

**The Somerset Hills School District
 Regular Meeting Agenda - May 20, 2026
 Executive Session - 6:30 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 6:31 pm.

Roll Call

Present:

Ms. Ballard

Ms. Clark-Emery (arrived 6:34 pm)

Mrs. Hoppe

Mrs. Hunt

Mrs. Librera (arrived 6:33 pm)

Mrs. Santoro

Mrs. Wry

Mrs. Frenda

Absent: Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez.

Also Present:

Dr. Brian Brotschul, Superintendent

Dr. Coleen Butler, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Richard Liguori, Business Administrator / Board Secretary

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

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to go to Executive Session at 6:33 pm. Mrs. Santoro 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: Legal Matters, Student Matters, Personnel, 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, Mrs. Frenda recused herself at 6:40 pm and returned at 6:49 pm. In addition, Dr. Brotschul, Dr. Butler, Mr. Liguori, and Mrs. Hoppe recused themselves at 7:08 pm and returned at 7:25 pm.

Mrs. Wry made a motion to return to Public Session at 7:25 pm. Mrs. Librera seconded.

The public meeting resumed at 7:33 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance - led by Adeline Church, Jake Librera, and Luciano Mazzo from Bedwell Elementary School, along with Mr. Wolfe, Principal.

Report of the Superintendent

1. Student Reports
 - a. BMS report provided by Charlie Sachsel and Charlotte Fazio
 - b. BHS report provided by Sophia Fazel-Sarjui and Nolan Baker
2. Recognition of National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards ~ Gold Medal and Flaunt It Award:
 - a. Sean Chen

A Resolution honoring **Sean Chen**
who earned both a **Gold Medal** and the **Flaunt It Award** from the 2026 National
Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

WHEREAS, the Somerset Hills Board of Education gives special honor and commendation to dedicated students who perform at the highest level of effort and responsibility, with a positive attitude;

WHEREAS, **Sean Chen** sees the merit of embodying the work ethic, dedication, and high standard of excellence necessary to create at an incredibly advanced level;

WHEREAS, **Sean Chen** is part of Bernards High School 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 **Sean Chen** for his extraordinary accomplishment of recognition as a National Scholastic Art Award winner.

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

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 20th day of May 2026.

Samantha Frenda
Board of Education President

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

3. Recognition of Retirees:
 - a. Soukan Chandara
 - b. Rufus Vought
 - c. Kari Landers
 - d. Mark Noonan
 - e. Elizabeth Rudin
 - f. Michele Freda
 - g. Brian King
 - h. Pat McMillan
 - i. Rosemarie Rizzuto
 - j. Kelly Wells
 - k. LuAnn Falletta
 - l. Jeff Falzarano
 - m. Maria Venezio
 - n. Lynn Weltler
 - o. Christine Whitlock
 - p. Coleen Gallagher-Butler
4. Recognition of Educator/Educational Services Professionals of the Year:
 - a. Jess Collins
 - b. Lauren Smith
 - c. Kristene Tresslar
 - d. Jaclyn Pasquarelli
 - e. Heather Hunkele
5. Superintendent Report: Dr. Brotschul raised awareness of several timely and pertinent District issues, including:
 - a. A National Merit Scholar Winner from Bernards HS (Dheirya Tyagi)
 - b. An update on SHEF Grants
 - c. An update on the ongoing Regionalization Study and NJ School Climate Initiative
 - d. An update on the Tennis Courts construction
 - e. Two personnel updates from an administrative reorganization

- f. Mrs. Frenda thanked the retirees for their dedication to children and the Somerset Hills community.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following:

1. Public Input & Action and Executive Meeting minutes for April 15, 2026
2. Special Meeting minutes for April 18, 2026
3. Budget Meeting minutes and Executive Meeting minutes for April 29, 2026

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

Item #1 was approved by roll call vote of 8-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda. Absent: Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

A. Organizational Action Items: #1-42

Mrs. Hunt moved to approve items #1-42, and Ms. Ballard seconded.

Items #1-42 were approved by roll call vote of 8-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda. Absent: Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez.

1. **Official Publications and Notifications***

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, designates the Bernardsville News/Somerset Review as the official publication and, Be It Further Resolved, that The Courier News be designated to receive official notices as required by law, and Be It Further Resolved, that beginning March 1, 2026, all future Board meeting notices published on the SHSD website have been made available through the New Jersey Secretary of State's official website, in lieu of publication in a newspaper, in accordance with P.L. 2025, c.72.

2. **Authorized Depositories***

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, designates the following financial institutions as official depositories:

a	Peapack/Gladstone Bank
b	Bank of America
c	JP Morgan Chase Bank
d	TD Bank
e	First Hope Bank

3. **Approve Authorized Signatures***

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the authorized signatures on warrants as follows:

	Accounts	Signatures
a	Payroll	Board Secretary & Board President
b	Agency	Board Secretary & Board President
c	General	Board Secretary & Board President
d	Cafeteria	Board Secretary
e	Unemployment	Board Secretary
f	Flexible Spending	Board Secretary

4. Deferred Compensation Plans*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Deferred Compensation Plans 403(b), 457(b) and Roth providers:

	Plans
a	AXA Equitable
b	Lincoln Investment Planning
c	Metlife
d	T. Rowe Price
e	Corebridge
f	Vanguard Group
g	Teachers Pension, National Life Group

5. Approve PlanConnect, LLC As Third Party Administrator*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves PlanConnect, LLC as the Third Party Administrator for its Section(s) 403(b) and 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Plan(s), pursuant to the HoldHarmless and Third Party Administrative Agreement between Somerset Hills Board of Education and PlanConnect, LLC.

6. Payment of Bills*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the Board Secretary to pay bills between Board Meetings and that all bills paid will be presented for Board approval at the next scheduled meeting.

7. Transfer of Interest*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the transfer of interest earned in the Capital Project fund to the General Fund for the 2026-2027 school year.

8. Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services (EUS) Professional Services Contract Awards*

WHEREAS the Somerset Hills Board of Education is in need of Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services exempt from competitive bids and awarded through the RFP process including technical criteria, management criteria, and cost criteria. And after determining that the following professionals best meet the needs of the Somerset Hills School District; Now therefore be it Resolved, that the Board Secretary is authorized to execute contracts for the following EUS professional services for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Provider	Service	Est. Amount Not to Exceed
a	Phoenix Financial Advisors, Inc.	Financial Advisory Services	\$5,000
b	Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc.	Broker of Record - Prescription/Drug Mgmt	\$12,000
c	Integrity Consulting Group	Broker of Record - Medical /Dental	\$25,000
d	CBIZ (includes fees to Utica, Travelers, Hanover, NJSIG & Bollinger)	Broker of Record - Risk Management	\$70,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a brief notice of this action shall be printed once in the Courier News as required by law, within ten (10) days of its passage, stating its nature, duration, service, and amount and that the resolution and contract are on file in the Business Office.

9. Approve Professional Service Contracts*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Provider	Service	Hrly Rate	Not to Exceed
a	Methfessel & Werbel	Legal	\$185 p/hr; \$85 p/hr	\$50,000
b	Busch Law Group LLC	Legal	\$185 p/hr; \$85 p/hr	\$80,000
c	Suplee, Clooney & Co	Auditor	n/a	\$32,175
d	Solutions Architecture	Architect of Record	\$95-225/hr	\$50,000
e	Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.	Bond Counsel	n/a	\$10,000
f	Gebhardt & Kiefer, P.C.	Planning Board Counsel	n/a	\$5,000
g	Shah Law Group	Special Counsel	\$200 p/hr; \$85 p/hr	\$150,000
h	Rullo & Juillet Associates, Inc.	Right to Know Consultant	n/a	\$7,500
i	Green Brook Family Medicine	School Physician	n/a	\$11,000
j	Somerset Valley Urgent Care	Employment Exams, PPD test, Non DOT Drug Screen	\$36 - \$145 p/exam	\$ 3,000
k	Prevention Specialists Inc	Non DOT Drug & Alcohol Testing	\$9 - \$61 p/exam	\$ 5,000

	Provider	Service	Hrly Rate	Not to Exceed
1	Concentra	Drug & Alcohol Testing	\$108-\$134 p/exam	\$2,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a brief notice of this action shall be printed once in the Courier News as required by law, within ten (10) days of its passage, stating its nature, duration, service, and amount and that the resolution and contract are on file in the Business Office.

10. Renew School Health Insurance Fund*

WHEREAS, a number of school boards in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form the **SCHOOLS HEALTH INSURANCE FUND** hereafter referred to as "SHIF", as permitted N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1 et seq., and;

WHEREAS, the SHIF has received approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance on August 10, 2015;

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a joint insurance fund, contain certain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a school board joint insurance fund;

WHEREAS, the governing body of Somerset Hills School District Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as "SCHOOL BOARD" has determined that membership in the SHIF is in the best interest of said SCHOOL BOARD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the SCHOOL BOARD hereby agrees as follows:

- i. SCHOOL BOARD shall become a member of the SHIF for the period outlined in the SCHOOL BOARD's Indemnity and Trust Agreement.
- ii. SCHOOL BOARD will participate in the following type (s) of coverage (s):
 - a.) Health Insurance as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, the SHIF's Bylaws, and the SHIF's Plan of Risk Management.
- iii. SCHOOL BOARD accepts and approves the SHIF's Bylaws and agrees to be bound by the terms thereof.
- iv. SCHOOL BOARD shall execute an application for membership and any accompanying certifications.
- v. SCHOOL BOARD agrees to commit to the four principles of the SHIF which are:
 - a.) A long term philosophy on rates.
 - b.) A willingness to work with bargaining units to achieve plan design changes.
 - c.) Professional management with stability and commitment.
 - d.) Rating structure based on actuarial numbers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the SCHOOL BOARD is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the SHIF as required by the SHIF's Bylaws, and to deliver these documents to the SHIF's Executive Director with the express reservation that these documents shall become effective only upon:

- i. Approval of the SCHOOL BOARD by the SHIF.
- ii. Receipt by the SHIF of a Resolution from the SCHOOL BOARD accepting SCHOOL BOARD's SHIF assessment.
- iii. Approval by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance of SCHOOL BOARD as a member of the SHIF.

11. Renew School Health Insurance Fund Indemnity and Trust Agreement*

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of various school boards within the State of New Jersey, have elected to form a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.A.C. 11:15-5.2, and as such an entity is authorized and described in N.J.S.A. N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1 et. seq. and the administrative regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, the SCHOOL BOARD has agreed to become a member of the SHIF in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Bylaws of the SHIF and in consideration of such obligations and benefits to be shared by the membership of the SHIF;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

- A. The SCHOOL BOARD accepts the SHIF's Bylaws as approved and adopted and agrees to be bound by and to comply with each and every provision of said Bylaws and the pertinent statutes and administrative regulations pertaining to same.
- B. The SCHOOL BOARD agrees to participate in the SHIF with respect to health insurance, as defined in N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, and as authorized in the SCHOOL BOARD's resolution to join.
- C. The SCHOOL BOARD agrees to become a member of the SHIF and to participate in the health insurance coverages offered for an initial period, (subject to early release or termination pursuant to the Bylaws), such membership to commence on **January 1, 2026** and ending on **December 31, 2028** at 12:01 AM provided, however, that the SCHOOL BOARD may withdraw at any time subsequent to the delivery of ninety (90) day prior written notice of the intent to withdraw to the SHIF as provided in the Bylaws.
- D. The SCHOOL BOARD certifies that it has never defaulted on payment of any claims if self-insured and has not been cancelled for non-payment of insurance premiums for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date of this Agreement.
- E. In consideration of membership in the SHIF, the SCHOOL BOARD agrees (i) that it shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the SHIF for the periods during which the SCHOOL BOARD is a member of the SHIF, (ii) acknowledges that the SCHOOL BOARD and all other members of the SHIF, as a condition of membership in the SHIF, have executed and delivered an Indemnity and Trust Agreement similar to this Agreement and (iii) by the execution of this Agreement the full faith and credit of the SCHOOL BOARD is pledged to the punctual payment of any

sums which shall become due to the SHIF in accordance with the Bylaws thereof, this Agreement or any applicable Statute. However, nothing herein shall be construed as an obligation of the SCHOOL BOARD for claims and expenses that are not covered by the SHIF, or for that portion of any claim or liability not within the SCHOOL BOARD's retained limit or in an amount which is in excess of the SHIF's limit of coverage.

F. If the SHIF in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement shall incur necessary expenses or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the SCHOOL BOARD agrees to reimburse the SHIF for all such reasonable expenses, fees, and costs, inclusive of attorney fees, on demand.

G. The SCHOOL BOARD and the SHIF agree that the SHIF shall hold all moneys in excess of the SCHOOL BOARD's retained loss fund paid by the SCHOOL BOARD to the SHIF as fiduciaries for the benefit of SHIF claimants all in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:15-5.1 et seq.

H. The SHIF shall establish and maintain Claims Trust Accounts for the payment of health insurance claims in accordance with N.J.S.A. N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 11:15-5.13 and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable. More specifically, the aforementioned Trust Accounts shall be utilized solely for the payment of claims, allocated claim expense and stop loss insurance or reinsurance premiums for each risk or liability as follows:

- a) Employer contributions to group health insurance
- b) Employee contributions to contributory group health insurance
- c) Employer contributions to contingency account
- d) Employee contributions to contingency account
- e) Other trust accounts as required by the Commissioner of Insurance

I. Notwithstanding the terms of paragraph 8, above, to the contrary, the SHIF shall not be required to establish separate trust accounts for employee contributions provided the SHIF provides a plan in its Bylaws or Risk Management Plan for the recording and accounting of employee contributions of each member.

J. Each SCHOOL BOARD who shall become a member of the SHIF shall be obligated to execute an Indemnity and Trust Agreement similar to this Agreement. Each SCHOOL BOARD, by the execution and delivery of an Indemnity and Trust Agreement agrees to be jointly and severally bound with each other member of the SHIF who executes and delivers an Indemnity and Trust Agreement to the terms and conditions set forth in said Indemnity and Trust Agreement.

12. Petty Cash Accounts*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, re-establishes the following Petty Cash accounts for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with Board Policy 6620.

	Location	Amount	Maximum Single Expenditure	Responsible Administrator
a	Bedwell Elementary School	\$250.00	\$25	School Principal
b	Bernardsville Middle School	\$250.00	\$25	School Principal
c	Bernards High School	\$250.00	\$25	School Principal
d	Student Services	\$150.00	\$25	Director of Student Services

e	Superintendent's Office	\$200.00	\$25	Superintendent
f	Business Office	\$300.00	\$30	Business Administrator

13. Approve Board Secretary Tax Request Authorization: Borough of Bernardsville

RESOLVED, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$29,785,811.00 for the General Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its obligations during the 2026-2027 school year from the Borough of Bernardsville and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$2,201,888.00 for the Debt Service Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its debt obligations during the 2026-2027 school year from the Borough of Bernardsville, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Borough of Bernardsville is required to deposit the funds with the Treasurer of School Moneys prior to the tenth of each month as indicated herein:

Month	General Fund	Debt Service	Total Amount Due
July	\$2,482,151.00	\$183,490.67	\$2,665,641.67
August	\$2,482,151.00	\$183,490.67	\$2,665,641.67
September	\$2,482,151.00	\$183,490.67	\$2,665,641.67
October	\$2,482,151.00	\$183,490.67	\$2,665,641.67
November	\$2,482,151.00	\$183,490.67	\$2,665,641.67
December	\$2,482,151.00	\$183,490.65	\$2,665,641.65
January	\$2,482,150.83	\$183,490.67	\$2,665,641.50
February	\$2,482,150.83	\$183,490.67	\$2,665,641.50
March	\$2,482,150.83	\$183,490.67	\$2,665,641.50
April	\$2,482,150.83	\$183,490.67	\$2,665,641.50
May	\$2,482,150.83	\$183,490.67	\$2,665,641.50
June	\$2,482,150.85	\$183,490.65	\$2,665,641.50
Total	\$29,785,811.00	\$2,201,888.00	\$31,987,699.00

14. Approve Board Secretary Tax Request Authorization: Borough of Far Hills

RESOLVED, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$1,992,064.00 for the General Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its obligations during the 2026-2027 school year from the Borough of Far Hills, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$147,261.00 for the Debt Service Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its debt obligations during the 2026-2027 school year from the Borough of Far Hills, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Borough of Far Hills is required to deposit the funds with the Treasurer of School Moneys prior to the tenth of each month as indicated herein:

Month	General Fund	Debt Service	Total Amount Due
July	\$166,005.33	\$12,271.83	\$178,277.16
August	\$166,005.33	\$12,271.83	\$178,277.16

Month	General Fund	Debt Service	Total Amount Due
September	\$166,005.33	\$12,271.83	\$178,277.16
October	\$166,005.33	\$12,271.83	\$178,277.16
November	\$166,005.33	\$12,271.83	\$178,277.16
December	\$166,005.35	\$12,271.85	\$178,277.20
January	\$166,005.33	\$12,271.67	\$178,277.00
February	\$166,005.33	\$12,271.67	\$178,277.00
March	\$166,005.33	\$12,271.67	\$178,277.00
April	\$166,005.33	\$12,271.67	\$178,277.00
May	\$166,005.33	\$12,271.67	\$178,277.00
June	\$166,005.35	\$12,271.65	\$178,277.00
Total	\$1,992,064.00	\$147,261.00	\$2,139,325.00

15. Approve Board Secretary Tax Request Authorization: Borough of Peapack-Gladstone
RESOLVED, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$6,518,545.00 for the General Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its obligations during the 2026-2027 school year from the Borough of Peapack/Gladstone and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the amount of taxes hereby certified as \$481,877.00 for the Debt Service Fund is the amount required by the Somerset Hills Board of Education to meet its debt obligations during the 2026-2027 school years from the Borough of Peapack/Gladstone, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Borough of Peapack/Gladstone is required to deposit the funds with the Treasurer of School Moneys prior to the tenth of each month as indicated herein:

Month	General Fund	Debt Service	Total Amount Due
July	\$543,212.17	\$40,156.50	\$583,368.67
August	\$543,212.17	\$40,156.50	\$583,368.67
September	\$543,212.17	\$40,156.50	\$583,368.67
October	\$543,212.17	\$40,156.50	\$583,368.67
November	\$543,212.17	\$40,156.50	\$583,368.67
December	\$543,212.15	\$40,156.50	\$583,368.65
January	\$543,212.00	\$40,156.33	\$583,368.33
February	\$543,212.00	\$40,156.33	\$583,368.33
March	\$543,212.00	\$40,156.33	\$583,368.33
April	\$543,212.00	\$40,156.33	\$583,368.33
May	\$543,212.00	\$40,156.33	\$583,368.33
June	\$543,212.00	\$40,156.35	\$583,368.35
Total	\$6,518,545.00	\$481,877.00	\$7,000,422.00

16. Approve School Lunch and Breakfast Prices

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 school lunch and breakfast prices:

School	Current Price	Recommended 2026-2027 Price
Bedwell Lunch	\$4.25	\$4.25
Bedwell Breakfast	\$2.50	\$2.50
BMS Lunch	\$4.35	\$4.35
BMS Breakfast	\$2.50	\$2.50

17. Approve School Lunch and Breakfast Prices*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 school lunch and breakfast price for Bernards High School:

School	Current Price	Recommended 2026-2027 Price
BHS Lunch	\$4.50	\$4.50
BHS Breakfast	\$2.75	\$2.75

18. Approve Tuition Rates

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 tuition rates:

Pre-K/Kindergarten	\$23,395.00
Bedwell	\$26,530.00
Middle School	\$29,269.00

19. Approve Tuition Rates*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 tuition rates:

High School	\$26,332.00
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20. Nonpublic Instructional Services*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Non-Public Instruction Services Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for Nonpublic Public Law 1977 Chapters 192/193, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030.

21. Approve Coordinated Transportation Agreement*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Resolution/Agreement for Participation in Coordinated Transportation Services with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) for the period September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, where the Board will pay prorated contract costs, plus an administrative fee of 5.75%, as presented to the Board and as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC.

22. Approve Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative Agreement*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Resolution for Participation in Joint Transportation Services with the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, where the Board will pay prorated contract costs, plus administrative fees ranging from 2.0% to 5.0%, as presented to the Board.

23. 2026-2027 Anticipated Contracts*

RESOLVED, that pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47, the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the Board of Education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations, including, but not limited to, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 5:34-1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-1 et seq., and Federal Procurement Regulations, 2 cFR Part 200-317 et seq.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Somerset Hills Board of Education is authorized to purchase goods and services through State contracts, cooperative pricing systems, cooperative purchasing systems and national cooperative purchasing programs without the need for additional bidding when permitted by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator / Board Secretary and Qualified Purchasing Agent to participate in and make purchases through the following approved cooperative pricing systems and programs for the 2026-2027 school year, subject to all applicable laws, regulations, contract terms, and district purchasing procedures:

- New Jersey State Contract Vendors
- Education Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ)
- Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCEC)
- Middlesex County Educational Services Commission (MCEC)
- Monmouth-Ocean County Educational Services Commission (MOCEC)
- Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System
- Sussex County Regional Cooperative
- Educational Services Commission of Morris County
- OMNIA Partners Public Sector Cooperative Purchasing System
- Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program
- Educational Data Services, Inc.
- PPEM Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education authorizes payment of any administrative, participation, membership, or bidding fees associated with participation in cooperative purchasing program, including Educational Data Services, Inc., subject to the availability of funds; and further authorizes the School Business Administrator / Board Secretary to certify the availability of sufficient funds prior to the expenditure of funds for any good or services purchased through such contracts or cooperative purchasing programs.

24. Qualified Purchasing Agent and Designating Bid Threshold*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent designates its bid threshold at \$53,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3a, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Business Administrator / Board Secretary, Richard Liguori, does not yet possess a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate, and be it further

RESOLVED, that those serving in the role of Business Administrator / Board Secretary in the state of New Jersey without yet obtaining this certification are permitted to be appointed for one year as Temporary Purchasing Agent and remain at the higher bid threshold, and be it further

RESOLVED, that on March 25, 2026, Richard Liguori was granted a one-year extension by the NJ Department of Community Affairs;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$53,000 for the Board of Education, and further authorizes Richard Liguori as the Temporary Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

25. Medical, Prescription and Dental Benefits*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the participation of the District with the Schools Health Insurance Fund (Aetna) for medical, Heartland Fidelity (Benecard Services/Rx Collaborative) for prescription benefits, and Delta Dental of NJ for dental benefits for the 2026-2027 school year.

26. New Jersey School Boards Association Membership*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the annual membership in the New Jersey School Boards Association for the 2026-2027 school year.

27. Approve Standard Operating Procedures Manual*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Standard Operating Procedures Manual for the 2026-2027 school year.

28. Approve Purchasing Procedures Manual*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Purchasing Procedures Manual for the 2026-2027 school year.

29. Approve Contract with CDW-G*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve technology upgrades, including laptops, chromebooks, wiring and supplies, as named in the 2026-2027 budget, through ESCNJ/AEPA-22G for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 during the 2026-2027 school year.

30. Approve Contract with Atra Janitorial Supply Co.*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the purchase of janitorial supplies from Atra Janitorial Supply Co. through OMNIA Partners Contract #152610 for the 2026-2027 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, subject to the availability of funds in the 2026-2027 budget.

31. Approve Contract with Open Systems*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve building access and security systems upgrades, repairs, and monitoring from Open Systems Integrators Inc. in the 2026-2027 budget, through ESCNJ 19/20-38 and 20/21-13 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

32. Approve Hunter Technologies Agreement*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Hunter Technologies agreement (year 4 of 5) to provide phone system for the district not to exceed \$50,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

33. Approve Superior Onsite Health Solutions Agreement*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Superior Onsite Health Solutions agreement to provide on-site drug screening for bus drivers in accordance with Department of Transportation 49 CFR 382 et seq. and 49 CFR 40 et seq. not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

34. Approve Award of Contract - Food Service Management*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the renewal of the Food Service Management Contract (FSMC) with Maschio's Food Services, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

- a. FSMC Fee: The Somerset Hills School District shall pay Maschio's an annual management fee in the amount of \$19,861.86. The management fee shall be payable in monthly installments of \$1,986.19 per month commencing on September 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027.
- b. Guarantee Information: No Guarantee.
- c. Total Estimated Cost of Contract: The total estimated cost of contract, including the FSMC management fee, is \$627,297.26.

35. Appoint Affirmative Action Officers for 2026-2027*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Affirmative Action Officers for 2026-2027:

Jaime Walker- District
 Scott Neigel- Bernards High School
 Lisa Garofalo- Bernardsville Middle School
 Scott Wolfe- Bedwell School

36. Appointment of Officers*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent appoints the following officers for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027:

a	Richard Liguori	Board Secretary, Custodian of Records, Health and Safety Officer, Public Agency Compliance Officer
b	Judy Favino	Treasurer of School Monies
c	Jamie Koransky	DCP&P Liaison, McKinney-Vento Liaison, Nursing Coordinator, Early Childhood Coordinator, 504 Officer, ADA Officer
d	Frank Riccio	Right-to-know and A.H.E.R.A. Representative, Integrated Pest Management Coordinator
e	Jaime Walker	Affirmative Action Officer, Title IX Coordinator, Anti-Bullying Coordinator

37. Authorize Superintendent Right of Appointment*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education authorize the Superintendent the right of appointment between Board Meetings for personnel.

38. 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 2026-2027 school year and extended school year.

	Provider	Services	Location	Cost	Not to Exceed Amount
a	Educere, LLC	Home & Bedside Instruction	Ambler PA	\$39-\$999 per course	\$50,000
b	EI US, LLC (Learnwell)	Home & Bedside Instruction	Woburn, MA	\$65.30/hr	\$5,000
c	Rutgers Behavioral Health Care	Bedside Instruction	Piscataway, NJ	\$75/hr	\$2,500
d	Silvergate Prep	Home & Bedside Instruction	Bridgewater, NJ	\$65/hr	\$10,000

39. Approve Special Education Evaluations*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following facilities to conduct evaluation services for the 2026-2027 school year.

	Evaluator	Services	Location	Cost	Not to Exceed Amount
a	AAC & Me, LLC	AAC Evals & Consults and Speech Consults & Therapy	Chalfont, PA	\$150/hr \$1,200/eval	\$5,000
b	Behavior Therapy Assoc.	Behavioral Evaluations	Somerset, NJ	\$220-\$320/hr	\$2,000
c	Center for Behavioral Health (Dr. Muthuswamy)	Psychiatric & Neuro-Psychiatric Evaluations	E. Brunswick, NJ	\$575 - \$675/eval	\$5,000
d	Hunterdon County ESC	All Services	Califon, NJ	\$440 - \$1,325/each	\$2,500
e	Kubichek, Dr. Marilyn	Neurological Evaluations	Florham Park, NJ	\$100 - \$725/eval	\$3,000

	Evaluator	Services	Location	Cost	Not to Exceed Amount
f	MEM Education Services (Medina, M)	Bilingual Educational Evaluations	Parsippany, NJ	\$75/meeting \$450-\$525/eval	\$15,000
g	Miranda, J	Psychological Evaluations & Classroom Observations	Chester, NJ	\$75-\$500/Eval.	\$10,000
h	Pediatric Workshop (Cindy Argiro)	Physical Therapy & Evaluations	Warren, NJ	\$375/eval	\$60,000
i	Smiling Speech	Bilingual Educational, Psychological, Occupational & Social Evaluations	Rockaway, NJ	\$550-\$800/eval	\$4,000
j	Somerset County ESC	LDTC, Psychological & Social Evaluations	Bridgewater, NJ	\$400 - \$450/eval	\$2,000
k	Speech & Hearing Associates	Audiological Evaluations & Consults	Westfield, NJ	\$400 - \$950/eval	\$2,000
l	Summit Speech School	TOD Services	New Providence, NJ	\$225-\$250/hr	\$2,000
m	TechAbilities, LLC	Assistive Technology Evals	Manahawkin, NJ	\$1,000/eval	\$2,000
n	The Uncommon Thread	Functional Beh. Assessments	Stirling, NJ	\$1,600-\$2,200/eval	\$10,000
o	Therapy Source	OT & Speech Evaluations	Plymouth Meeting, PA	\$600/hr	\$3,000

40. Approve Special Education Providers*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following providers for the 2026-2027 school year and extended school year.

	Provider	Services	Location	Cost	Not to Exceed Amount
a	AAC & Me, LLC	AAC Evals & Consults and Speech Consults & Therapy	Chalfont, PA	\$150/hr \$1,200/eval	\$2,500

	Provider	Services	Location	Cost	Not to Exceed Amount
b	Best Choice	Nursing Services (RN & LPN)	Hackettstown, NJ	\$73 - \$88/hr	\$200,000
c	Care Options for Kids	Nursing Services	Mount Laurel, NJ	\$66.-\$73/hr	\$10,000
d	Care Solace	Mental Health Services	Cardiff, CA	\$7,500/year	\$7,500
e	EPIC Special Ed Staffing	All Services	El Segundo, CA	\$48 - \$105/hr	\$3,000
f	ESS, Inc.	Sub Teachers & Paras	Philadelphia, PA	\$87.24 - \$152.67/hr	\$3,000
g	Horizon Healthcare Staffing	All Services	Manalapan, NJ	\$65 - \$156/hr	\$3,000
h	Hunterdon County ESC	CST Services & Evaluations	Califon, NJ	\$102 - \$115/hr \$440-\$1,325/eval	\$2,500
i	Invo HealthCare	Speech Therapy & Psychologist	Doylestown, PA	\$102.31- \$104.38/hr	\$2,500
j	MedXwaste	Biohazard Waste Disposal	Deer Park, NY	\$306/per Trans. Box \$14.05 per 2 Gal. Sharps Container	\$1,500
k	Pediatric Workshop (Cindy Argiro)	Physical Therapy	Warren, NJ	\$77 - \$120/hr	\$50,000
l	TechAbilities, LLC	Assistive Technology Consulting	Manahawkin, NJ	\$150-\$175/hr	\$2,000
m	Therapy Source	BCBA, OT & Speech Services	Plymouth Meeting, PA	\$94.90- \$119.90/hr	\$5,000
n	Tools of the Mind	PK Professional Development	Shirley, MA	\$11,500/year	\$11,500
o	White Glove Community	Nursing Services	Brick, NJ	RN \$85/hr RN 1:1 \$68/hr LPN 1:1 \$58/hr	\$15,000

41. Approve Independent Evaluation Reimbursement Costs*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following reasonable and customary rates for independent evaluation reimbursement costs for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Evaluation Type	Reimbursement Cost
Psychological, Educational	\$600
Speech, OT, PT	\$500
Neuropsychological	\$1,500
Neurological	\$1,300
Psychiatric	\$1,000
Functional Behavioral Assessment	\$1,200

42. Resolution to Award RFP #2026-04 - Athletic Training Services*

WHEREAS, the Somerset Hills Board of Education issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Athletic Training Services; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, awards the contract for Athletic Training Services to JAC-ATC, Inc., in amount not to exceed \$85,000, in accordance with the terms of their proposal, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award be made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are authorized to execute all necessary documents.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

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

- Schneider Electric ESIP update - Schneider will come to a future meeting to discuss Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP)
 - Legislatively driven way to secure funding for energy related projects without having to bond for a referendum.
 - Money will be outlaid by the District but savings will be recouped over the years.
 - Schneider is making recommendations based on Infrastructure, Comfort and Indoor Air Quality, and Sustainability
 - Potential to offset energy costs by \$200,000/year if the Board proceeds with an energy conservation initiative. Possible grant opportunities could be considered in the future based on this work.
- Referendum - Construction Manager

- Solutions Architecture - Architects and Project Manager
- Dr. Brotschul is considering the possibility of another set of eyes from a construction manager perspective
- Firms that do it take 2% of your referendum budget. Individuals do this work as well, which is more the avenue we would pursue if Dr. Brotschul thinks this is appropriate. More to come after Dr. Brotschul gives this idea further consideration.
- Health Benefits Broker
 - Through the RFP process, Integrity Consulting Group (Chuck Grande & Anthony Tonzini) were selected to administer our Medical/Dental plan going forward. The administration felt their ability to manage our plan and the value added benefits the firm provides was the correct fit for our District.
 - Brown & Brown who is our current benefits broker will continue to administer the Prescription plan for 26/27. This is due to a contractual obligation that they will not let us out of.
- Business Reorganization items for May 20 Agenda - will include items such as Busch Law Group, Solutions Architecture, and Suplee Clooney (auditor).

Discussion - Mrs. Hoppe asked a follow up question around the legislatively driven ways to secure funding for energy related projects. Dr. Brotschul indicated grants are legislatively driven.

B. Action Items: Mrs. Santoro moved items #1-9, plus walk-on agenda item #10, as read aloud by Mr. Liguori. Mrs. Librera seconded.

Items #1-10 were approved by roll call vote of 8-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda. Absent: Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez.

1. Board Secretary & Treasurer Reports & Board Certification*

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

FUND	Board Secretary Cash Balance (1)	Treasurer Cash Balance (2)
(10) General Fund	\$7,326,587.81	\$7,326,587.81
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$161,043.67	\$161,043.67
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$760,480.00	\$760,480.00
(40)Debt Service Fund	\$(513,919.03)	\$(513,919.03)
Total Government Funds	\$7,734,192.45	\$7,734,192.45

(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 April 2026.

3. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached Final April 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	\$4,311,724.86
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$19,989.18
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$71,805.44
(90) Agency Fund	\$1,244,468.65
TOTAL	\$5,647,988.13

4. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached May 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	\$2,384,873.36
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$3,540.47
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	-
(90) Agency Fund	\$440,040.29
TOTAL	\$2,828,454.12

5. Approve Parent Organization Fundraisers*

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

	Organization	School	Event	Date
a	Project Graduation	BHS	Class of 2026 mailbox balloons	May 2026
b	Boys Lacrosse Boosters	BHS	Chipotle Fundraiser	June 2026

6. Approve Revised 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	Atra Janitorial Supply (Brady Plus)	Janitorial Supplies	\$105,000
b	Best Choice	Nursing Services (RN & LPN)	\$225,000
c	Educere	Home & Bedside Instruction	\$35,000
d	Miranda, J	Psychological Evaluations & Classroom Observations	\$3,000
e	Pediatric Workshop (Cindy Argiro)	Physical Therapy & Evaluations	\$55,000
f	Silvergate Prep	Home & Bedside Instruction	\$8,000

7. Approve NJ Department of Education Lead Filters Program Application*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the application with the NJ Department of Education’s School Lead Filters Program, which, pursuant to P.L. 2025, c76, provides one-time reimbursement for the purchase and installation of point-of-use filtered bottle-filling stations and faucets in public school districts. The Somerset Hills School District is eligible for a reimbursement of \$2,290.82.

8. Approve Critical Response Group Annual Services*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Annual Implementation and Maintenance Services for Critical Response Group (CRG), for the term of June 2026 through May 2027, in the amount of \$1,305.00.

9. Approve Disposal of Old Assets*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the disposal of the following unusable asset at Bernards High School:

	Item	Quantity
a	Band Saw	1

10. (Walk-on Motion)*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the settlement agreement in the matter of James McCarron v. Somerset Hills Regional School District, docket number SOM-L-773-25. The Board President, Superintendent, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Board attorney are hereby authorized to take any and all actions to effectuate the action of this Board.

C. Business Operations Old Business / New Business - None.

CURRICULUM

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items - Mrs. Frenda gave the report. The Committee met on May 13, 2026. The following items were discussed:

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS AND DECISIONS/CONCLUSIONS REACHED:

1. Wisdom Circuits (future meeting) - Representatives from Wisdom Circuits, a company that has developed an AI-powered educational platform, were unable to attend the meeting. They will be coming to a future meeting.
2. Dyslexia update - Dr. Butler briefly mentioned the dyslexia update that the Student Services committee meeting received. Dr. Brotschul suggested that in the future, and perhaps 1-2 times per year, the Curriculum and Student Services committees hold a joint meeting given the overlap between the two committees.
3. PE grades at BHS - We then discussed PE grading in the high school for students receiving the Option II exemption, which has been granted to a significant number of students pursuing a variety of activities. Historically, Option II grading has been administered by non-certified PE teachers and given on the basis of attendance. Students are not aware of their grades in Option II PE until the end of the marking period because they aren't uploaded into Genesis due to logistical challenges. Note that colleges don't typically consider grades in PE in admission decisions. Instead, Dr. Brotschul proposed that Option II grading moves to a Pass/Fail system instead of using letter grades. The committee supported this recommendation.
4. Leadership transition - Dr. Brotschul reviewed the changes to district curricular leadership that will follow Dr. Butler's retirement, which were discussed by the Policy and Personnel Committee last month.
5. BMS Quality School Review - Dr. Brotschul then discussed the results of the BMS Quality School Review survey and next steps related to this initiative. He praised the Quality School Review team and their commitment to the process. This summer, the team will evaluate multiple data streams to identify challenges and develop strategies to address these challenges. A particular area of focus will be on enhancing instructional leadership.

DECISIONS

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

INFORMATION

1. Bedwell report card -
 - a. At a previous meeting, a committee member requested to see blank examples of the report card used at Bedwell. We discussed their connection to standards, the association between grades on report cards and testing results, variability from grade to grade, and feedback from parents.
 - b. Dr. Brotschul also noted that the Bedwell administrative and teacher team may continue to review the elementary report card process and rubric as part of its ongoing efforts to support effective student feedback and communication.

Discussion - Ms. Ballard was pleased to hear about the Bedwell report card discussion, which goes well with Dr. Brotschul's continued outreach efforts.

B. Action Items: Mrs. Wry moved items #1-7, Mrs. Hoppe seconded.

Items #1-7 were approved by roll call vote of 8-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda. Absent: Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez.

1. 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	Clark, Michelle	Field Trip Chaperone- Green Team	5/27/26	\$0
b	BMS	Cox, Brett	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 8	6/3/26	\$0
c	BMS	Filieri, Michael	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 7	6/1/26	\$0
d	BMS	Fitzgerald, Marianne	Field Trip Chaperone- Green Team	5/27/26	\$0
e	BMS	Fitzgerald, Marianne	Conquer Mathematics	9/18/25, 11/12/25, 2/2/26	\$675.57 (Corrected from 8/27/25)
f	BMS	Garofalo, Lisa	NJ Association of School Administrators/ NJ Association of Pupil Services Administrators Spring Leadership Conference	5/13/26- 5/15/26	\$0
g	BMS	Georgiana, Michael	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 8	6/3/26	\$0
h	BMS	Gilly, Zoltan	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 8	6/3/26	\$0
i	BMS	Haenny, Alexandra	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 7	6/1/26	\$0
j	BMS	Heydt, Jaimie	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 7	6/1/26	\$0
k	BMS	King, Brian	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 8	6/3/26	\$0
l	BMS	Kellett, Ashley	Field Trip Chaperone- Green Team	5/27/26	\$0
m	BMS	Koellhoffer, Keith	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 8	6/3/26	\$0
n	BMS	LaChac, Luke	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 7	6/1/26	\$0

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
o	BMS	Liapis, Kelly	Conquer Mathematics	9/18/25, 11/12/25, 2/2/26	\$671.91 (Corrected from 3/18/26)
p	BES	Martin, Danielle	Wilson Reading System Introductory Course	6/2/26- 6/4/26	\$700
q	BES	Matos, Gabriela	Wilson Reading System Introductory Course	6/2/26- 6/4/26	\$700
r	BMS	McGovern, Danielle	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 8	6/3/26	\$0
s	BMS	McMillan, Pat	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 7	6/1/26	\$0
t	BMS	Medina, Pilar	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 7	6/1/26	\$0
u	BMS	O'Halloran, Annie	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 7	6/1/26	\$0
v	BMS	Porter, Shane	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 8	6/3/26	\$0
w	BMS	Reilly, Kathryn	Field Trip Chaperone- Green Team	5/27/26	\$0
x	BMS	Russo, Dawn	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 8	6/3/26	\$0
y	BMS	Tresslar, Kristene	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 7	6/1/26	\$0
z	BMS	Tresslar, Kristene	Literacy Presentation at Teachers College	5/13/26	\$0
aa	BMS	Walker, Carrie	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 7	6/1/26	\$0

2. 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	BHS	Acuna, Heiner	Field Trip Chaperone- AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islanders) Club	5/27/26	\$0
b	BHS	Bittner, Cassandra	Field Trip Chaperone- AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islanders) Club	5/27/26	\$0
c	District	Butler, Coleen	Union County Women in Leadership Wellness & Well-Being	5/27/26	\$0
d	District	Brotschul, Brian	NJ Association of School Administrators/ NJ Association of Pupil Services Administrators Spring Leadership Conference	5/14/26	\$0

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
e	BHS	Cava, Lauren	Hope Hub Open House	5/29/26	\$0
f	BHS	Chang, Newstein	Field Trip Chaperone- AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islanders) Club	5/27/26	\$0
g	District	Cicenia, Amy	Principles of Public Purchasing II	6/1/26, 6/8/26, 6/15/26, 6/22/26, 6/29/26	\$944
h	District	Cicenia, Amy	Back to Basics: Adapt, not Adopt Specifications for Public Purchasing	5/20/26	\$50
i	BHS	Hunkele, Heather	Jostens 2027 Yearbook Cover Workshop	5/21/26	\$0
j	BHS	Mathus, Peter	Field Trip Chaperone- AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islanders) Club	5/27/26	\$0
k	BHS	Neigel, Scott	2026 NJ Principals and Supervisors Association Fall Conference	10/15/26- 10/16/26	\$632.14
l	BHS	O'Brien, Janice	Jostens 2027 Yearbook Cover Workshop	5/21/26	\$0
m	BHS	O'Connor, Leslie	Field Trip Chaperone- BHS P.E. Students	5/28/26	\$0
n	District	Riccio, Frank	NJ Association of Designated Persons- Pest Management Training	5/8/26	\$0
o	District	Riccio, Frank	NJ Association of Designated Persons- Indoor Air Quality Training	5/22/26	\$0
p	District	Riccio, Frank	School Transportation Supervisors of NJ General Meeting	6/3/26	\$0
q	BHS	Samson, Alyssa	Field Trip Chaperone- Key Club	5/26/26	\$0
r	BHS	Spautz, Daniel	Field Trip Chaperone- BHS P.E. Students	5/28/26	\$0
s	BHS	Taesler, Rachael	Field Trip Chaperone- BHS Marching Band	5/25/26	\$0
t	BHS	Taesler, Rachael	Field Trip Chaperone- BHS Marching Band	5/27/26, 6/10/26	\$0
u	BHS	Taesler, Stephen	Field Trip Chaperone- BHS Marching Band	5/25/26	\$0
v	BHS	Taesler, Stephen	Field Trip Chaperone- BHS Marching Band	5/27/26, 6/10/26	\$0
w	BHS	Taesler, Stephen	Field Trip Chaperone- BHS Marching Band	5/30/26	\$0
x	BHS	Young, Joseph	AP Reading - Biology (virtual)	6/12/26	\$0

3. 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	BMS	Gateway National Park - Sandy Hook, NJ Green Team	35	5	0

4. 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	Matheny School - Peapack, NJ Key Club	30	2	0
b	BHS	Bernardsville Middle School - Bernardsville, NJ Bedminster Township School - Bedminster, NJ BHS Marching Band	23	4	0
c	BHS	Bernards High School & Town Hall, Bernardsville, NJ BHS Marching Band	23	4	0
d	BHS	Matheny School - Peapack, NJ BHS Marching Band	23	4	0
e	BHS	Bedwell Elementary School- Bernardsville, NJ BHS P.E. Students	25	2	0

5. 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 April 15, 2026:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BHS	Boyce, Nicole	16th Inter-District Public School Collaborative Network Conference	4/24/26	\$13.63

6. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Raritan Valley Community College*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Raritan Valley Community College for Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) for the 2026-2027 school year.

7. Approve Project Lead the Way Engineering Fee*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Engineering Participation Fee for Project Lead the Way (PLTW) for the 2026-2027 school year totaling \$3,200.00.

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 May 12, 2026. The following items were discussed:

1. Supervisor of Athletics - Vision aligned with the abilities of Jessica McGinn, who was a former employee and currently assistant director of athletics at Morristown High School. An offer was made and accepted on May 13th and we will vote on Ms. McGinn's employment at the May 20 Board Meeting.
2. Director of Curriculum and Instruction - salary increase reflects added responsibilities and a comparative analysis of this District level role.
3. Retirement Payouts - the May bill list includes such payments
4. Unaffiliated Positions - will be undertaken at the June Regular Public Meeting

Discussion - None.

B. Action Items: Mrs. Librera moved items #1-11, plus walk-on item #12, as read aloud by Mr. Liguori. Mrs. Hoppe seconded.

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

1. 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	Forrester, Maureen	District	Administrative Assistant SEC.DIST.AADO.NA.01	5/29/26
b	DeJesus, Frances	District	Bus Driver BUS.DIST.TRDR.NA.14	9/30/26

2. Approve Appointment District Administrator*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following district administrator for the 2026-2027 school year, *subject to further investigation pursuant to law*:

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Replace	Effective
a	Edgerton, Olga	District	Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development	\$171,302	New	7/1/26
b	McGinn, Jessica	District	Supervisor of Athletics, Health, and Physical Education	\$135,000	New	7/1/26

3. Approve Appointment Certified Staff*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following non-tenured certificated staff for the 2026-2027 school year, *subject to further investigation pursuant to law*:

	Name	School	Position/UPC	Level	Step	Salary	Replace	Effective
a	Kane, Eric	BHS	Chemistry Teacher TCH.HS.SCNC.NA.10	MA	14	\$91,320	Whitlock	9/1/26

4. Approve Appointment Certified Staff

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following non-tenured certificated staff for the 2026-2027 school year, *subject to further investigation pursuant to law*:

	Name	School	Position/UPC	Level	Step	Salary	Replace	Effective
a	Rivera, Fernando	BMS	Social Studies Teacher TCH.HS.SCNC.NA.10	MA+30	7-8	\$85,500	Wells	9/1/26

5. Approve Appointment Non-Certified Staff*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following non-certified staff for the 2026-2027 school year, *subject to further investigation pursuant to law*:

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Effective
a	Pross, Sebastian	District	Technician Part Time	\$37/hour FTE: .50	7/1/26

6. Approve Renewal and Salary for Non Certified Staff*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the renewal and salaries for non certified staff for the 2026-2027:

	Name	School	Position	Step	Salary
a	Paltan, William	District	Bus Driver	n/a	\$34.00/hour
b	Cantor, Luisa	District	Custodian FTE .50	3-4	\$20,840

7. 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	Dated of Leave/Notes
a	10106	BMS	Teacher	FMLA Anticipated Return	08/31/26-11/20/26 (unpaid w/ benefits) 11/23/26

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	Dated of Leave/Notes
a	9697	BHS	Teacher	Sick/Disability FMLA Unpaid Leave Anticipated Return	08/25/26-10/01/26 (paid disability w/ benefits) 10/02/26-12/23/26 (unpaid w/ benefits) 12/24/26-06/30/27 (unpaid w/o benefits) 08/24/27

9. Approve Practicum Experience

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following practicum experience for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Name	School/Subject	Educator	Institution	Date
a	Collins-Horn, Peyton	BES/School Psychology	Meredith Panik	Georgian Court University	Fall 2026

10. Approve Internship*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following internship for the 2026–2027 school year, to be completed while the employee continues to fulfill all current contractual teaching responsibilities:

	Name	School/Subject	Educator	Institution	Date
a	Ciocco, Jared	BHS/Counseling	Lizabeth Stolarz	Centenary University	26-27 SY

11. Approve Substitute*

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

	Name	Substitute Position	Certification	Effective
a	Cortese, Kaela	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Standard Certificate	5/20/26

12. (Walk-on Motion)*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts and approves the retirement of James McCarron, effective August 1, 2026.

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 May 12, 2026. The following items were discussed:

- Random Drug Testing Research -

The committee had reviewed research on the efficacy of random drug testing prior to the meeting. Dr. Brotschul also supplied us with copies of the Hunterdon Central and North Brunswick Regulations on their random drug testing policies.

The committee commenced their discussion. Issues were raised about the efficacy of drug testing (percentage of false positives), how long drugs remain in the system, the rise in the use of heroin and cocaine (while use of some other drugs is declining.) Research shows that an important factor in deterring the use of drugs is education, connection and personal

support. The committee also discussed the consequences as outlined in the regulation, focusing on the importance of focusing on helping a child rather than punishing a child, the timing of/length of punishment, as well as parameters of consequences, citing importance of social and emotional learning and floating some alternative ideas.

We looked at the regulation through the lens of community; we are a community where extracurricular activities and clubs are highly valued. Additionally, the use of breathalyzer (different policy but related) seems to work as a deterrent. Also, on the issue of education, connection and personal support, our District has such policies in place and is adding new support @BHS in the form of Capturing Kids Hearts.

Based on our research and discussion, the Committee asked Dr. Brotschul to develop a working group to discuss the consequences outlined in the regulations, who are prepared to contribute and come with suggestions. The focus is on what is the right thing for our students and community. This working group will include SAC, guidance counselors, administrators, perhaps someone from Community in Crisis as well as parents that may have professional experience in this area.

- June 2026 policies - We received hard copies of policies in our meeting to review in our June meeting.
- Student Dress Code - Raised at the request of a committee member; this policy was recently discussed/approved by the Board and being enforced by Administration on an as-needed basis.

Discussion: Mrs. Santoro asked if the policy was different than the others shared. Dr. Brotschul indicated no, but that there was room for potential examination.

B. Action Items: None.

C. Policy Old Business / New Business: None.

STUDENT SERVICES

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items: Mrs. Frenda gave the report. The committee met on May 12, 2026. The following items were discussed:

1. Dyslexia - The committee reviewed district practices related to dyslexia screening, intervention, evaluation, staffing, and parent communication in an effort to better understand literacy services and student support. Thank you to the Administration for providing a robust response to our submitted questions and thank you to Lindsay Barna and Dr. Butler for participating in our committee meeting.
 - a. The Committee emphasized the importance of ensuring that the District's current processes and service models are effectively meeting the needs of students. Discussion included consideration of the discrepancy model in comparison to other appropriate evaluation approaches, consistency in implementation across the overall process, and effective communication between the District and parents.
 - b. Additionally, the Committee discussed the importance of closely monitoring students after they have been identified as needing support. While progress with interventions and supports is encouraging, the Committee recognized the importance of ensuring that such progress does not unintentionally mask underlying learning needs that may require further evaluation, intervention, or ongoing support. Overall, the information presented has

- provided the Committee with a strong foundational understanding of current practices, strengths, and areas of concern, helping to inform emerging priorities.
- c. The Committee also recognizes that additional review, analysis, and investigation by the administration will be important to further evaluate practices, identify opportunities for improvement, and ensure that student needs continue to be appropriately supported.
2. NJ SCI Climate Matters Survey - findings will be communicated by June.
 3. Capturing Kids Hearts - BHS Administration will be connecting with Administration from a high school in Texas that is using CPK.
 - a. CKH training will be the first two days of summer Professional Development for high school staff when they return from the summer.
 - b. We continue to evaluate Coaching for Greatness and as soon as we have an opportunity from a budgetary perspective we will initiate the program.
 - c. Additionally, administration including the Bedwell Principal and Assistant Principal, Business Administrator, and Supervisor of Athletics, Health, and PE will be attending the CPK Leadership Blueprint in July.
 4. Supervisor of Athletics, Health, and PE - Dr. Brotschul informed us that he will be moving forward with a candidate on the May agenda.

Discussion: Ms. Clark-Emery asked about HIB findings for Bernards HS this month. Dr. Brotschul confirmed there were no cases to report. Mrs. Wry appreciated the dyslexia conversation in committee, stressing the importance of identifying early-on. She appreciated the commitment and the depth of the discussion.

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

Item #1 was approved by roll call vote of 8-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda. Absent: Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez.

1. HIB Report

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education reviewed the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying cases presented on April 29, 2026, and upheld the findings and/or consequences recommended by the Superintendent:

School	Report #	Outcomes
BMS	26	Founded
BMS	27	Unfounded
BMS	28	Unfounded
BMS	29	Unfounded
BMS	30	Founded

HIBs to Date (25-26 SY)	Founded	Unfounded	Split	Total
BES	0	1	0	1

HIBs to Date (25-26 SY)	Founded	Unfounded	Split	Total
BMS	17	11	2	30

C. Student Services Old Business / New Business - None.

Board Announcements

1. Mrs. Librera thanked Dr. Butler for her many contributions to the District during her tenure, noting the appropriateness of the rain.
2. Mrs. Santoro indicated the Capturing Kids Hearts Board retreat was a great experience, congratulated all retirees, and thanked Dr. Butler for her many contributions to the District during her tenure, calling out her passion.
3. Mrs. Hunt thanked Dr. Butler for her many contributions to the District during her tenure, calling her irreplaceable.
4. Mrs. Wry thanked Dr. Butler for her many contributions to the District during her tenure.
5. Mrs. Hunt indicated the talent show and teacher band at Bedwell were wonderful to see, noting their generosity of time.
6. Ms. Ballard praised the student reports, indicating that their updates are excellent, and she thanked Dr. Butler for her many contributions to the District during her tenure, indicating she will be missed.
7. Mrs. Frenda indicated the honors we are bestowing on our students are stunning, particularly the National Merit Scholar winner, and she thanked Dr. Butler for her many contributions to the District during her tenure, calling her the heart and soul of the District and calling out her attention to the whole child.
8. Ms. Clark-Emery thanked Dr. Butler for her many contributions to the District during her tenure, noting her amazing journey.

Public Comments

1. Juhayna Davis - Bernardsville - discussed safety of student athletes with a personal story to relate. Seeing no one else from the public, Mrs. Librera moved to close public comments. Mrs. Santoro seconded. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Mrs. Santoro moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm. Mrs. Hoppe seconded the motion. All in favor. Ayes: 8-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Liguori
Business Administrator / Board Secretary

***Note: The areas of permitted voting for the Bedminster district representative of the Board of Education are: (a) Tuition to be charged the sending district by the receiving district and the bill lists or contracts for the purchase, operation or maintenance of facilities, equipment and instructional materials to be used in the education of the pupils of the sending district; (b) New capital construction to be utilized by**

sending district pupils; (c) Appointment, transfer or removal of teaching staff members providing services to pupils of the sending district, including any teaching staff member who is a member of the receiving district's central administrative staff; (d) Addition or deletion of curricular and extracurricular programs involving pupils of the sending district; (e) Any matter directly involving the sending district pupils or programs and services utilized by those pupils; (f) Approval of the annual receiving district budget; (g) Any collectively negotiated agreement involving employees who provide services utilized by sending district pupils; (h) Any individual employee contracts not covered by a collectively negotiated agreement, if those employees provide or oversee programs or services utilized by sending district pupils; and (i) Any matter concerning governance of the receiving district board of education including, but not limited to, the selection of the board president or vice-president, approval of board bylaws, and the employment of professionals or consultants such as attorneys, architects, engineers, or others who provide services to the receiving district board of education.

(cf: P.L.1996, c.103, s.1)