

The Somerset Hills School District
Regular Meeting Agenda - August 26, 2026
Executive Session - 5:30 pm
Regular Public Meeting - 7:30 pm
Bernards High School - Media Center

Call to Order & Welcome

Board President Mrs. Frenda called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

Roll Call

Present:

Ms. Ballard	Mrs. Hunt
Ms. Clark-Emery (arrived 5:45 pm)	Mrs. Librera
Ms. Cooper	Mrs. Santoro
Mrs. Gomez (left 9:18 pm)	Mrs. Wry
Mrs. Hoppe	Mrs. Frenda

Absent: None.

Also Present:

Dr. Brian Brotschul, Superintendent

Mr. Richard Liguori, Business Administrator / Board Secretary

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.

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.

Board Training

Capturing Kids Hearts training was conducted by Shane Naterman.

Executive Session

Mrs. Hoppe made a motion to go to Executive Session at 6:48 pm. Mrs. Librera seconded.

WHEREAS the “Open Public Meetings Act.” (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975) authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which specified topics are to be discussed under circumstances where the public consideration of such topics will clearly endanger the public, or where the personal privacy or guaranteed rights of individuals whose activities or affairs are to be discussed would be clearly in danger of unwarranted invasions, and

WHEREAS the matters about to be presented for discussion clearly meet the “circumstances” test of such Act:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Somerset Hills now adjourns its public session to reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following: Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts, Litigation, and Attorney/Client Privilege.

And, be it further,

RESOLVED that the discussion in Executive Session be disclosed when the Board’s consideration of the subject matter has been closed, or that such matter does not adversely affect the rights of prospective, current, or past public officers, or personnel of the Board, unless such individuals have in writing requested the disclosures of such discussion at a public meeting and provided such public disclosure will no longer clearly endanger the public interest.

During the Executive Session, Dr. Brotschul, Mr. Liguori, and Mrs. Hoppe recused themselves at 8:05 pm and returned at 8:20 pm.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to return to Public Session at 8:20 pm. Mrs. Librera seconded.

The public meeting resumed at 8:22 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Report of the Superintendent

1. Board Recognition Retirees - read aloud by Ms. Ballard as chair of Personnel Committee:

- a. WHEREAS, **Patricia Pedota** has been employed from July 2006 through September 2026 as a Secretary; and

WHEREAS, she exemplified expertise, commitment, and professionalism in her duties;
and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills School District and Board of Education recognize **Patricia Pedota** retirement effective October 1, 2026, and extend to her congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

- b. WHEREAS, **Louis DiEgidio** has been employed from April 2022 through July 2026 as a Custodian; and

WHEREAS, he exemplified expertise, commitment, and professionalism in his duties;
and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills School District and Board of Education recognize **Louis DiEgidio** retirement effective August 1, 2026, and extend to him congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

2. Superintendent Report: Dr. Brotschul raised awareness of several timely and pertinent District issues, including:

- a. The semi-annual School Safety Data Report

- b. Student Achievement Results for ELL students via Access 2.0
- c. Update on referendum projects in design phase
- d. Update on capital projects - tennis courts and safety/security system
- e. AP test results
- f. Update on demographic data, with more detail to follow at an upcoming special meeting

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Public Input & Action and Executive meeting minutes for June 15, 2026, and the Special Meeting minutes for July 15, 2026.

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

Item #1 was approved by roll call vote of 7-0-3. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Gomez, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro. Abstain: Ms. Ballard (June meeting only), Mrs. Wry (July meeting only), Mrs. Frenda (July meeting only).

APPROVAL OF NURSING SERVICES PLAN

A. A public hearing was held regarding the annual nursing services plan:

1. Public Hearing Regarding Annual Nursing Services Plan

WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-13, the Board is required to conduct a public hearing for the 2026-2027 Nursing Services Plan; and now

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board hereby opens the public hearing on the 2026-2027 Nursing Services Plan (***Attachment A***).

- Discussion was held - no comments from the Board.
- No Public Comments were made.
- Motion to close public hearing made by Ms. Ballard, seconded by Mrs. Wry. All were in favor.

B. Action Item: Mrs. Librera moved item #2. Mrs. Hoppe seconded.

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

2. Approve the Somerset Hills School District Nursing Services Plan 2026-2027*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2026-2027 school year (***Attachment A***).

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items - Mrs. Santoro gave the report. The Committee met on August 17, 2026. The following items were discussed:

- Maintenance: Tennis Courts
 - The courts look great and are ready to use. The biggest issue that has been resolved is drainage underneath the courts
- Demographics - We received the results of the demographic study this week. A cursory overview shows over the next 5 years Bedwell will increase in students, BMS will remain the same, and the BHS will decline slightly. Overall numbers will be roughly where enrollment was in 2017. All development

currently in progress was considered, this does not include the Church Street redevelopment as this is not defined as a project yet. The district will be able to absorb all students enrolled in our current facilities.

- Energy Opportunity - Slothera Tech is a thermal energy company that approached the district about conducting an evaluation. They will assess and provide us with feedback on our energy efficiency as a district.
- Department Coordinators for Curriculum - Dr. Brotschul will be appointing department coordinators to support math and science. There will likely be 1 for Math and Science for K-8 and 2 (1 for each) in the high school.
- Referendum
 - Currently installing new bleachers (divider in lower gym removed)
 - Design work ongoing on BMS and high school science labs.
 - Design work ongoing on the Bedwell security vestibule and the kindergarten hallway.
 - A tracking system to provide information to the public is currently being developed.
- Extraordinary Aid - This is funding we received for each special education student. It is a multiplier based on their individual needs. It has been decreasing for the last 3 years. 23/24 62%; 24/25 52%; 25/26 45%. This year we'll be receiving \$287,766 vs ~\$293K in 2025-2026.
- Capital Project - The Bell/Security/Door Access system is nearing completion. Work has gone smoothly this summer.
- Maschio's - Maschio's is implementing a personnel change for the upcoming school year. They will be using a Chef as the new Supervisor and they will oversee the Food Service Directory.

Discussion - None.

B. Action Items: Mrs. Librera moved items #1-42. Mrs. Hunt seconded.

Items #1-42 were approved by roll call vote of 9-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda. Absent: 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 June 2026 with the following balances:

FUND	Board Secretary Cash Balance (1)	Treasurer Cash Balance (2)
(10) General Fund	\$8,895,959.74	\$8,895,959.74
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$132,942.55	\$132,942.55
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$37,872,338.23	\$37,872,338.23
(40)Debt Service Fund	\$.23	\$.23
Total Government Funds	\$46,901,240.75	\$46,901,240.75

(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. Board Secretary & Treasurer Reports & Board Certification*

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

FUND	Board Secretary Cash Balance (1)	Treasurer Cash Balance (2)
(10) General Fund	\$7,647,405.03	\$7,647,405.03
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$137,244.42	\$137,244.42
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$37,985,208.03	\$37,985,208.03
(40) Debt Service Fund	\$235,919.15	\$235,919.15
Total Government Funds	\$46,005,776.63	\$46,005,776.63

(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.

3. Approve 2025-2026 Budget Transfers*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the attached list of budget transfers for June 2026.

4. Approve 2026-2027 Budget Transfers*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the attached list of budget transfers for July 2026.

5. Approve 2025-2026 Budget Transfers Exceeding Ten Percent (10%)*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve budget transfers in account lines #11-000-230-XXX and #11-000-251-XXX, as approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10.

6. 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.

7. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached Final June 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	\$4,297,193.01
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$83,940.99
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$301,314.25
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$155,858.42
(90) Agency Fund	\$1,248,925.65
TOTAL	\$6,087,232.32

8. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached Final July 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	\$4,904,736.15
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$31,302.17
(30) Capital Projects Fund	-
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$7,601.65
(90) Agency Fund	\$393,673.22
TOTAL	\$5,337,313.19

9. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached 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	\$545,539.92
(20) Special Revenue Fund	-
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$45,058.23
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	-
(90) Agency Fund	\$109,615.50
TOTAL	\$700,213.65

10. Approve Board of Education Meeting Dates*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following dates for regular Public Input & Action Meetings for August 2026 - January 2028, with a starting time for the public session of 7:30 p.m. except where noted.

August 26, 2026	Public Hearing on Nurse Service Plan & School Safety Report
September 16, 2026	
October 14, 2026	
November 18, 2026	
December 16, 2026	
January 4, 2027 (6:00pm)	Reorganization Meeting & Annual Ethics Training
January 27, 2027	
February 17, 2027	Public Hearing on School Safety Report & Audit
March 13, 2027 (8:00am)	Budget Retreat
March 17, 2027	
April 14, 2027	
May 5, 2027	Public Hearing on Budget and Annual School Adoptions & Appointments
June 2, 2027	
August 25, 2027	Public Hearing on Nurse Service Plan & School Safety Report
September 15, 2027	
October 13, 2027	
November 17, 2027	
December 15, 2027	
January 3, 2028 (6:00pm)	Reorganization Meeting & Annual Ethics Training

If required, special meeting(s) may be scheduled during July and August.

11. 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 2026-2027 school year:

	Organization	School	Event	Date
a	BMS HSA	BMS	Spirit Wear Sale	26-27 SY
b	BMS HSA	BMS	Mum Sale	Fall 2026
c	BMS HSA	BMS	Wreath Sale	Fall 2026
d	BMS HSA	BMS	Scholastic Book Fair	Fall 2026
e	BMS HSA	BMS	Gr 8 Car Wash & Bake Sale	26-27 SY
f	BMS HSA	BMS	Penny Wars	Winter 2026
g	BMS HSA	BMS	Flower/Herb Sale	Spring 2027
h	BMS HSA	BMS	Gr 8 Lawn Sign Sale	Spring 2027

	Organization	School	Event	Date
i	BMS HSA	BMS	Summer Reading Fundraiser	Spring 2027
j	BES HSA	BES	HSA Membership Drive	26-27 SY
k	BES HSA	BES	Spirit Wear Sale	26-27 SY
l	BES HSA	BES	Box Tops	26-27 SY
m	BES HSA	BES	Charleston Wrapping Paper Sale	Sept-Dec 2026
n	BES HSA	BES	Bedwell Family Picnic	9/18/26 or 9/25/26
o	BES HSA	BES	Book Fair	11/2/26-11/4/26
p	BES HSA	BES	Holiday Shoppe	12/5/26
q	BES HSA	BES	Apres Virtual Shopping Event	Fall/Winter 2026
r	BES HSA	BES	WizFit Challenge	Jan/Feb 2027
s	BES HSA	BES	Penny Wars	2/1/27-2/5/27

12. 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 2026-2027 school year:

	Organization	School	Event	Date
a	Project Graduation	BHS	Local Business Fundraisers	26-27 SY
b	Project Graduation	BHS	Spirit Wear Sale	26-27 SY
c	Project Graduation	BHS	Local Business Fundraisers	Fall 2026
d	BHS PAC Parents	BHS	Movie Night	Fall 2026/Spring 2027
e	BHS PAC Parents	BHS	Playbill Ad Sales	Fall 2026/Spring 2027
f	BHS PAC Parents	BHS	Concession Sales	Fall 2026/Spring 2027
g	Project Graduation	BHS	Tricky Tray	11/14/26
h	Project Graduation	BHS	Fashion Show	3/20/27
i	Project Graduation	BHS	50/50 Sales	11/14/26 & 3/20/27
j	BHS PAC Parents	BHS	Grocery Bagging	February 2027
k	Project Graduation	BHS	Graduation Balloon Sale	May 2027

	Organization	School	Event	Date
l	Project Graduation	BHS	Graduation Lawn Sign Sale	May/June 2027
m	BHS PAC Parents	BHS	PAC 20 Year Cabaret Concert	May/June 2027

13. Approve the Purchase of Chromebooks*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the purchase of Chromebooks from Vivacity Tech PBC through OMNIA Partners Contract No. 01-168, for an amount not to exceed \$235,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purchase shall be financed through a four (4) year lease purchase agreement, subject to the award of financing by the Board of Education.

14. Approve the Purchase of a 54-Passenger Bus*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the purchase of a 2028 Thomas C2 54-Passenger Bus through Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Bid HCESC-VEH-22-10, for an amount not to exceed \$184,800.16.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purchase shall be financed through a five (5) year lease purchase agreement, subject to the award of financing by the Board of Education.

15. Approve the Purchase of a 2026 Ford Truck with Plow*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the purchase of a 2026 Ford Super Duty F-350 with Plow through New Jersey State Contract No. 24-FLEET-107622, for an amount not to exceed \$68,446.25.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purchase shall be financed through a five (5) year lease purchase agreement, subject to the award of financing by the Board of Education.

16. Approve the Purchase of Technology Equipment*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the purchase of technology equipment from Howard Technology Solutions through OMNIA Partners Contract No. 01-145, including two (2) Howard Server SP6-1110 Intel Xeon 6517P servers and one (1) Howard Server SP6-111DR Intel Xeon 6517P server, for an amount not to exceed \$175,264.94.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purchase shall be financed through a five (5) year lease purchase agreement, subject to the award of financing by the Board of Education.

17. Approve the Purchase of Computers*

RESOLVED that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the purchase of various desktop and laptop computers through Winslow Technology Group, LLC through PEPPM Technology Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 533902-053, for an amount not to exceed \$59,925.00.

18. Approve 2026-2027 ESSA-ESEA Grant*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the submission and acceptance of funds for the 2026-2027 school year for the ESSA-ESEA Federal Grant Application as follows:

Grant	Somerset Hills (Public)	Far Hills (Non-public)	St. Elizabeth's (Non-public)	Total
Title I-A	\$75,569	\$0	\$0	\$75,569
Title II-A	\$26,274	\$3,082	\$2,445	\$31,801
Title III	\$23,003	\$0	\$0	\$23,003
Title III Immigrant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Title IV Part A	\$8,262	\$969	\$769	\$10,000

19. Approve IDEA Grant for 2026-2027*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes application and approves the submission and acceptance of funds for the 2026-2027 school year for the IDEA Federal Grant Allocation as follows:

IDEA Basic Public:	\$379,486
IDEA Basic Non Public:	\$ 35,749
IDEA Preschool Public:	<u>\$ 17,890</u>
TOTAL	\$433,125

20. Approve State Aid for Non-Public Schools*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the following state aid for non-public schools for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Far Hills Country Day	School of St. Elizabeth
Nursing Service Aid	\$25,334	\$20,093
Textbook Aid	\$9,667	\$7,667
Technology Aid	\$6,821	\$5,410
Security Aid	\$37,758	\$29,946

21. Approve Special Education Schools*

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

	Student ID#	School	Location	Cost
	9284203066	ECLC of NJ - SY	Chatham, NJ	\$83,082.60

22. Approve Special Education Provider*

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

	Provider	Services	Location	Cost	Not to Exceed Amount
	Star Pediatrics	School Nursing Services	Saddle Brook, NJ	\$58/hr - LPN \$68/hr - RN	\$60,000

23. Settlement Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Settlement Agreement for Student ID # 6838151486.

24. Bus Evacuation Drills*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Bus Evacuation Drill for the 2025-2026 school year. Reports for drills are on file in the Business Office:

	School	Date
a	Bernards High School	6/10/2026

25. Bus Evacuation Drills

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Bus Evacuation Drills for the 2025-2026 school year. Reports for drills are on file in the Business Office:

	School	Date
a	Bedwell Elementary School	6/15/2026
b	Bernardsville Middle School	6/16/2026

26. Approve Joint Transportation Agreement*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2026-2027 Vehicle Maintenance Agreement with the Morris-Union Jointure Commission to provide transportation services for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

27. Amend Capturing Kids' Hearts Services Agreement to include Procurement Method*

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2026, the Somerset Hills Board of Education approved a Services Agreement with The Flippen Group, LLC for Capturing Kids' Hearts training, coaching, implementation support, and related services for the 2026-2027 school year in an amount not to exceed \$74,400; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the services to be provided constitute an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service (EUS) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2), and the required certification has been filed with the Board Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerset Hills Board of Education hereby ratifies the procurement method and confirms its approval of the Services Agreement with The Flippen Group, LLC for Capturing Kids' Hearts services for the 2026-2027 school year in an amount not to exceed \$74,400.

28. Approve YMCA Before/After Care Program

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Before/After Care Program with the Somerset Hills YMCA for the 2026-2027 school year.

29. Approve Substitute Board Secretary*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Amy Cicenian and Dr. Brian Brotschul as substitute Board Secretaries for the 2026-2027 school year.

30. Approve School Health Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Richard Liguori as Fund Commissioner to the Schools Health Insurance Fund, effective July 1, 2026, to represent the Somerset Hills School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kathy Mehan is appointed as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Schools Health Insurance Fund effective July 1, 2026.

31. Approve Truancy Officer Agreement*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve James Anthony as the District's Truancy Officer for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

32. Approve Renewal Agreement for Class III Special Police Officers (SLEOs)*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the renewal of the Class III Special Police Officers (SLEOs) agreement for the 2026-2027 school year with the Borough of Bernardsville, continuing at the rate of \$42.50 per hour, at an amount not to exceed \$205,000.

33. Approve JAG-One Agreement*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve JAG-One to provide athletic training services for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$85,000.

34. 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 assets at Bedwell Elementary School:

	Item	Quantity
a	Heinemann Reading Units of Study K	8
b	Heinemann Reading Units of Study 1	8
c	Heinemann Reading Units of Study 2	8
d	Heinemann Reading Units of Study 3	8

	Item	Quantity
e	Heinemann Reading Units of Study 4	8
f	Heinemann Reading Units of Study 5	5
g	Heinemann Writing Units of Study K	8
h	Heinemann Writing Units of Study 1	8
i	Heinemann Writing Units of Study 2	8
j	Heinemann Writing Units of Study 3	8
k	Heinemann Writing Units of Study 4	8
l	Heinemann Writing Units of Study 5	5

35. 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 assets at Bernards High School:

	Item	Quantity
a	Ampeg BA-115 Bass Amp	1
b	Casio CTK-691 Keyboard	1
c	Dress Pants	5
d	Drums, Various	7
e	Hard Cymbal Case Containing 3 Cymbals	1
f	High Hat Stand	1
g	JamHub BedRoom Studio	1
h	King Sousaphone Case	1
i	Marching Band Uniforms: Jackets and Pants = 1 Unit	27
j	Marching Percussion Harnesses	21
k	Marching Quad Tenors Case	1
l	Metal Black-Percussion Stands	17
m	Metal Storage Cabinet	1

	Item	Quantity
n	Metal Support Components	5
o	Music Stands	14
p	Musser Vibraphone	1
q	Pairs of Various Marching Shoes	18
r	Panasonic Electric 3 Hole Punch KX-30P	1
s	Peavy Series 400 Amp Mixer	1
t	Plastic Molding Strips	3
u	Sony High Density Linier Converter	1
v	Trophies, various	29
w	White Dress Shirts	15
x	Wooden Frames	3
y	Yamaha PSR-19	1

36. Approve Donation*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the donation of the following unusable assets Bernards High School:

	Item	Quantity
a	Black Dress Shirts	3
b	Cumberbund	1
c	Dress Jackets	4
d	Dress Pants	4
e	Marching Band Uniforms: Jackets and Pants = 1 Unit	78
f	Trophies, various	50
g	Vest	1
h	White Dress Shirts	15

37. Approve Electrical Work for High School Bleacher Installation*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the awards of electrical work associated with the installation of the bleachers at Bernards High School to VPV Electric in the amount of \$17,200.00.

38. Approve Flooring Work for High School Bleacher Installation*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the award for flooring work necessary to prepare the area for the installation of bleachers at Bernards High School to Classic Sport Floors, in the amount of \$9,545.00.

39. Approve Schools Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) Wellness Grant*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the application and accepts the funds from the SHIF Wellness Grant to provide the district with a Wellness Program managed by Advanta for \$15,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

40. Approve Cooperative Pricing Agreement with NJEdge*

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)* authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, NJEdge.Net, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in the EdgeMarket Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2026, the governing body of Somerset Hills School District duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

WHEREAS Somerset Hills School District within the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, desires to participate in the EdgeMarket Cooperative Pricing System; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the EdgeMarket Cooperative Pricing Resolution of Somerset Hills School District

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, Richard Liguori, Business Administrator / Board Secretary of the Somerset Hills School District on behalf of Somerset Hills Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

41. Approve Atlantic Tomorrow Print Services*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Atlantic Tomorrow for managed print services for the 2026-2027 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$27,000.

42. Approve Lessor Relating to Lease Purchase Financing*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Regional School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approve and adopt the attached resolution appointing TD Equipment Finance, Inc. as lessor for the lease purchase financing of equipment and vehicles in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$772,173.99, consisting of Lease Schedule 1 in the amount of \$537,173.99 and Lease Schedule 2 in the amount of \$235,000.00, and authorizes the execution of the related lease agreements and other documents as set forth in the attached resolution. (**Attachment B**).

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

CURRICULUM

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items - Ms. Cooper gave the report. The Committee met on August 19, 2026. The following items were discussed:

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS AND DECISIONS/CONCLUSIONS REACHED:

1. Board goal setting (academics) - Dr. Brotschul suggested holding a board retreat on September 8th to examine board goals and demographic projections. The committee agreed that such a retreat would be useful.
2. 2026 AP scores - Dr. Brotschul and Dr. Edgerton presented overall average AP scores and average AP scores per subject. Overall, students took 783 AP exams, with an average score of 3.74. Highlights included an average AP score of 4.6 for BC Calculus (with 29 students taking the test) and 4.58 for US Government and politics (with 11 students taking the test). In contrast, Environmental Science may require greater attention, with a mean score of 2.72. One board member asked about the correlation between AP scores and course grades, which may be a topic of discussion for a future meeting.
3. NJGPA results - Dr. Edgerton then presented the results of the NJGPA, a test administered to high school juniors as part of NJ's graduation assessment requirements. In 2026, 91.7% of BHS juniors demonstrated graduation readiness in ELA and 83.4% demonstrated graduation readiness in math, versus 88.8% in ELA and 80.2% in math in 2025. State-level comparisons are not yet available. Scores at BHS have trended upward since the NJGPA was initiated in 2023, when passing rates were 85.1% in ELA and 77.6% in math.
4. NJSLA results/standard setting - Dr. Brotschul said that NJSLA results won't be available until very late in the year (perhaps December).
5. 2026 NJGPA (Fall) process - The committee discussed alternative assessments and pathways for demonstrating graduation readiness for students who did not pass the NJGPA, including ACT, PSAT, SAT, Accuplacer, and the portfolio process, as well as the support BHS provides to these students.
6. 2027 NJSLA process - Dr. Edgerton presented dates for the 2027 NJGPA and NJSLA: – NJGPA: March 1, 2027 to March 19, 2027 – NJSLA: April 19, 2027 to May 21, 2027. Note that the dates of the NJSLA are significantly earlier in 2027 than in previous years.
7. 2026 ACCESS (WIDA) results - Dr. Catelli joined us to present results from the 2026 ACCESS WIDA assessments.

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- a. First, he reviewed the demographics of our MLL population.
 - i. Overall, 21.7% of our students speak a language other than English (or in addition to English) at home. 8.9% are MLLs.
 - ii. For the majority of our MLLs, Spanish is their primary language, with the largest number of students from Guatemala.
 - iii. Note that there's a significant overlap between our MLL population and our students on free and reduced lunches. 91% of our MLLs are on free and reduced lunch, while 68% of our former MLLs are on free and reduced lunches.
 - iv. Overall, 8.9% of our students are MLLs, while 20.1% of our students are on free and reduced lunches. We have a relatively unique population compared to other local districts. For example, Bernards Township (Basking Ridge) has 2.9% MLLs and 2.5% on free and reduced lunches.
 - v. In contrast to past years, the greatest number of MLLs are at Bedwell. The number of MLLs at BHS (particularly the numbers of SLIFEs [students with limited or interrupted formal education]) has dramatically decreased. Dr. Catelli attributed this decline largely to recent changes in national immigration policies.
 - b. He then reviewed the astounding progress of our 1st grade bilingual students. According to i-Ready data, a significant majority of students in the 1st grade bilingual class are at or above grade level in both English and Spanish.
 - c. Dr. Catelli explained that NJDOE establishes annual ACCESS growth targets for MLL students based on their initial level of English proficiency, with 4.5 representing the score at which students may exit the MLL program. He noted that approximately 30% of students statewide meet their annual growth targets.
 - i. Overall, Mr. Catelli expected that 30% of our MLL students met their ACCESS growth goals in 2025–2026.
 - ii. At Bedwell, 85% of Title I students met this level of growth; 47% experienced double growth (i.e., growth of 1.2 to 1.6 in ACCESS scores).
 - iii. Among students in the bilingual program, 74% met growth goals, versus only 8% among students not included in the bilingual program.
 - iv. At BMS, proficiency also increased, with the rates of oral proficiency increasing more rapidly than in rates of reading proficiency. Reading proficiency will be an area of focus in the upcoming year.
 - v. At BHS, all 9th-grade MLL students met proficiency expectations and it is expected that they will exit the MLL program.
 - vi. There were no new SLIFEs in our district in 2025-2026. SLIFEs in 11th and 12th grades are continuing to progress.
 - d. Regarding next steps, given the changes in our MLL programs, we are not running our Newcomers program and one MLL teacher at BHS will be moved to BMS. All other supports will continue.
8. School leadership team matters/Wisdom Circuits @ BMS (pilot) - Dr. Brotschul briefly reviewed the significant progress made this summer by each of the school leadership teams. This summer, they evaluated data on achievement (e.g., NJSLA, NJGPA, AP scores), attendance, and conduct to set goals and develop strategic plan recommendations. Dr. Brotschul also identified the cohort for the Wisdom Circuits pilot, which will include 25 to 50 students at BMS not quite at grade level in ELA and/or math.
 9. New teacher orientation - New teacher orientation took place last week over 3 days and involved 14 to 16 new teachers.

10. 2026 SHEF grant review - SHEF funding for grants will increase this year to up to \$20K. We also discussed Community Day, which will take place on September 26, 2026.
11. Newly revised/completed curriculum documents for the 2026-2027 school year - As of the date of the meeting, most of the revisions and updates to the curriculum documents have been completed and will be available on Atlas.
12. Updated materials for BHS AP Statistics - A new program has been selected for AP Statistics. Students will have access to online materials immediately; textbooks will follow within a few weeks.
13. Department coordinators - Dr. Brotschul described his plan for hiring department coordinators to support Dr. Edgerton. Instead of using administrators for these roles, he's planning on appointing teachers within the math and science departments and will pay them at an hourly rate. Currently, \$10,000 is budgeted for these positions. He anticipates appointing 1 science and 1 math coordinator at BHS, and 1 coordinator for BMS/BES, although plans for BMS/BES have not yet been finalized.

DECISIONS

1. The committee approved all PD/school business/field trip requests.

Discussion - Mrs. Hoppe was marked as present for the committee meeting but asked that she be updated to absent, as she was unable to attend.

B. Action Items: Ms. Cooper moved items #1-18, Mrs. Hunt seconded.

Items #1-18 were approved by roll call vote of 8-0-1. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard (abstained on item #2R), Ms. Clark-Emery (abstained on item #2S), Ms. Cooper (abstained on item #2T), Mrs. Hoppe (abstained on items #2G, 2V, 12, 14), Mrs. Hunt (abstained on item #2W), Mrs. Librera (abstained on item #2X), Mrs. Santoro (abstained on item #2Y), Mrs. Wry (abstained on item #2Z), Mrs. Frenda (abstained on item #2AA). Absent: 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 2026-2027 school year:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BES	Collins, Jessica	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 4	10/22/26	\$0
b	BMS	Froysland, Megan	Conquer Mathematics Workshop	9/24/26	\$210
c	BMS	Haenny, Alexandra	Conquer Mathematics Workshop	9/16/26	\$210
d	BMS	Haenny, Alexandra	Conquer Mathematics Workshop	10/16/26	\$210
e	BES	Hall, Kristine	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 4	10/22/26	\$0
f	BES	Mariani, Jessica	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 4	10/22/26	\$0

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
g	BES	Matos, Gabriela	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 4	10/22/26	\$0
h	BMS	O'Halloran, Annie	Conquer Mathematics Workshop	9/16/26	\$210
i	BMS	O'Halloran, Annie	Conquer Mathematics Workshop	10/16/26	\$210
j	BES	Reed, Patrick	Field Trip Chaperone- Grade 4	10/22/26	\$0
k	BES	Van Kooy, Emma	Legal One Anti-Bullying Specialist Online Certificate Program	TBD	\$600

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	Teachers College Advancing Literacy Leadership Conference	10/1/26, 11/5/26, 12/10/26, 2/4/27, 5/13/27	(part of TC contracted services)
b	District	Barna, Lindsay	National Council for Teachers of English Annual Convention	11/19/26- 11/24/26	\$1,347.56
c	District	Cicenia, Amy	School Business Administrator Certification Classes	29 days over SY 26-27	\$3,464.05
d	District	Cicenia, Amy	Municipal Finance Administration for Public Purchasing Personnel (Virtual)	Various Sept. 2026	\$873
e	District	Galuppo, Julianne	Family Medical Leave Act	10/14/26	\$159
f	District	Galuppo, Julianne	Lunch & Learn - Preparing for Audit Calculating & Organizing Compensated Absences (Virtual)	8/24/26	\$25
g	BHS	Hoppe, Mike	Legal One Anti-Bullying Specialist Online Certificate Program	TBD	\$600
h	BHS	Koch, Kevin	Field Trip Chaperone- Technology Club	10/29/26	\$0
i	BHS	LaPine, Matthew	Field Trip Chaperone- Madrigals	12/16/26	\$0
j	BHS	LaPine, Matthew	Field Trip Chaperone- Madrigals	12/9/26	\$0
k	BHS	LaPine, Matthew	Field Trip Chaperone- Bernards Choirs	3/11/27- 3/14/27	\$0

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
l	BHS	LaPine, Matthew	Field Trip Chaperone- Music Department	12/22/26	\$0
m	BHS	McGinn, Jessica	Skylands Athletic Directors Meetings	8/19/26, 9/23/26, 10/21/26, 12/16/26, 1/13/27, 2/17/27, 3/17/27, 4/21/27, 5/19/27, 6/2/27	\$140.81
n	District	Riccio, Frank	Facilities Training	7/22/26	\$0
o	BHS	Swank, Allison	Drew University Online AP Summer Institute	8/3/26- 8/6/26	\$800
p	BHS	Taesler, Stephen	Field Trip Chaperone- BHS Jazz Ensemble	9/26/26	\$0
q	BHS	Taesler, Stephen	Field Trip Chaperone- BHS Marching Band	8/27/26, 9/19/26, 9/25/26, 9/26/26, 10/3/26, 10/16/26, 10/17/26, 10/24/26, (additional dates TBD)	\$0
r	District	Ballard, Felicia	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850
s	District	Clark-Emery, Holly	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850
t	District	Cooper, Nicole	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850
u	District	Gomez, Gabriela	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850
v	District	Hoppe, Mindy	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850
w	District	Hunt, Kelly	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850
x	District	Librera, Allicen	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
y	District	Santoro, Heather	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850
z	District	Wry, Pat	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850
aa	District	Frenda, Sam	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850
bb	District	Brotschul, Brian	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850
cc	District	Liguori, Richard	NJSBA Workshop 2026	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	\$850

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 June 15, 2026:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BHS	Swank, Allison	AP Summer Institute Rutgers University Online	7/6/26- 7/9/26	\$975

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	BES	NJ State House & Old Barracks - Trenton, NJ Grade 4	86	6	12

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	Bernardsville Middle School - Bernardsville, NJ Bedminster School - Bedminster, NJ Madrigals, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Marching Band	60	3	1
b	BHS	Nashville Music City Classic - Nashville, TN Bernards Choirs	75	4	2

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
c	BHS	Matheny School - Peapack, NJ Roxiticus Country Club - Mendham, NJ Bernardsville Library - Bernardsville, NJ Center for Hope Hospice - Scotch Plains, NJ Madrigals	17	1	1
d	BHS	United Methodist Church - Somerville, NJ Madrigals	17	1	1
e	BHS	Mahwah High School - Mahwah, NJ Technology Club	6	1	0
f	BHS	Tyron Field - Rutherford, NJ Delaware Valley H.S. - Frenchtown, NJ Conant Park - Hillside, NJ John F. Kennedy Memorial H.S. - Iselin, NJ Summit H.S. - Summit, NJ Wayne Hills H.S. - Wayne, NJ Rutgers Scarlet Knight Field - Piscataway, NJ Seney Drive Campus - Bernardsville, NJ Liberty Park - Peapack-Gladstone, NJ BHS Marching Band	20	4	0
g	BHS	Seney Drive Campus - Bernardsville, NJ BHS Jazz Ensemble	TBD	1	0
h	BHS	Bedwell Elementary School - Bernardsville, NJ Tomorrow's Teachers	6	1	0
i	BHS	Bedwell Elementary School - Bernardsville, NJ Tomorrow's Teachers	6	1	0

6. Adopt Curriculum Documents

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, adopt the newly revised and completed curriculum documents for the 2026-2027 school year.

Course Name	Project Description
Kindergarten ESL	Revision- new standards
1st Grade ESL	Revision- new standards
2nd Grade ESL	Revision- new standards
3rd Grade ESL	Revision- new standards
4th Grade ESL	Revision- new standards
BES Grade 1 Reading	Course revision

Course Name	Project Description
BES Grade 1 Writing	Course revision
BES Grade 1 Phonics	Course revision
BES Grade 2 Reading	Course revision
BES Grade 2 Writing	Course revision
BES Grade 2 Phonics	Course revision
BES Kindergarten Reading	Course revision
BES Kindergarten Writing	Course revision
BES Kindergarten Phonics	Course revision
Social Studies K	Standards update
Social Studies 1	Standards update
Social Studies 2	Standards update
Social Studies 3	Standards update
Social Studies 4	Standards update
5th Grade ESL	Revision- new standards
6th Grade ESL	Revision- new standards
7th Grade ESL	Revision- new standards
8th Grade ESL	Revision- new standards
Social Studies 5	Standards update
Social Studies 6	Standards update
Social Studies 7	Standards update
Social Studies 8	Standards update
BMS Grade 6 ELA (Materials and Resources)	Course revision
BMS Grade 7 ELA (Materials and Resources)	Course revision
BMS Grade 8 ELA (Materials and Resources)	Course revision
BMS Grade 5 I&E	Course revision
BMS Grade 6 I&E	Course revision
BMS Grade 7 I&E	Course revision
BMS Grade 8 I&E	Course revision

7. Adopt Curriculum Documents*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, adopt the newly revised and completed curriculum documents for the 2026-2027 school year.

Course Name	Project Description
Latin 1	Course revision
Latin 2	Course revision
Latin 3	Course revision
Latin 4	Course revision
AP Latin	Course revision
World History Academic	Standards update
World History Accelerated	Standards update
World History Honors	Standards update
United States History 1 Academic	Standards update
United States History 1 Accelerated	Standards update
United States History 1 Honors	Standards update
United States History 1 AP	Standards update
United States History 2 Accelerated	Standards update
United States History 2 Honors	Standards update
United States History 2 AP	Standards update
BHS Debate (A)	Course revision
BHS Public Speaking (A)	Course revision
BHS SIP ELA	New course
BHS Tomorrow's Teachers	New course
BHS SIP Math	New course
United States History 2 Academic	Standards update

8. Approve 2026-2027 Professional Development and Mentoring Plan*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Professional Development and Mentoring Plan for the 2026-2027 school year, on file in the Curriculum Office.

9. Approve 2026-2027 Anti-Bullying Specialists

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Anti-Bullying Specialists for 2026-2027:

a	Emma Van Kooy- Bedwell Elementary School Anti-Bullying Specialist
b	Chris Habermas & Michele Adkins- Bernardsville Middle School Anti-Bullying Specialists
c*	Lauren Cava- Bernards High School Anti-Bullying Specialist
d*	Jaime Walker- District Anti-Bullying Coordinator

10. Approve 504 Coordinators

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following 504 Coordinators for 2026-2027:

a	Scott Wolfe- Bedwell Elementary School
b	Lisa Garofalo- Bernardsville Middle School
c*	Scott Neigel- Bernards High School
d*	Jamie Koransky- District

11. Approve 2026-2027 School Improvement Panels (ScIPs)

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following School Improvement Panels (ScIPs) for 2026-2027:

Bedwell Elementary School
 Scott Wolfe– Principal
 Arielle Rementilla- Assistant Principal
 Emma Van Kooy- School Counselor
Bernardsville Middle School
 Lisa Garofalo- Principal
 Keith Koellhoffer- Assistant Principal
 Michael Georgiana- Teacher

12. Approve 2026-2027 School Improvement Panels (ScIPs)*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following School Improvement Panels (ScIPs) for 2026-2027:

Bernards High School
 Scott Neigel- Principal
 Mike Corbett- Assistant Principal
 Kyle Wierzbicki- Teacher
 Kristina Rovtar- Teacher

13. Approve 2026-2027 School Safety/School Climate Teams

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following School Safety Teams for 2026-2027:

Bedwell Elementary School

Scott Wolfe– Principal
Arielle Rementilla- Assistant Principal
Emma Van Kooy- School Counselor
Maureen Ziolkowski- Teacher
Leah McGuire- Parent

Bernardsville Middle School

Lisa Garofalo- Principal
Keith Koellhoffer- Assistant Principal
Jaclyn Pasquarelli- Mental Health Counselor
Phil Mahlik- Teacher
Vanessa Lyra- Parent

14. Approve 2026-2027 School Safety/School Climate Teams*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following School Safety Teams for 2026-2027:

Bernards High School

Scott Neigel- Principal
Mike Corbett- Assistant Principal
Lauren Cava- Substance Awareness Coordinator
Melissa Gomez- School Nurse
Matt Bale-Peña- Teacher
Kelly Clark- Teacher
Suzie Stevinson- Parent
Tori Resnick- School Counselor

15. Approve Professional Development Program*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the contract for Lift As We Climb Consulting, LLC, for professional development in sheltered instruction and bilingual program coaching for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$15,000, funded in part by Title III federal grant.

16. Approve Learning A-Z

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Learning A-Z for ESL reading assessments for Bedwell Elementary School and Bernardsville Middle School for the 2026-2027 school year, in the amount of \$2,000 from Title III funds.

17. Approve Ellevation Essential*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Ellevation Essential for multilingual students for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$17,200, with funding in part by Title I federal grant.

18. Approve AP Statistics Program*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve The Practice of Statistics for the AP® Course (High School) Eighth Edition

©2026 program from Bedford, Freeman, and Worth publishers for AP Statistics course for Bernards High School for the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed \$12,600.

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 August 18, 2026. The following items were discussed:

1. Ski Team Personnel (Assistant Coach) - plan on hiring someone, money allocated in the budget
2. Girls Wrestling Coach at BHS (currently hiring)
3. Boys Assistant JV Wrestling at BHS (filled by Patrick Riley)
4. Science Teacher @ BMS (Christopher Gilooly)
5. Girls Ice Hockey (cooperative with Ridge HS) joint team with Ridge High School; merging to have a new team (formerly girls team played with boys.)
6. Retirements:
 - a. Student Services Secretary Patty Pedota
 - b. Custodian Lou DiEgidio
7. Status for Opening of '26-'27 school year
 - a. Media specialist, leave coverage until November '26
 - b. Nurse has been contracted with goal of permanent hire in January '27
 - c. Two Recess aides
8. Overloads
 - a. Math @ BMS (2)
 - b. Spanish @ BMS
 - c. Math (Alg II-ICR) @ BHS
9. Administrative Internship (Barna)
10. Superintendent Evaluation Matters
 - a. As previously discussed informally, the Board would like to consider using a different evaluative tool than that offered by NJSBA. This would require building a process where the Board decides what we want to evaluate versus what is offered by NJSBA.
 - b. Dr. Brotschul graciously looked for some platforms, but found nothing promising.
 - c. Sam and Felicia will continue the research, seeing how other districts move forward and report back.
 - d. Additionally, Dr. Brotschul suggested that the Board might be interested in the Board self evaluation offered by NJSBA.
11. Review of August 26, 2026, Personnel Agenda

Discussion - Mrs. Santoro asked a follow up question regarding the ice hockey team, as to the structure and costs associated with the team.

B. Action Items: Mrs. Hunt moved items #1-29. Mrs. Librera seconded.

Items #1-29 were approved by roll call vote of 9-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Ms. Ballard, Ms. Clark-Emery, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Librera, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Wry, Mrs. Frenda. Absent: Ms. Gomez.

1. Accept Retirement*

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

	Employee	School	Position	Effective
a	DiEgidio, Louis	BHS	Custodian CUS.DIST.CUST.21	8/1/26
b	Pedota, Patricia	Olcott	Secretary SEC.DIST.SPSV.NA.021	10/1/26

2. Accept Resignation

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

	Employee	School	Position	Effective
a	Heesemann, Diana	BES	School Nurse TCH.ES.NURSE.NA.02	8/23/26
b	Yan, Shu	BES	Regular Paraprofessional PARA.DIST.REG.NA.03	8/23/26
c	James, Sharon	BES	Regular Paraprofessional PARA.DIST.REG.NA.01	8/20/26

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	Van Kooy, Emma	BES	School Counselor TCH.ES.GUID.NA.01	MA	1	\$75,555	Dooley	8/25/26
b	Cohen, Alyson	BES	Teacher TCH.ES.ELEM.04.09	BA	3-4	\$70,885	Collins	8/25/26
c	Gillooly, Christopher	BMS	Teacher TCH.MS.SCNC.NA.02	BA	1	\$69,205	King	8/25/26

4. 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 certified staff for the 2026-2027 school year, *subject to further investigation pursuant to law*:

	Name	School	Position	Step	Level	Salary	Replace	Effective
a	Beaudry, Christina	BMS	Special Education Teacher TCH.MS.RERM.NA.09	2	BA	\$69,705	9413	8/25/26 - 6/30/26

5. Amend Appointment Administrative Staff*

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

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Effective
a	Catelli, Michael	Central	Director	\$151,133 \$156,330	7/1/26

6. Rescind Appointment*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the appointment of the following employee:

	Name	School	Position	Step	Salary	Total Salary	Replace	Effective
a	Ortega Velasquez, Estefany	District	Custodian PT CUS.DIST.CUST.22	2	\$20,590 (FTE .50)	\$20,590	Duran	7/1/26

7. Renew Appointment Non-Certified Staff*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, renew 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	Total Salary
a	Phochan, Sakniran	District	Custodian	13	\$50,035 Base \$1,800 Night Differential \$1,206 Boiler Stipend	\$53,041

8. 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	Treiber, Samantha	District	Special Education Paraprofessional PARA.DIST.RR.NA.05	2	\$24.24/hour	Landers	8/25/26
b	Solis, Jessie	District	Bus Driver BUS.DIST.TRDR.NA.03	n/a	\$34.00/hour	Grasso	8/31/26
c	Mora Urena, Maria J	District	Bus Aide BUS.DIST.TRPA.NA.01	n/a	\$23.00/hour	Aiello	8/31/26
d	Tomanguilla, Sindy	District	Custodian PT .50 FTE CUS.DIST.CUST.22	2	\$20,590	Cantor	8/1/26
e	Satkowski, Marissa	Central	Secretary SEC.DIST.SPSV.NA.02	1	\$61,335	Pedota	10/1/26

9. Approve Transition Days*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve transition days for the following employee:

	Employee#	School	Position	Days	Per Diem Rate
a	Satkowski, Marissa	Central	Secretary	3	\$255.56

10. 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	9934	BHS	Certified	FMLA Anticipated RTW	11/30/26-2/27/27 unpaid w/benefits 03/01/27
b	9705	BHS	Certified	Disability FMLA Extended Anticipated RTW	10/05/26-11/21/26 paid sick days 11/22/26-02/20/27 unpaid w/benefits 02/21/27-04/04/27 unpaid w/COBRA 04/05/27
c	8453	BHS	Certified	Disability	08/25/26-09/30/26 paid sick days
d	9850	BHS	Non Certified	Intermittent FMLA	07/08/26-07/08/27 Intermittent; unpaid w/benefits

11. Approve Leave of Absence

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

	Employee #	School	Position	Type of leave	Date of Leave/Notes
a	9230	BES	Certified	Sick FMLA Anticipated RTW	08/25/26-09/08/26 paid sick time w/benefits 09/09/26-12/02/26 unpaid FMLA w/benefits 12/03/26

12. Approve Overloads

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

	Type of Support	Teacher	Term	Periods/ week	Salary	Overload Salary
a	Math I/E BMS	Froysland, Megan	FY	5	\$91,320	\$15,223.04
b	Math I/E BMS	Georgiana, Michael	FY	5	\$110,095	\$18,352.84
c	Spanish/BMS	Gilly, Zoltan	FY	5	\$110,095	\$18,352.84

13. Approve Overload*

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

	Type of Support	Teacher	Term	Periods/ week	Salary	Overload Salary
a	Algebra II ICR/BHS	Wierzbicki, Kyle	FY	5	\$77,205	\$12,870.07

14. 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	Riley, Patrick	Wrestling: Women's Head	BHS	Winter	\$10,166.81

15. 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	Crespo, Daniel	Volleyball: Assistant Coach	BHS	Fall	\$5,779.03
b	St. Ours, Elizabeth	Assistant AD Fall 50%	BHS	Fall	\$2,033.36
c	Mahlik, Philip	Open Gym Fall	BHS	Fall	\$1,872.83
d	Riley, Patrick	Wrestling: Assistant JV	BHS	Winter	\$7,625.10

16. 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	Mahlik, Philip	Soccer: Girls Assistant	BMS	Fall	\$2,924.83

17. Approve Athletic Position

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	Haenny, Alexandra	Soccer: Girls Assistant	BMS	Fall	\$2,924.83

18. Amend Co-Curricular Position*

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

	Name	Position	School	Stipend
a	Levine, Scott	Math League 100% 50%	BHS	\$1,471.51 \$2,943.02

19. Approve Co-Curricular Position*

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

	Name	Position	School	Stipend
a	O'Brien, Kyle	Math League 50%	BHS	\$1,471.51

20. Approve Co-Curricular Position

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

	Name	Position	School	Stipend
a	Pistilli-Urena, Jaclyn	Drama: Fall Assistant Director	BMS	\$1,931.69

21. Approve Intervention and Referral Services Program

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the completion of revised Intervention and Referral Services procedures at Bedwell Elementary School for the following employees at their per hour rate for working conducted during July 2026 and August 2026 as approved at the June 2026 Regular Public Meeting:

	Name	Position	School	Per hour rate
a	Bohr, Jennifer	Intervention & Referral Services Program	BES	\$68.58/hour
b	McSpiritt, Kelly	Intervention & Referral Services Program	BES	\$53.12/hour
c	Noland, Desiree	Intervention & Referral Services Program	BES	\$76.28/hour
d	Panik, Meredith	Intervention & Referral Services Program	BES	\$82.30/hour
e	Smith, Lauren	Intervention & Referral Services Program	BES	\$75.44/hour
f	Strohman, Elizabeth	Intervention & Referral Services Program	BES	\$68.58/hour

22. Approve Stipend Position*

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

a	Galuppo, Julianne	Wellness Coordinator	District	\$2,500
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23. Approve Administrative Internship

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

	Name	Field of Work	Mentor	Program Institution	Duration
a	Barna, Lindsay	Principal	Lisa Garofalo	Centenary University	2026-2027 SY

24. Approve Mentors

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following mentors for the 2026-2027 school year Provisional Teacher Program:

	Name	School/Subject	Certificate	Mentor	Rate of Pay
a	Beaudry, Christina	BMS Special Education	CE	Tynan, Jessica	\$1,000
b	Gillooly, Christopher	BMS Science	CE	Georgiana, Michael	\$1,000
c	Bhuyan, Maya	BMS Special Education	CEAS	Heydt, Jaimie	\$550
d	Ramundo, Brielle	BMS English	CEAS	Tresslar, Kristene	\$550

25. Approve Mentors*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following mentors for the 2026-2027 school year Provisional Teacher Program:

	Name	School/Subject	Certificate	Mentor	Rate of Pay
a	Smith, Taylor	BHS Math	CEAS	Boyce, Nicole	\$550

26. Approve Room Change Preparation*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve room change preparation pay for the following teachers for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Name	School	Not to Exceed	Rate of Pay
a	Digiacomio, Angelina	BHS	5 hours	\$61.08/hour
b	Tripp, Amanda	BHS	5 hours	\$75.32/hour
c	Wertman, Suzanne	BHS	5 hours	\$55.22/hour

27. Approve Room Change Preparation

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve room change preparation pay for the following teacher for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Name	School	Not to Exceed	Rate of Pay
a	Davis, Emma	BES	5 hours	\$72.38/hour

28. Approve Substitute Rate*

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

Credential	Rate
Athletic Games - Ticket Collectors	\$60/event

29. 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	Wieczorek, Renee	Teacher/Paraprofessional	County Substitute Certificate	8/31/26
b	Riley, Amanda	Teacher/Paraprofessional	County Substitute Certificate	8/31/26
c	Beam, Briana	Teacher/Paraprofessional	County Substitute Certificate	8/31/26
d	Booth, Sarah	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Standard	8/31/26
e	Benjamin, Sharon	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Standard	8/31/26
f	Santos, Desiree	Teacher/Paraprofessional	CE	8/31/26
g	Garcia, Olga	Bus Driver	CDL	8/31/26
h	Nekrasova, Aleksandra	Bus Aide	n/a	8/31/26
i	Mahlik, Annette	Bus Aide	n/a	8/31/26
j	Tyson, Jonathan	Custodial, Maintenance & Assistant Technician	n/a	7/1/26
k	Walker, Andrew	Custodial, Maintenance & Assistant Technician	n/a	7/1/26

	Name	Substitute Position	Certification	Effective
l	Walker, Ryan	Custodial, Maintenance & Assistant Technician	n/a	7/1/26
m	Corbett, William	Custodial, Maintenance, Assistant Technician & Business Office Asst.	n/a	7/1/26
n	Melkote, Anika	Assistant Technician	n/a	7/1/26

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 August 18, 2026. The following items were discussed:

- Internet-Enabled Devices - Preparation for 2nd Reading
 - This policy is ready to go; on the August 26 meeting agenda.
- Random Drug Testing Task Force (Focus on Consequences Review)
 - Due to availability, this Task Force will begin work in September, with the goal of presenting a tentative report to the committee in November.
 - Participants include, but are not limited to, the following: Communities in Crisis, District Physician, Mayors in the Somerset Hills, Police Chiefs or designees, Jaime Walker, Jamie Koransky, HS Principal or designee, Jessica McGinn, Rich Liguori, BHS Student Government
 - The Task force will bring recommendations; Community in Crisis will help with therapeutic responses.
- Anti-Hate Community Task Force: the intention is to take a broader perspective and decide how to address as a community; looking for connectivity among community groups, with the goal of unifying the community and to be proactive.
 - Internal structures exist within religious and community groups to address these issues.
 - The first meeting will take place on October 29th, after the passing of Jewish and Muslim holidays, and will involve an examination of all areas of expressed hate in the Somerset Hills School District as well as the communities of Basking Ridge and Mendham.
 - Members include, but are not limited to, the following
 - Mayors
 - Police Chiefs
 - Town Council Presidents
 - School Board Presidents
 - Religious Leaders
 - Community Leaders
 - Students
 - School-Based Leaders
 - Jade Petrolongo
 - Superintendent
 - Michael Catelli
 - Olga Edgerton
 - SHSD Principals
 - Brett Cox

Discussion: None.

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

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

1. Second Reading*

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

Policy/Regulation #	Title
P 1230	Superintendent's Duties
P 2200	Curriculum
P 2411	Career Education and Academic Counseling
P 5460	High School Graduation
P 5461	High School Diplomas
P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings
P 0162.01	Legal Notices
P 1643	Family Leave
P 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices
P 5111.13	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students – Choice School District
R 5111.13	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students – Choice School District
P 5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities
P 6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
R 6115.01	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs

Policy/Regulation #	Title
P 6115.02	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls –Mandatory Disclosures
P 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants
P 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs
P 5516	Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
R 5516	Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
P 8660	Transportation by Private Vehicles - To and From School-Related Activities
P 8662	Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles - To and From School

C. Policy Old Business / New Business: None.

STUDENT SERVICES

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items: Mrs. Santoro gave the report. The committee met on August 18, 2026. The following items were discussed:

1. Hazel Health Partnership - The state is issuing a 1 year grant for Hazel Health. This is a free mental health counseling service for the district. It nicely compliments Care Solace services (the two are not associated). Care Solace provides assistance in getting appointments, whereas Hazel Health provides therapists.
2. Athletic Director Transition (Communications, Overall, HIB Matter) - The AD transition is going smoothly. Future work will include communications. This will include where we have our main point of communication (likely the district website) and use of social media. Social media accounts are not currently centrally run. Evaluation of a plan, policies, and procedures need to be conducted. There is an ongoing HIB from the fall of last year that the Administration is working on.
3. Communications Audit - Dr. Brotschul is considering using NJPSA (NJ public schools public relations association) to conduct a communications audit of the district.
4. Demographic Study - Refer to Bus Ops/Curriculum.
5. Planning Board Action - Church Street has been deemed an area in need of re-development. There is currently no project being undertaken, however, this could happen down the road.
6. Construction Plans @ BHS (Annex/STARS/Culinary) - Through the Referendum work we are looking at the best use of the Annex/STARS/culinary area. Dr. Brotschul has visited a variety of learning institutions where there are coffee shops integrated into this type of space where SpecEd and GenEd students can really collaborate through a variety of avenues.
7. BHS Out-of-District Students - Plans for 27-28 - We currently have 13 out of district placements at the high school. Dr. Brotschul has tasked Administration to determine how we can bring our students back in district. Based on ensuring an appropriate learning environment is the highest

priority, he thinks we might be able to consider programming for approximately 6 of our students to bring back in district.

8. Extraordinary Aid - See Bus Ops report.
9. CKH - Coaching Greatness - Still considering if the budget allows.
10. Upcoming NJSCI Agenda Items
 - a. (September) NJSCI Data Review
 - b. (October) NJSCI Strategic Plan
 - c. (November) NJSCI Data Review - M.L. and Special Education
 - d. (December) CKH Surveying @ BMS and BHS
 - e. (December) NJSCI Surveying - Grades 3-12

Discussion: Mrs. Hoppe commented on the wonderful opportunities around the Culinary Arts program.

B. Action Items: Mrs. Santoro moved items #1-4, Mrs. Wry seconded.

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

1. HIB Report

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education reviewed the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying cases presented on June 15, 2026, and upheld the findings and/or consequences recommended by the Superintendent:

School	Report #	Outcomes
BMS	37	Founded
BMS	38	Founded
BMS	39	Founded
BMS	40	Unfounded
BMS	41	Founded

HIBs to Date (25-26 SY)	Founded	Unfounded	Split	Total
BES	0	1	0	1
BMS	22	17	2	41

2. Student Safety Data System Report

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the submission of the Student Safety Data System Report Period 2 (Jan. 1- June 20, 2026):

School Name	Incidents **	Other Incidents Leading to Removal	Restraint/ Seclusion	HIB Alleged	HIB Trainings	HIB Programs
030-BES	0	0	4	1	0	2
040-BMS	11	13	0	10	0	0

**Violence, Vandalism, Substances, Weapons and HIB Confirmed

3. Student Safety Data System Report*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the submission of the Student Safety Data System Report Period 2 (Jan. 1- June 30, 2026):

School Name	Incidents **	Other Incidents Leading to Removal	Restraint/ Seclusion	HIB Alleged	HIB Trainings	HIB Programs
020-BHS	8	35	0	6	0	0
District	**	**	**	**	0	0

**Violence, Vandalism, Substances, Weapons and HIB Confirmed

4. Cooperative Athletics*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the cooperative athletic participation with Ridge High School for a Girls Ice Hockey team.

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

Board Announcements

1. Dr. Brotschul commented on the significant evening with Capturing Kids Hearts (CKH) training and the development of the framework of a social contract.
2. Mrs. Hoppe echoed Dr. Brotschul's comments, indicating that it is wonderful to be part of a Board that is respectful towards each other.
3. Mrs. Frenda also commented on the CKH efforts, stating the components of the social contract are expectations for behavior, and that this is an opportunity for the Board and that this was culture-shifting work.
4. Ms. Ballard commented on being on the cusp of a new school year and thanked the many employees working to prepare and get things in order.

Public Comments - seeing no one from the public, Mrs. Santoro moved to close public comments. Mrs. Librera seconded. All present voted in favor.

Adjournment

Mrs. Santoro moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm. Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. All in favor. Ayes: 9-0-0.

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)