

**The Somerset Hills School District
Regular Meeting Agenda - September 16, 2026
Public Input & Action - 6:30 PM
Bernards High School - Community Room**

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Welcome to a meeting of the Board of Education of the Somerset Hills School District. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the public and media, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act: (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975). Formal action may be taken, and the public will have an opportunity to be heard as shown on the Agenda.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the public notice of this meeting, which included the time, date, location and to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting was distributed at 3:00 PM on August 27, 2026 and at 3:00 PM on September 11, 2026 in the following manner:

- a. Posted on the Bulletin Board reserved for announcements in the Board Office, 25 Olcott Avenue, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.
- b. Posted in the Main Office of Bedwell, Bernardsville Middle School and Bernards High School.
- c. Filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Bernardsville, Far Hills, Peapack and Gladstone, and Bedminster Township.
- d. 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.
- e. Delivered to the ten (10) duly elected board members.

II. Roll Call

III. Board Norms

Before a Meeting
● 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
● 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.

IV. District Goals

2026-2027 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.

V. Pledge of Allegiance**VI. Report of the Superintendent**

1. Recognition of Cub Scout Pack 150 of the Somerset Hills:
 - a. Clare Duff
 - b. Jack Krieg
 - c. Rhys Markley
 - d. Logan Mills
 - e. Chapin Mortenson
 - f. Teddy Phillips
 - g. Luke Feeley
 - h. Lucas Nastasi
 - i. Ben Karpiuk
 - j. Liam Klawunn
 - k. Brett Feeley
2. Dr. Brotschul's Update; NJGPA-A Report - Dr. Olga Edgerton, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development and Ms. Lindsay Barna, Supervisor of English Language Arts, Visual and Performing Arts, and Media Specialists

VII. Public Comments for Actionable Agenda Items

We very much welcome input from the public. Public comments are welcome at this time on any actionable agenda item. Towards the end of the meeting, there is a second public forum on any topic. Please state your name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes. At three minutes you will be interrupted and asked to pause to allow any other members of the public who would like to speak an opportunity to do so. An individual may return to the podium to complete their statement after everyone else has had an opportunity to speak for a total of two times at the podium. Please understand that our public forums are not structured as question and answer sessions, but are offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. In instances where the Board feels there is a misunderstanding or inaccuracy, the Board President or Superintendent may address the comment. In accordance with New Jersey Statute, the Board will not discuss matters regarding specific personnel. Public Comments will be limited to 30 minutes. A reminder for all parties in attendance to remain respectful and that there should be no interaction between the speaker and the audience. No members of the audience should interfere with or interrupt a speaker's comments. Thank you in advance for your input.

VIII. Approval of Minutes***A. Approval of Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Public Input & Action and Executive meeting minutes for August 26, 2026.

IX. BUSINESS OPERATIONS

- A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items
- B. Business Operations Action Items: #1-14
- C. Business Operations Old Business / New Business

1. Board Secretary & Treasurer Reports & Board Certification*

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

FUND	Board Secretary Cash Balance (1)	Treasurer Cash Balance (2)
(10) General Fund	\$8,481,110.98	\$8,481,110.98
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$140,139.42	\$140,139.42
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$38,053,226.74	\$38,053,226.74
(40) Debt Service Fund	\$471,838.07	\$471,838.07
Total Government Funds	\$47,146,315.21	\$47,146,315.21

(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 2026-2027 Budget Transfers*

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

3. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached Final August 2026 check registers 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	\$2,517,243.01
(20) Special Revenue Fund	-
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$45,058.23
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	-
(90) Agency Fund	\$286,491.15
TOTAL	\$2,848,792.39

4. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached September 2026 check registers 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	\$2,505,957.94
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$12,351.00
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	-
(90) Agency Fund	\$422,820.69

TOTAL

\$2,941,129.63

5. Approve 2026-2027 Budget Transfers Exceeding Ten Percent (10%)*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve budget transfers in account line #11-000-230-XXX, as approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10.

6. Approve Solutions Architectural & Engineering Post-Referendum Contract*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Professional Services Agreement with Solutions Architecture for post-referendum professional architectural and engineering services, including design, construction documents and construction administration services for renovations and capital project upgrades, with service fees authorized by individual projects as follows:

Location	Project	Amount Not To Exceed
Bernards High School	Annex Wing Renovation - 21+ Program / Culinary	\$267,750.00
	Renovate Art / Tech Classrooms	\$294,295.31
	Renovate Bio / Physics Classrooms	\$415,380.00
	Renovate History Classroom	\$76,485.94
	Renovate Physics / Chemistry Classrooms	\$395,430.00
	Renovate TV Broadcasting / STEM / Language Arts Classrooms	\$168,060.38
	Upgrade Power for Classroom Renovations	\$7,475.00
	Roofing Systems Replacements	\$142,715.00
	Security Safety Film	\$25,448.06
	Install New Gym Bleachers - Main & Lower Gym	\$59,400.00
	Install Graphics	\$5,750.00
	Upgrade & Expand Camera Systems	\$11,500.00
Bernardsville Middle School	Science Classroom / Lab Renovations	\$437,325.00
	Security Safety Film	\$8,677.90
	Roofing Systems Replacement	\$80,755.88
	Install Graphics	\$3,450.00
	Upgrade & Expand Camera Systems	\$14,375.00
	Fire Alarm Panel & System Upgrades	\$61,258.20

Location	Project	Amount Not To Exceed
Bedwell Elementary School	Kindergarten Classroom Renovation / ADA Toilet Conversion / New Corridor	\$127,010.25
	Construct New Security Office / Renovate Existing Vestibule	\$64,253.00
	Renovate Media Center / Interior Classroom	\$236,316.50
	Renovate Speech / Stem Classrooms	\$204,168.13
	Security Safety Film	\$18,160.80
	Roofing Systems Replacement	\$155,802.01
	Install Graphics / Paint Stairwell and Corridor	\$10,191.88
	Upgrade and Expand Camera Systems	\$15,093.75
	Fire Alarm Panel & Systems Upgrad	\$62,509.86

7. Approve Purchase of School Bus - HCESC Bid # TRANS-27-02*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the purchase of a school bus from the East Brunswick School District, as the successful bidder through Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Bid #TRANS-27-02, as follows:

- East Brunswick School District: \$17,501.00 for the purchase of the used school bus, and
- Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission: \$1,750.10 for the applicable commission; for a total amount not to exceed \$19,251.10.

8. Approve Addendum for Chapter 192/193*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the Addendum to the 2026-2027 Agreement for Chapter 192 Auxiliary Services and Chapter 193 Remedial Services, to reflect changes in State funding and reimbursement procedures effective for the 2026-2027 school year pursuant to P.L. 2025, c.252.

9. Approve Chapter 226 Nonpublic School Nursing Program*

WHEREAS P.L. 1991, Chapter 226, requires that each Board of Education of a district in which a nonpublic school is located shall provide certain nursing services to those students who are enrolled full-time in the nonpublic school; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey has agreed to provide the required nursing services for local public school districts for the purpose of efficient delivery of services and greater cost effectiveness through cooperation and centralized administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Somerset Hills Board of Education enter into an agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey whereby the commission will implement law and administer the nonpublic school nursing program, not to exceed funding provided by the State of Department of Education for these purposes, for those full-time students enrolled in the

nonpublic school located within the district for the 2026-2027 school year, in accordance with applicable law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerset Hills Board of Education shall pay the commission 6% as an administrative fee of the entitlement funds received by the Board as state aid, per pupil, pursuant to said enactment.

10. Accept Donation

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following donation:

	Organization	Purpose	School	Amount
a	AAUW, Somerset Hills Branch	Portion of proceeds of annual book sale	BMS	\$3,000.00

11. Approve Extra Duty Police Services*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Bernardsville Police Department for extra duty police services for the 2026-2027 school year, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

12. Approve Ambulance Standby Coverage*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Bernardsville First Aid Squad for ambulance standby coverage for the 2026-2027 school year, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

13. Approve FY28 Budget Calendar*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the FY28 Budget Calendar (*Attachment A*).

14. Approve Special Education Evaluations*

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

	Evaluator	Services	Location	Cost	Not to Exceed Amount
	Kid Clan Services, Inc.	Monolingual & Bilingual Evaluations	Clifton, NJ	\$375/eval. \$475/eval.	\$6,000

X. CURRICULUM

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items

B. Curriculum Action Items: #1-6

C. Curriculum Old Business / New Business

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 2026-2027 school year:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BMS	Berry, Courtney	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
b	BMS	Calabrese, Eric	Beyond Bias: Unconscious Bias Workshop	10/20/26	\$0
c	BES	Cohen, Alyson	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 4	10/22/26	\$0
d	BES	Cohen, Alyson	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
e	BES	Dalen, Sara	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
f	BES	Davis, Emma	Conquer Mathematics Workshops	10/6/26, 12/15/26	\$420
g	BES	Gelsinger, Allison	Center for Literacy Development Speaker Series	10/22/26	\$180
h	BES	Jablonski, Holly	Conquer Mathematics Workshops	10/6/26, 12/15/26	\$420
i	BES	Johnson, Theresa	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
j	BMS	Jurgens, Allyssa	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
k	BMS	Koellhoffer, Keith	2026 Fall Conference NJ Principals and Supervisors Association/Foundation for Educational Administration	10/14/26, 10/15/26	\$615
l	BES	Lippert Lozano, Mercedes	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
m	BES	Lippert Lozano, Mercedes	Tools of the Mind Pre-K Year 2 Training	10/1/26, 4/8/27	Part of contract
n	BMS	McGovern, Danielle	Literacy Experiences that Motivate, Engage, Build Stamina and Executive Functioning	3/11/27	\$180
o	BMS	McGovern, Danielle	New York Comic Con	10/8/26	\$0
p	BES	Noland, Desiree	Community of Practice for Behavior Analysts	9/29/26, 12/1/26, 1/26/27, 3/16/27	\$0
q	BES	Pacheco, Yarelis	Conquer Mathematics Workshops	10/6/26, 12/15/26	\$420

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
r	BMS	Ramundo, Brielle	Support for Teachers Who Are New to Writing Instruction, Writing Standards and Genre Knowledge, Instructional Practices	10/8/26, 12/15/26, 4/2/27	Part of AL contract
s	BMS	Rivera, Fernando	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
t	BES	Rokosky, Debbie	Conquer Mathematics Workshops	11/9/26, 1/27/27	\$420
u	BES	Smith, Lauren	Leading Responsive, Data-Based Small Group Work in Writing	12/9/26, 1/27/27, 2/24/27	Part of AL contract
v	BMS	Snyder, Jason	Field Trip Chaperone- BHS Marching Band	9/19/26, 9/25/26, 9/26/26, 10/3/26, 10/10/26, 10/16/26, 10/17/26, 10/24/26, 12/5/26	
w	BMS	Tresslar, Kristene	Advanced Vocabulary for Critical Thinkers: Accelerating Literacy and Academic Vocabulary Acquisition	10/6/26, 11/17/26, 1/5/27	Part of AL contract
x	BES	Van Kooy, Emma	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
y	BES	Vitale, Shannon	Conquer Mathematics Workshops	11/9/26, 1/27/27	\$420
z	BES	Vitale, Shannon	Data Based Small Groups to Support Readers with Developing Fluency, Comprehension, and Vocabulary	10/20/26, 12/8/26, 2/23/27	Part of AL contract
aa	BES	Windisch, Mary Clare	Conquer Mathematics Workshops	11/9/26, 1/27/27	\$420
bb	BES	Zaborowski, Donna	Leading Responsive, Data-Based Small Group Work in Writing	12/9/26, 1/27/27, 2/24/27	Part of AL contract

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 2026-2027 school year:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	District	Barna, Lindsay	National Council for Teachers of English Annual Convention	11/19/26- 11/24/26	\$1,367.56

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
b	BHS	Cannon, Steven	Engagement to Proficiency - World Language Strategies	12/4/26	\$163.57
c	District	Catelli, Michael	New Jersey Social Studies Supervisors Association Meetings	10/23/26, 1/29/27, 4/30/27	\$25
d	District	Catelli, Michael	Legal One Bridging Voices: Multilingual Learners, AI, and Educational Equity Summit	10/2/26	\$195
e	District	Catelli, Michael	Facing History & Ourselves Leadership Institute for School Leaders	10/8/26	\$25
f	District	Catelli, Michael	Morris-Union Jointure Commission Grant Subcommittee Meeting	2/1/27	\$0
g	BHS	Ciocco, Jared	AP in Practice Series: Latin (virtual)	TBD	\$225
h	District	Edgerton, Olga	Greater Somerset County Association of Curriculum & Instruction Meetings	9/25/26, 10/23/26, 12/4/26, 1/22/27, 2/26/27, 3/19/27, 4/30/27, 5/28/27	\$0
i	District	Edgerton, Olga	NJ Curriculum Leadership Summit	10/5/26	\$0
j	BHS	Hunkele, Heather	Garden State Scholastic Press Association Press Day	10/26/26	\$153
k	BHS	Hunkele, Heather	National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference	11/19/26, 11/20/26	\$585
l	District	Liguori, Richard	Human Resources & the Business Administrator	9/22/26	\$199
m	BHS	McGinn, Jessica	Fall Sportsmanship Summit- Fall Athletes	9/29/26	\$0
n	BHS	Neiss, Joanna	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
o	BHS	O'Brien, Janice	Garden State Scholastic Press Association Press Day	10/26/26	\$58
p	BHS	O'Brien, Janice	National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference	11/19/26, 11/20/26	\$585
q	BHS	Pair, Randall	New York Comic Con	10/8/26, 10/9/26	\$0
r	BHS	Pair, Randall	National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference	11/19/26, 11/20/26	\$585

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
s	BHS	Pietroluongo, Jade	Field Trip Chaperone- Girl Up Club	10/22/26	\$0
t	BHS	Rovtar, Kristina	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
u	BHS	Smith, Taylor	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
v	BHS	Snyder, Allison	National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference	11/20/26	\$436.04
w	BHS	Torres, Maiya	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0
x	BHS	Volosin, Lauren	Field Trip Chaperone	10/20/26	\$0
y	BHS	Wierzbicki, Kyle	Sheltered Instruction Training	10/22/26, 12/16/26, 1/26/27	\$0

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 August 26, 2026:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BES	Collins, Jessica	Field Trip Chaperone	10/22/26	\$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 2026-2027 school year:

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
a	BMS	Brick Academy - Basking Ridge, NJ Grade 5	91	4	0
b	BMS	Bernardsville Pool - Bernardsville, NJ Grade 5	89	10	0
c	BMS	Bernardsville Pool - Bernardsville, NJ Grade 6	77	10	0
d	BMS	Bernardsville Pool - Bernardsville, NJ Grade 7	111	10	0

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
e	BMS	Bernardsville Pool - Bernardsville, NJ Grade 8	102	10	0

5. Approve Field Trips*

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

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
a	BHS	Students 2 Science - Whippany, NJ BHS Chemistry Students	32	3	0
b	BHS	Rutgers Busch Campus Center - New Brunswick, NJ BHS Newspaper and Yearbook	14	2	0
c	BHS	Enlow Recital Hall, Kean University-Hillside, NJ Girl Up Club	23	2	0
d	BHS	North Hunterdon High School - Annandale, NJ Fall Athletes	10	1	0

6. Approve Creature Comfort Pet Therapy Agreement*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Creature Comfort Pet Therapy agreement to provide therapy pet visits for students for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

XI. PERSONNEL

A. Committee Report and Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items

B. Personnel Action Items: #1-10

C. Personnel Old Business / New Business

1. Approve Appointment Leave Replacement

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

	Name	School	Position/UPC	Step	Level	Salary	Replace	Effective
a	Caruana, Patrina	BES	School Speech Therapist TCH.ES.SPEE.NA.01.LR	3-4	MA+15	\$79,905 (prorated)	9230	9/22/26 - 12/2/26

2. 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	Step	Salary	Replace	Effective
a	Trapani, Philip	BHS	Custodian FT CUS.DIST.CUST.21	1	\$42,120 (<i>prorated</i>)	DiEgidio	9/1/26

3. 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	Level	Step	Salary	Replace	Effective
a	Parichuk, Lais	BES	School Nurse TCH.ES.NURSE.NA.02	BA	9-10	\$75,620 (<i>prorated</i>)	Heesemann	9/17/26
b	Ko, Paul	BES	Regular Paraprofessional PARA.DIST.REG.NA.03	n/a	1	\$22.84/hour	Yan	9/14/26
c	Lee, NaKyung	BES	Regular Paraprofessional PARA.DIST.RR.NA.01	n/a	1	22.84/hour	James	9/14/26

4. 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 2026-2027 school year:

	Name	Position	School	Season	Stipend
a	Daben, Jose	Soccer: Boy's Head	BMS	Fall	\$4,500.15

5. Approve Athletic Positions

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

	Name	Position	School	Season	Stipend
a	Daben, Jose	Soccer: Boy's Head 50%	BMS	Fall	\$2,250.07
b	Daben, Jose	Soccer: Boy's Assistant 50%	BMS	Fall	\$1,462.41
c	Koch, Kevin	Soccer: Boy's Head 50%	BMS	Fall	\$2,250.07
d	Koch, Kevin	Soccer: Boy's Assistant 50%	BMS	Fall	\$1,462.41
e	Clark, Michelle	Field Hockey: Assistant	BMS	Fall	\$2,924.83

6. 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 2026-2027 school year:

	Name	Position	School	Season	Stipend
a	Cava, Lauren	Cheerleading: Fall Assistant	BHS	Fall	\$5,779.03
b	Walsh, Brady	Wrestling: Women's Head	BHS	Winter	\$10,166.81
c	DePew, Charlotte	Fencing: Volunteer	BHS	Winter	\$0

7. Approve Leave of Absences*

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

	Employee #	School	Position	Type of leave	Date of Leave/Notes
a	9634	BHS	Certified	Paid Disability FMLA Anticipated RTW	02/08/27-03/25/27 04/05/27-06/11/27 unpaid w/benefits 08/24/27

8. 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/Concentration	Educator	Institution	Date
a	Gutierrez, Tatiana	BES/Educational Leadership MA Program	Scott Wolfe, Principal	William Patterson University	26-27 SY

9. Approve Administrative Leave with Pay

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following administrative leave with pay:

	Employee #	Effective
a	10135	9/4/26 - TBD as determined by the Superintendent pending investigation

10. Approve Substitutes*

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

	Name	Substitute Position	Certification	Effective
a	Vicenzino, Mark	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Standard Certificate	9/17/26
b	Marciano, Matthew	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Standard Certificate	9/17/26
c	Ramos Mejia, Blanca	Bus Driver	CDL	9/17/26
d	Barquero, Javier	Bus Driver	CDL	9/17/26

XII. POLICY

- A. Committee Report and Discussion
- B. Policy Old Business / New Business

XIII. STUDENT SERVICES

- A. Committee Report and Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items
- B. Student Services Action Item: #1
- C. Student Services Old Business / New Business

1. HIB Report*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education reviewed the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying cases presented on August 26, 2026, and upheld the findings and/or consequences recommended by the Superintendent:

School	Report #	Outcomes
BHS	24	Unfounded
BHS	25	Unfounded
BHS	26	Unfounded
BHS	27	Founded

HIBs to Date (25-26 SY)	Founded	Unfounded	Split	Total
BHS	12	13	2	27

XIV. Board Announcements

The views and opinions that are/may be expressed by individual members of the Somerset Hills Board of Education during Board Announcements are solely those of the individual Board members, and do not reflect the views, opinions, policies, regulations and/or positions of the Somerset Hills Board of Education and/or any other individual members of the Board.

XV. Public Comments

Public comments are welcome at this time on any topic. Please state your name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes. At three minutes you will be interrupted and asked to pause to allow any other members of the public who would like to speak an opportunity to do so. An individual may return to the podium to complete their statement after everyone else has had an opportunity to speak for a total of two times at the podium. Please understand that our public forums are not structured as question and answer sessions, but are offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. In instances where the Board feels there is a misunderstanding or inaccuracy, the Board President or Superintendent may address the comment. In accordance with New Jersey Statute, the Board will not discuss matters regarding specific personnel. A reminder for all parties in attendance to remain respectful and that there should be no interaction between the speaker and the audience. No members of the audience should interfere with or interrupt a speaker's comments. Thank you in advance for your input.

XVI. Adjournment

***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)