 2034 are subject to redemption at the option of the Board in whole or in part on any date on or after April 1, 2033 upon notice as required herein, at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount to be redeemed (the "Redemption Price"), together with interest accrued to the date of redemption.

Notice of Redemption ("Notice of Redemption") shall be given by mailing at least thirty (30) days but not more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for redemption by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Board or a duly appointed Bond Registrar. So long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as Securities Depository for the Bonds, Notice of Redemption shall be sent to such Securities Depository and shall not be sent to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. Any failure of the Securities Depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any Notice of Redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Board determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds prior to maturity, such Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Board; the Bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

If Notice of Redemption has been given as provided herein, the Bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the Bonds after the date fixed for redemption.

This Bond is one of an authorized issue of Bonds and is issued pursuant to: (i) N.J.S.A. 18A:24-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented; (ii) a proposal adopted by the Board on November 19, 2025 and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the legal voters present and voting at a special School District election held on March 10, 2026; and (iii) a resolution adopted by the Board on March 18, 2026, which sets

forth the terms of the offering and sale of the Bonds (the "Authorization Proceedings"). The full faith and credit of the School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on this Bond according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or the statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this Bond exist, have happened and have been performed and that the issue of Bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the School District, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by such Constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOMERSET HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY has caused this Bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signature of its President, its corporate seal to be hereunto imprinted or affixed, this Bond and the seal to be attested by the manual signature of its Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and this Bond to be dated the DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE as specified above.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SOMERSET HILLS REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY
OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY**

(SEAL)

By: _____ **[FORM, DO NOT SIGN]**
SAMANTHA FREND,
President

ATTEST:

By: _____ **[FORM, DO NOT SIGN]**
RICHARD D. LIGUORI,
**Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**

EXHIBIT B

**NOTICE OF SALE
\$38,024,000 SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2026
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SOMERSET HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY**

**Book-Entry Only Bonds
Callable**

SUMMARY

ISSUER: The Board of Education of the Somerset Hills Regional School District in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "Board")

PAR AMOUNT: \$38,024,000

SECURITY: General Obligations of the Board; the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:56-17 et seq.

TAX EXEMPT: Yes

RATINGS: Moody's Ratings – expected

INSURANCE: The Winning Bidder of the Bonds may, at its sole option and expense, purchase a policy of municipal bond insurance.

TYPE OF SALE: Electronic bids via the Parity Electronic Bid Submission System ("PARITY")

AUCTION AGENT: PARITY

BID/AWARD DATE: April 21, 2026 until 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Award by 2:00 p.m.

DATED DATE: Date of Delivery

DELIVERY DATE: On or about May 5, 2026

INTEREST PAYMENT DATES: Semiannually on each April 1 and October 1 of each year beginning October 1, 2026 until maturity or prior redemption

BID: Minimum - \$38,024,000 (Par); Maximum - \$38,025,000

BID SECURITY: Good Faith Check in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check or a wire transfer in the amount of \$760,480 received by the Board no later than 11:00 a.m. on April 21, 2026

BASIS OF AWARD: Net Interest Cost - Ascending Coupons Required in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%

OFFERING STATEMENT: Preliminary Official Statement available at www.MuniHub.com

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by The Board of Education of the Somerset Hills Regional School District in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the “Board”) for the purchase of the Board’s \$38,024,000 aggregate principal amount of School Bonds, Series 2026 (the “Bonds”). **All Bids (as defined below) must be submitted in their entirety on i-Deal’s PARITY website (“PARITY”) prior to 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time on April 21, 2026. To bid via PARITY, Bidders (as defined below) must have submitted a good faith check in the form of a certified, cashier’s or treasurer’s check or a wire transfer payable to the Board in the amount of \$760,480 no later than 11:00 a.m. on April 21, 2026 (see Bidding Details below).**

Preliminary and Final Official Statement

The Board’s Preliminary Official Statement dated on or about April 14, 2026 (the “POS”), is available for viewing in electronic format on www.MuniHub.com. In addition, broker dealers registered with the National Association of Securities Dealers (the “NASD”) and dealer banks with The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York, (“DTC”) clearing arrangements may either: (a) print out a copy of the POS on their own printer, or (b) at any time prior to April 21, 2026, elect to receive a photocopy of the POS in the mail by requesting it on PARITY or by calling the Board’s Bond Counsel, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. (“Bond Counsel”), 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095. Calls should be directed to Charles Anthony Solimine, Esq. at (732) 855-6430. All Bidders must review the POS and certify that they have done so prior to participating in the bidding.

The POS is deemed by the Board to be final as of its date, for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented, except for the omission of information concerning the offering price(s), interest rate(s), selling compensation, aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and any other terms or provisions to be determined from the successful Bid(s) or depending on such matters, and the identity of the underwriter(s). The POS is, however, subject to such further revisions, amendments and completion in a Final Official Statement (the “Final Official Statement”) as may be necessary.

The Board at its expense, will make available to the Winning Bidder a reasonable number of Final Official Statements, within seven (7) business days following the date of acceptance of the Bid.

Types of Bids Allowed

Subject to the Bid requirements described below, Bids for the Bonds must be submitted on an “All-or-None” (“AON”) basis for the entire amount of bonds offered for sale. First, a Bidder must submit a conforming Bid for the entire issue, and if such Bid is accepted by the Board, the Bidder will be required to purchase the entire issue in accordance with such Bid.

Insurance

If the Bonds qualify for the issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance, the Bidder of the Bonds may, at its sole option and expense, purchase such insurance.

The insurance premium, if any, will be paid by the Bidder. Any failure of the Bonds to be so insured shall not in any way relieve the Winning Bidder of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal for the purchase of the Bonds.

Interest Payment Dates; Description of the Bonds

The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery and will bear interest from such date payable semiannually on each April 1 and October 1, commencing on October 1, 2026 (the "Interest Payment Date"), in each year until maturity or prior redemption, by payment of money to DTC or its authorized nominee. DTC will credit payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds to the Participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC as of each March 15 and September 15 preceding an Interest Payment Date for the Bonds (the "Record Dates").

Principal Amortization

The Bonds will consist of serial bonds maturing on April 1, commencing in 2028, as indicated on the maturity schedule set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2028	\$1,574,000	2038	\$2,200,000
2029	1,100,000	2039	2,200,000
2030	1,825,000	2040	2,200,000
2031	1,845,000	2041	2,200,000
2032	1,860,000	2042	2,200,000
2033	1,880,000	2043	2,200,000
2034	1,915,000	2044	2,200,000
2035	1,995,000	2045	2,200,000
2036	2,075,000	2046	2,200,000
2037	2,155,000		

Book-Entry

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form, and each certificate will be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as nominee of the DTC, which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued in the form of one certificate for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year and will be payable as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America. The certificates will be on deposit with DTC. DTC will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its Participants or the transfers of the interests among its Participants. The Participants will be

responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of the individual purchasers. The Winning Bidder will not receive certificates representing its interests in the Bonds. Individual purchases will be in the principal amount of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof, with a minimum purchase of \$5,000 required, through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its Participants. Payments of principal and interest will be made by the paying agent to DTC for subsequent disbursement to Participants to then be remitted to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

The Bonds shall be entitled to the benefits of the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 Laws c.72, as amended and supplemented.

Redemption Provisions

The Bonds of this issue maturing prior to April 1, 2034 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds of this issue maturing on or after April 1, 2034 are subject to redemption at the option of the Board in whole or in part on any date on or after April 1, 2033 upon notice as required herein, at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount to be redeemed (the "Redemption Price"), together with interest accrued to the date of redemption.

Notice of Redemption ("Notice of Redemption") shall be given by mailing at least thirty (30) days but not more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for redemption by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Board or a duly appointed Bond Registrar. So long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as Securities Depository for the Bonds, Notice of Redemption shall be sent to such Securities Depository and shall not be sent to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. Any failure of the Securities Depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any Notice of Redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Board determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds prior to maturity, such Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Board; the Bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

If Notice of Redemption has been given as provided herein, the Bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the Bonds after the date fixed for redemption.

Term Bond Option

Bidders may not elect to structure the issue to include term bonds.

Terms of PARITY

Each electronic bid must be submitted via PARITY. No bidder will see any other bidder's bid, nor will any bidder see the status of its bid relative to other bids (e.g., whether its bid is a

leading bid). To the extent any instructions or directions set forth on PARITY conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may contact the Board's Municipal Advisor, Bryan Morris of Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., at (609) 291-0130 or PARITY at (212) 849-5021. The Board may, but is not obligated to, acknowledge its acceptance in writing of any bid submitted electronically via PARITY. When a bid for the Bonds is submitted via PARITY, the bidder further agrees that: the Board may regard the electronic transmission of the bid via PARITY (including information about the purchase price of the Bonds, the interest rate or rates to be borne by the various maturities of the Bonds, the initial public offering price of each maturity of the Bonds and any other information included in such transmission) as the official "Bid for Bonds" executed by a duly authorized signatory of the bidder. If the bid submitted electronically via PARITY is accepted by the Board, the terms of the bid and this Notice of Sale and the information that is electronically transmitted via PARITY shall form a contract, and the successful bidder shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

PARITY is not an agent of the Board, and the Board shall have no liability whatsoever based on any bidder's use of PARITY, including but not limited to any failure by PARITY to correctly or timely transmit information provided by the Board or information provided by the bidder.

The Board may choose to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY by issuing a notification to such effect via Thomson News Service ("TM3"), or by other available means, no later than 3:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on the last business date prior to the bid date.

Once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY to the Board, each bid will constitute an official "Bid for Bonds" and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale. For purposes of submitting all "Bids for Bonds" electronically via PARITY, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time.

Each bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Board nor PARITY shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure to any bidder, and neither the Board nor PARITY shall be responsible for the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, PARITY. The Board is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the Board's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. By using PARITY, each bidder agrees to hold the Board harmless for any harm or damages caused to such bidder in connection with its use of PARITY for bidding on the Bonds.

The Board may, in its sole discretion and prior to the electronic receipt of bids, clarify any term hereof, including, without limitation, its decision to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY, by issuing a notification of the clarification via TM3, or any other available means, no later than 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Saving Time) on the Bid Date.

Bidding Details

Bidders should be aware of the following bidding details associated with the sale of the Bonds:

- (1) **BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT A GOOD FAITH CHECK IN THE FORM OF A CERTIFIED, CASHIER'S OR TREASURER'S CHECK OR A WIRE TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$760,480 PAYABLE TO THE BOARD NO LATER THAN 11:00 A.M. ON APRIL 21, 2026. A CERTIFIED, CASHIER'S OR TREASURER'S CHECK SHOULD BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

**Attn: Richard D. Liguori
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
The Board of Education of the
Somerset Hills Regional School District
25 Olcott Avenue
Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924**

BIDDERS SHOULD ALSO ENCLOSE A RETURN ENVELOPE FOR USE BY THE BOARD.

- (2) All Bids must be submitted via PARITY. **No telephone, telefax, telegraph or personal delivery Bids will be accepted.**
- (3) All Bids for the Bonds must be submitted on an AON basis.
- (4) Bidders may bid to purchase the Bonds from the Board with a premium not to exceed \$1,000. No Bid shall be considered that offers to pay an amount less than the total principal amount of Bonds offered for sale or under which the total loan is made at an interest cost higher than the lowest Net Interest Cost to the Board under any legally acceptable Bid.
- (5) Bidders must specify a rate of interest for each maturity of the Bonds which rate of interest must be expressed in multiples of one-eighth (1/8) or one-twentieth (1/20) of one percent (1%). If more than one rate of interest is named, no interest rate named for any maturity may be less than the interest rate named for any prior maturity and not more than one rate of interest may be named for the Bonds of the same maturity. There is no limitation on the number of rates of interest that may be named. The difference between the highest and lowest rates of interest named shall not exceed three percent (3%).
- (6) Bidders are only permitted to submit Bids for the Bonds during the bidding period.
- (7) The Winning Bidder shall be obligated to furnish to the Board within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of delivery of the Bonds a certificate satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Board, the form of which is attached hereto

as Exhibit A, to the effect that: (i) each maturity of the Bonds has been the subject of a bona fide initial offering to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers) at the initial public offering price set forth in such certificate; (ii) ten percent (10%) or more in par amount of the Bonds of each maturity were sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers) at the initial public offering price for such maturity set forth in such certificate; and (iii) at the time the Winning Bidder submitted its bid to the Board, based upon then prevailing market conditions, the Winning Bidder had no reason to believe that any maturity of the Bonds would be sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers) at a price greater than the initial public offering price for that maturity, or that the fair market of any maturity of the Bonds would be in excess of the initial public offering price for that maturity. In the event the Board receives fewer than three (3) bids for the Bonds, then the issue price of the Bonds shall be established based on the first price at which at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public (as defined below). The Winning Bidder shall be required to deliver on the Delivery Date a certificate to such effect, and provide to the Board, in writing, evidence satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Board of such sales prices for each maturity of the Bonds. In the event that the Winning Bidder has not sold at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds to the Public as of the Delivery Date (each, an "Unsold Maturity"), the Winning Bidder shall (i) provide to the Board, in writing, on the Delivery Date, the expected offering prices for each Unsold Maturity and a certificate regarding same and (ii) have a continuing obligation to provide to the Board, in writing, evidence satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Board of the first price at which at least 10% of each Unsold Maturity is sold to the Public, contemporaneous with each such sale, until at least 10% of all such Unsold Maturities have been sold to the Public. Public means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter (as defined herein) or a related party to the Underwriter. The term "related party" generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly. Underwriter means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public. Such certificate shall state that it is made to the best knowledge, information and belief of the Winning Bidder.

- (8) Additionally, the Winning Bidder shall be obligated to furnish to the Board within forty-eight (48) hours of the Bid Date the public offering prices and reoffering yields for each maturity of each series of Bonds.

Definitions

- “Bid” any confirmed purchase offer received by PARITY on or before the bid submission deadline.
- “Bidder” any firm registered and approved for participation in the sale.
- “Net Interest Cost” computed by adding to the total principal amount of bonds bid for, the total interest cost to maturity in accordance with such bid and by deduction therefrom of the amount of premium, if any. The Net Interest Cost serves as the basis for awarding the Bonds to winning Bidders.
- “Winning Bid” any purchase offer made by a Bidder and received by PARITY which, at the end of the bidding time period, results in the lowest NIC which is acceptable to the Board.

Bid Procedure and Basis of Award

Subject to the right reserved by the Board to reject any or all Bids, the Bonds will be sold to the Bidder whose Bid produces the lowest NIC for the Board and otherwise complies with this Notice of Sale.

Bids must remain valid until at least 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the sale, and if accepted by the Board, prior to such time, shall be irrevocable except as otherwise provided in this Notice of Sale. Upon selection of the winning Bidder, the Board will execute an award certificate to award the Bonds and will promptly communicate with the winning Bidder by telephone, e-mail or fax.

Bid Security and Method of Payment for the Bonds

A Good Faith Deposit (“Deposit”) in the form of a certified or cashier’s or treasurer’s check or a wire transfer in the amount of \$760,480, payable to the order of the Board, is required for each bid to be considered. Wire instructions may be obtained by contacting Bryan Morris, of Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., Municipal Advisor at (609) 291-0130 or bmorris@muniadvisors.com and such wire must be received and confirmed by the Board prior to 11:00 a.m. on April 21, 2026. If a check is used, it must be a certified, cashier’s or treasurer’s check and must be provided to the Board no later than 11:00 a.m. on April 21, 2026. Each bidder accepts responsibility for delivering such deposit on time and the Board is not responsible for any deposit that is not received on time. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the Winning Bidder. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the Winning Bidder fails to honor its accepted bid, the Deposit will be retained by the Board. Award of the Bonds to the successful Bidder or rejection of all Bids is expected to be made within two hours after opening of the bids, but such successful Bidder may not withdraw its proposal until after 2:00 p.m. of the day for receipt of such Bids and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in federal funds by wire transfer to the Board on or about May 5, 2026.

Right to Reject Bids; Waive Irregularities

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to the extent permitted by law to waive any irregularity or informality in any Bid.

Delivery of the Bonds

The Bonds will be delivered on or about May 5, 2026 (UNLESS A NOTICE OF A CHANGE IN THE DELIVERY DATE IS PUBLISHED ON PARITY NOT LATER THAN 2 HOURS PRIOR TO ANY ANNOUNCED DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS) in Jersey City, New Jersey at DTC against payment of the purchase price therefor (less the amount of the good faith deposit). PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS AT THE TIME OF ORIGINAL ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY SHALL BE BY WIRE TRANSFER OF IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FUNDS.

There will also be furnished the usual closing documents, including (1) a certificate, in form and tenor satisfactory to Bond Counsel and dated as of the date of such delivery of the Bonds, to the effect that there is no litigation pending or (to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof) threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds, (2) certificates in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds, the receipt of payment therefor and compliance with the requirements of the Code (as defined below) necessary to preserve tax exemption, (3) a certificate signed by the Board relating to the Official Statement, and (4) a Continuing Disclosure Certificate evidencing compliance with the Rule (as defined herein) and the undertaking of the Board with respect thereto.

CUSIP Identification Numbers

CUSIP Identification Numbers will be applied for with respect to the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor shall be responsible for making the application for the assignment of CUSIP Identification Numbers and the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of the numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the Winning Bidder of the Bonds. The Board will assume no obligation for the assignment or printing of such numbers on the bond certificates or for the correctness of such numbers, and neither the failure to print such numbers on any bond certificate nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Winning Bidder thereof to accept delivery of and make payment for the Bonds.

Legal Opinion

The approving opinion of Bond Counsel relating to the Bonds will be furnished without cost to the Winning Bidder, in substantially the form set forth in the Official Statement distributed in preliminary form in connection with the sale of the Bonds. Such opinion will state that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the Board, that all the taxable property therein will be subject to the levy of *ad valorem* taxes to pay the Bonds and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount and that interest on the Bonds is not includable as gross income under current law if the Board complies with all conditions subsequent contained in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and that interest on the Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof is not includable as gross income under the existing New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

Postponement

The Board reserves the right to postpone, from time to time, the date and time established for receipt of Bids. **ANY SUCH POSTPONEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED OR POSTED BEFORE 11:00 A.M. ON THE DAY OF THE SALE.** If any date fixed for the receipt of Bids and the sale of the Bonds is postponed, an alternative sale date will be announced via TM3 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such alternative sale date. On any such alternative sale date, any Bidder may submit a Bid for the purchase of the Bonds in conformity in all respects with the provisions of this Notice of Sale, except for the date of sale and except for the changes announced on www.MuniHub.com at the time the sale date and time are announced.

Adjustments

The Board further reserves the right to adjust the maturity schedule of the Bonds up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of sale indicated herein and/or within twenty-four (24) hours after the award. Such adjustments shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the principal amount of any maturity or in the aggregate of the overall issue. **ANY SUCH ADJUSTMENT PRIOR TO THE SALE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON WWW.MUNIHUB.COM.**

Termination

The Winning Bidder at its option may refuse to accept delivery and pay the purchase price of the Bonds if prior to their delivery any change in any income tax law of the United States of America, shall provide that the interest thereon is includable or shall be includable in gross

income at a future date for Federal income tax purposes. In such case, the deposit made by such Winning Bidder shall be returned and such bidder will be relieved of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its Winning Bid.

Additional Information

For further information relating to the Bonds, reference is made to the POS prepared for and authorized by the Board. This Notice of Sale and the POS may be viewed on www.MuniHub.com. However, the Board makes no assurance or representation with respect to the form of this Notice of Sale and the POS on www.MuniHub.com, and no investment decision should be made in reliance thereon. Printed copies of the POS and this Notice of Sale may be obtained from Bond Counsel at the address and phone number stated above. Additional information relating to the Board can be obtained by contacting Richard D. Liguori, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, The Board of Education of the Somerset Hills Regional School District, 25 Olcott Avenue, Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924, (908) 204-1930, ext. 1117.

/s/ Richard D. Liguori _____

**Richard D. Liguori,
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
The Board of Education of the Somerset
Hills Regional School District in the County
of Somerset, New Jersey**

Dated: April 14, 2026

EXHIBIT A to the School Bonds Notice of Sale

Form of Issue Price Certificate for the Bonds

_____, 2025

The Board of Education of the
Somerset Hills Regional School District
25 Olcott Avenue
Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
90 Woodbridge Center Drive
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

Re: The Board of Education of the Somerset Hills
 Regional School District
 in the County of Somerset, New Jersey
 \$38,024,000 School Bonds, Series 2026 (the “Bonds”)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned, as a representative of _____, the Underwriter (the “Underwriter”) of the \$38,024,000 aggregate principal amount of School Bonds, Series 2026 (the “Bonds”) sold on April 21, 2026 (the “Sale Date”), dated and issued on the date hereof, of The Board of Education of the Somerset Hills Regional School District in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the “Issuer” or the “Board”), hereby certifies as follows:

[1. [Alternate 1 - ***Bids Received From at Least 3 Underwriters and Release of 10% Rule.***]

(a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by the undersigned are the prices listed in Exhibit 1 (the “Expected Offering Prices”). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by the undersigned in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds.

(b) The undersigned was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.

(c) The bid submitted by the undersigned constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.

(d) Based on the Expected Offering Prices, the aggregate offering prices of the Bonds to the Public is \$_____ (face amount of \$_____, plus original issue premium of \$_____).

[1. [Alternate 2 - **Competitive Sale Requirements not satisfied - Actual sale of at least 10% of Bonds by closing**] As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the Bonds, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public are the respective prices listed in Exhibit 1 (collectively, the “Offering Prices”). Based on the Offering Prices, the aggregate Offering Prices of the Bonds to the Public is \$_____ (face amount of \$_____, plus original issue premium of \$_____).]

[1. [Alternate 3 - **Hold-the-Price language**] As of the Sale Date, the Underwriter offered the Bonds to the Public for purchase at the respective Offering Prices listed in Exhibit 1. The Underwriter agrees that (i) for each Maturity of Bonds it will neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Offering Price listed in Exhibit 1 for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity (the “Hold-The-Offering-Price Rule”) and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the Hold-The-Offering-Price Rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no Underwriter has offered or sold any Maturity of Bonds at a price that is higher than the respective Offering Price for that Maturity of the Bonds for the Holding Period.]

2. The Yield on the Bonds is not less than ____%.

3. **Defined Terms.** In addition to the terms defined above, the following terms used herein shall have the meanings therefor set forth below:

[(a) “Holding Period” means for each Maturity of the Bonds, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date, or (ii) the date on which the Underwriter has sold at least 10% of such Maturity of the Bonds to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Offering Price for such Maturity.]

(b) “Maturity” means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.

(c) “Public” means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term “related party” for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than fifty percent (50%) common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(d) “Sale Date” means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is April 21, 2026.

(e) “Underwriter” means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written

contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

(f) “Yield” means the discount rate which, when used in computing the present value of the expected issue payments (principal and interest components, qualified guarantee payments, and the retirement price) to be paid on the Bonds, produces an amount equal to the issue price of the Bonds as of the date hereof.

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the undersigned's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by bond counsel in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds.

Very truly yours,

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Attachment B - see separate PDF for details.

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)