The Somerset Hills School District
Regular Meeting Agenda - November 18, 2026
Executive Session - 6:30 PM
Public Input & Action - 7:30 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 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. Executive Session

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: Student Matters and Attorney/Client Privilege.

And, be it further,

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

VI. Pledge of Allegiance

VII. Report of the Superintendent

1. Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Commended Students:
    a. Preston Chen
    b. Milo Consolla-Kutsuna
    c. Isabelle Jatkoe
    d. Trisha Kalavai
    e. Brandon Lekai
    f. Charles Quinn
    g. Daniel Richardson
    h. Matthew Todd
    i. Abigail Wolkow

2. Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist:
    a. Xavier Pavlou

3. Board Recognition Retirees -
    a. WHEREAS, Michael Hoppe has been employed from September 1984 through December 2026 as an Assistant Principal and Athletic Director; 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 Michael Hoppe's retirement effective January 1, 2027, and extend to him congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

4. Dr. Brotschul's Update; NJSLA 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

VIII. 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.

IX. 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 October 14, 2026 and the Special meeting minutes for November 2, 2026.

X. BUSINESS OPERATIONS

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items
B. Business Operations Action Items: #1-13
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 October 2026 showing the following balances:

FUND	Board Secretary Cash Balance (1)	Treasurer Cash Balance (2)
(10) General Fund	$7,869,564.45	$7,869,564.45
(20) Special Revenue Fund	$171,095.78	$171,095.78
(30) Capital Projects Fund	$38,263,158.76	$38,263,158.76
(40)Debt Service Fund	$(91,689.31)	$(91,689.31)
Total Government Funds	$46,212,129.68	$46,212,129.68

(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 October 2026.

3. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached October 2026 Final 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	$4,561,502.49
(20) Special Revenue Fund	$5,509.24
(30) Capital Projects Fund	$10,710.50
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	$74,921.63
(90) Agency Fund	$1,268,566.03
TOTAL	$5,921,209.89

4. Payment of Bills*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached November 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	$705,853.63
(20) Special Revenue Fund	$152,565.65
(30) Capital Projects Fund	$411,257.47
(40) Debt Service Fund	-
(60) Cafeteria Fund	-
(90) Agency Fund	-
TOTAL	$1,269,676.75

5. Approve Parent Organization Fundraisers*

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

	Organization	**School**	**Event**	**Date**
a	Bernards Ski Team	BHS	ShopRite Grocery Bagging Assistance	Nov/Dec 2026
b	Bernards Ski Team	BHS	Dine To Give Back	Dec 2026
c	BHS PAC Parents	BHS	Online donations	26-27 SY
d	BHS HSA	BHS	Chick-fil-A fundraiser	Jan 2027

6. Accept Donations*

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

	Organization	Grant Requested	School	Amount/Value
a	Somerset Hills Education Foundation	Gel Electrophoresis Tools- Joseph Young	BHS	$2,929.50
b	Somerset Hills Education Foundation	Arduino Robotics- Kevin Koch	BHS	$1,116.92
c	Somerset Hills Education Foundation	BMS Veterans Day Breakfast- Brett Cox	BMS	$600.00
d	Somerset Hills Education Foundation	Every Child is an Artist: Building Community Through the Arts- Terri Johnson	BES	$1,000.00
e	Somerset Hills Education Foundation	Second Grade STEM Bins- Maureen Ziolkowski	BES	$1,500.00

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

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve budget transfers in account line #11-000-240-XXX, as approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10.

8. Approve 2026-2027 Annual Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 Form*

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit a three-year Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 form documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities for the various school facilities of the Somerset Hills School District are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the annual Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 form for the Somerset Hills School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

9. Approve Joint Transportation Agreement*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Joint Transporation Agreements for the 2025-2026 school year. Somerset Hills School District shall serve as the Lead Educational Authority and Host District:

Route	Destination	Somerset Hills Per Diem Cost	Bedminster Per Diem Cost
VT10	Bernards High School	$84.32	$126.47
VT15	Somerset County Vo Tech	$141.33	$60.57

10. Approve 2026-2027 Non-Public Technology Aid*

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

	Non-Public School	Description	Amount
a	School of St. Elizabeth	ACAD Google Chromeos EDU Licenses	$812.50

11. 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
	8643917854	The Calais School	Whippany, NJ	$60,115.05 (Prorated)

12. Approve Stipulation of Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Stipulation of Agreement for Student ID # 5236129746.

13. Approval of Bernards High School Boys Lacrosse Overnight Trip*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Bernards High School Boys Lacrosse Team's participation in the KSA Events lacrosse tournament in Orlando, Florida, from March 10, 2027, through March 14, 2027, subject to compliance with Board Policy and Regulation 2340 and all applicable District procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the trip shall be funded through student/family contributions and other approved fundraising or donations, with all collections and disbursements administered through the District's Student Activity account in accordance with applicable District procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the School Business Administrator / Board Secretary to execute an agreement with KSA Events, Inc., on behalf of the Somerset Hills Board of Education, subject to satisfactory review of the agreement, confirmation of all financial arrangements, and completion of applicable purchasing, insurance, and administrative requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that final authorization to proceed shall be contingent upon approval of the required staffing, supervision, medical coverage, transportation arrangements, and other applicable trip requirements, including confirmation that participating students attend the full instructional day on March 10, 2027, and that the trip does not result in more than two missed instructional days, consistent with Board Policy 2340.

XI. CURRICULUM

A. Committee Report & Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items
B. Curriculum Action Items: #1-4
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	Beaudry, Christina	Field Trip Chaperone - Grade 5	6/2/27	$0

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
b	BMS	Boudreau, Derek	Field Trip Chaperone - Grade 8	11/10/26	$0
c	BES	Bohr, Jennifer	Rutgers Mathematics Science and Computer Education - Productive Struggle: Grades 3-8 (virtual)	3/18/27	$149
d	BMS	Calabrese, Eric	Field Trip Chaperone - Grade 5	6/2/27	$0
e	BMS	Chaffee, Salome	Art as a Tool for Social Change: Graffiti, Public Art, and Community Voice	11/20/26	$305.96
f	BMS	Cherng, Jon	Field Trip Chaperone - Grade 5	6/2/27	$0
g	BMS	Clark, Michelle	Field Trip Chaperone - Grade 5	6/2/27	$0
h	BES	Collins, Jessica	Rutgers Mathematics Science and Computer Education - Productive Struggle: Grades 3-8 (virtual)	3/18/27	$149
i	BMS	Filieri, Michael	Girls Beast of the East Wrestling Tournament	12/17/26	$111
j	BMS	Filieri, Michael	Escape the Rock Girls Wrestling Tournament	12/12/26	$120
k	BMS	Froysland, Megan	Field Trip Chaperone - Grade 5	6/2/27	$0
l	BMS	Garofalo, Lisa	Rethinking the Middle School Schedule: Practical Models to Meet Student Needs	1/12/27	$195
m	BMS	Jurgens, Allyssa	Field Trip Chaperone - BHS Marching Band	12/5/26	$0
n	BMS	Jurgens, Allyssa	Field Trip Chaperone - BMS Choirs	12/16/26	$0
o	BMS	Jurgens, Allyssa	Field Trip Chaperone - BHS Instrumental Ensembles	12/22/26	$0
p	BMS	Jurgens, Allyssa	Field Trip Chaperone - BMS 8th Grade Choir	1/13/27	$0
q	BMS	Jurgens, Allyssa	Field Trip Chaperone - BMS Choirs	5/10/27	$0
r	BMS	Kleinstein, Mary	Field Trip Chaperone - Grade 5	6/2/27	$0
s	BMS	Koellhoffer, Keith	National REx Workshop & Exercise Standard Reunification Method for Emergency Preparedness	11/2/26, 11/3/26	$0
t	BMS	Koellhoffer, Keith	Rethinking the Middle School Schedule: Practical Models to Meet Student Needs	1/12/27	$195
u	BMS	Kupper, Patricia	Field Trip Chaperone - BMS Choirs	12/16/26	$0

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
v	BMS	Mahlik, Philip	NJ High School Baseball Coaches Association/Garden State Baseball Coaches Clinic 2026	12/4/26	$332.79
w	BMS	Marashlian, Nicole	Field Trip Chaperone - Grade 5	6/2/27	$0
x	BES	McSpiritt, Kelly	APD (Auditory Processing Disorder) 101 for the School Professional	1/15/27	$83.18
y	BES	McSpiritt, Kelly	Traumatic Loss Coalition Annual Youth Suicide Prevention Conference: The Emerging Role of AI in Youth Suicide Prevention	12/3/26	$147.01
z	BMS	Medina, Pilar	Field Trip Chaperone - Grade 5	6/2/27	$0
aa	BMS	Oliveira, Ashley	Field Trip Chaperone - BMS Choirs	12/16/26	$0
bb	BMS	Snyder, Jason	Field Trip Chaperone - BHS Marching Band	12/5/26	$0
cc	BMS	Snyder, Jason	Field Trip Chaperone - BMS Choirs	12/16/26	$0
dd	BMS	Stout, Morgan	Child Study Team Training Series Inservice #3: Difficulties and Disputes	12/1/26	$105
ee	BMS	Turner, Samantha	Field Trip Chaperone - Grade 5	6/2/27	$0
ff	BMS	Weinstein, Julie	Field Trip Chaperone - BMS Chorus	12/16/26	$0
gg	BMS	Weinstein, Julie	Field Trip Chaperone - Grade 5	6/2/27	$0
hh	BES	Wolfe, Scott	National REx Workshop & Exercise Standard Reunification Method for Emergency Preparedness	11/2/26, 11/3/26	$0

2. Approve Professional Development/School Business*

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

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	District	Barna, Lindsay	New Jersey Music Administrators Association Meeting	12/4/26, 2/5/27	$0
b	District	Barna, Lindsay	New Jersey ELA Supervisors Network In-Person Meeting	1/22/27	$0
c	BHS	Bittner, Cassandra	Field Trip Chaperone - Anatomy Classes	2/12/27	$0

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
d	District	Catelli, Michael	New Jersey Council for History Education 32nd Conference at Princeton University	12/4/26	$95
e	District	Catelli, Michael	Developing a Common Language for Your ESL and Special Education Teams	12/14/26	$195
f	District	Cicenia, Amy	Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) State Certification Exam	11/16/26	$271.40
g	District	Cicenia, Amy	New Jersey Association of School Business Officials Purchasing Update	3/11/27	$211.32
h	BHS	Crisman-Butler, Gillian	Field Trip Chaperone - Art & Photo Club	1/25/27	$0
i	District	Edgerton, Olga	TECHSPO ‘27	1/27/27-1/29/27	$1,158.02
j	BHS	Incledon, Cassie	Traumatic Loss Coalition Annual Suicide Prevention Conference: The Emerging Role of AI in Youth Suicide Prevention	12/3/26	$147.59
k	BHS	Kaplan, Dan	Field Trip Chaperone - Harvard Model Congress	2/18/27-2/21/27	$0
l	BHS	Koch, Kevin	Field Trip Chaperone - Technology Club	12/4/26	$0
m	BHS	Koch, Kevin	Field Trip Chaperone - Technology Club	2/1/27 (2/8/27 raindate)	$0
n	BHS	Koch, Kevin	Field Trip Chaperone - Technology Club	3/15/27	$0
o	BHS	Koch, Kevin	Field Trip Chaperone - Technology Club	4/1/27	$0
p	BHS	Koch, Kevin	Field Trip Chaperone - Technology Club	5/24/27	$0
q	District	Koransky, Jamie	Traumatic Loss Coalition Annual Youth Suicide Prevention Conference: The Emerging Role of AI in Youth Suicide Prevention	12/3/26	$147.86
r	BHS	LaPine, Matthew	Field Trip Chaperone - Madrigals	12/5/26	$0
s	District	Liguori, Richard	National REx Workshop & Exercise Standard Reunification Method for Emergency Preparedness	11/2/26, 11/3/26	$0
t	BHS	McGinn, Jessica	Field Trip Chaperone - BHS Athletes	12/15/26	$0
u	BHS	O’Brien, Janice	Field Trip Chaperone - Best Buddies	11/24/26	$0
v	BHS	Pietroluongo, Jade	Field Trip Chaperone - Harvard Model Congress	2/18/27-2/21/27	$0

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
w	District	Riccio, Frank	NJ Association of Designated Persons Quarterly Meeting	10/22/26, 1/28/27, 3/25/27, 5/27/27	$0
x	BHS	Riley, Pat	Girls Beast of the East Wrestling Tournament	12/17/26-12/18/26	$611.71
y	BHS	Riley, Pat	Escape the Rock Girls Wrestling Tournament	12/12/26 - 12/13/26	$556.89
z	BHS	Rovtar, Kristina	Field Trip Chaperone - Art & Photo Club	1/25/27	$0
aa	District	Schwarz, Jeremy	TECHSPO ‘27	1/27/27-1/29/27	$1,147.67
bb	BHS	Sosely, Anna	William Paterson University Counselor Reception	11/23/26	$0
cc	BHS	Stolarz, Lizabeth	New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority School Counselor Workshop	11/20/26	$21.62
dd	BHS	Taesler, Rachael	Field Trip Chaperone - BHS Marching Band	12/5/26	$0
ee	BHS	Taesler, Stephen	Field Trip Chaperone - BHS Marching Band	12/5/26	$0
ff	BHS	Taesler, Stephen	Field Trip Chaperone - BMS Choirs	12/16/26	$0
gg	BHS	Torres, Maiya	New Jersey Council for History Education 32nd Conference at Princeton University	12/4/26	$95
hh	BHS	Volosin, Lauren	Field Trip Chaperone - Tomorrow’s Teachers	12/2/26	$0
ii	BHS	Walsh, Brady	Girls Beast of the East Wrestling Tournament	12/17/26-12/18/26	$111
jj	BHS	Walsh, Brady	Escape the Rock Girls Wrestling Tournament	12/12/26-12/13/26	$120
kk	BHS	Zangara, Timothy	New Jersey Council for History Education 32nd Conference at Princeton University	12/4/26	$121.32

3. Approve Field Trips

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

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
a	BMS	Liberty Science Center - Jersey City, NJ Grade 5	92	11	0

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
b	BMS	Bernards High School - Bernardsville, NJ BMS Choirs	282	8	0
c	BMS	Bernards High School - Bernardsville, NJ BMS Choirs	282	8	0
d	BMS	Bernards High School - Bernardsville, NJ BMS 8th Grade Choir	70	2	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	BHS	Far Hills Fairgrounds - Far Hills, NJ Madrigals	17	1	1
b	BHS	Bernardsville Middle School - Bernardsville, NJ Tomorrow's Teachers	4	1	0
c	BHS	North Hunterdon High School - Annandale, NJ BHS Athletes	13	1	0
d	BHS	Harvard Model Congress Conference - Boston, MA Harvard Model Congress	32	3	0
e	BHS	Princeton Art Museum - Princeton, NJ Art & Photo Club	36	2	0
f	BHS	Jonathan Dayton High School - Springfield, NJ Technology Club	6	1	0
g	BHS	Westwood High School - Westwood, NJ Technology Club	6	1	0
h	BHS	Bloomfield High School - Bloomfield, NJ Technology Club	6	1	0
i	BHS	Paramus High School - Paramus, NJ Technology Club	6	1	0
j	BHS	Ramsey Pool - Ramsey, NJ Technology Club	6	1	0
k	BHS	Bernardsville Center - Bernardsville, NJ BHS Marching Band	19	4	0

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
l	BHS	Northeast Regional Park - Davenport, FL BHS Boys Lacrosse	28	5	0
m	BHS	Bedwell Elementary School - Bernardsville, NJ Best Buddies	20	1	0

XII. PERSONNEL

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

1. Accept Retirement*

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

	Employee	School	Position	Effective
a	Hoppe, Michael	BHS	Assistant Principal ADM.HS.APRN.NA.01	1/1/2027

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	Araujo, Megan	BES	Regular Paraprofessional PARA.DIST.REG.NA.04	1	$22.48/hour	Traynor	11/19/26

3. Amend Leave of Absence

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

	Employee #	School	Position	Type of leave	Date of Leave/Notes
a	9490	BES	Certified	Disability FMLA Anticipated RTW	10/12/26-~~11/21/26~~ **11/27/26** paid w/benefits ~~11/22/26-02/21/27~~ **11/30/26-02/26/27** unpaid w/benefits ~~02/22/2027~~ **03/01/27**

4. Amend Leave of Absence*

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

	Employee #	School	Position	Type of leave	Date of Leave/Notes
a	9556	BHS	Certified	Disability FMLA **Extended Leave** Anticipated RTW	06/10/26-06/22/26 paid w/benefits 08/31/26-11/20/26 unpaid w/benefits **11/21/26-12/23/26 paid w/benefits** ~~11/23/26~~ **01/04/27**

5. 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	9713	BMS	Certified	Paid Sick FMLA FMLA Anticipated Return	03/19/27-05/05/27 paid w/benefits 05/06/27-06/11/27 unpaid w/benefits 08/24/27-10/11/27 unpaid w/benefits 10/12/27

6. Approve Leave of Absence*

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
b	9962	District	Non Certified	Paid Sick Anticipated Return	11/02/26-12/1/26 paid w/benefits 12/2/26
c	9857	District	Non Certified	Paid Sick Anticipated Return	11/05/26-01/03/27 paid w/benefits 01/04/27

7. Amend Overloads*

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

	Type of Support/Sch	Teacher	Term	Periods weekly	Salary	Overload Salary prorated
a	Special Education BHS	Carey, Amanda	10/12/26- ~~02/19/27~~ **02/26/27**	5	$82,295	**$6,447.73** ~~$6,036.17~~
b	Special Education BHS	DiGiacomo, Angelina	10/12/26- ~~02/19/27~~ **02/26/27**	5	$88,770	**$6,955.04** ~~$6,511.10~~
c	Special Education BHS	Lehnhoff, Robert	10/12/26- ~~02/19/27~~ **02/26/27**	5	$93,895	**$7,356.58** ~~$6,887.01~~
d	Special Education BHS	Snyder, Allison	10/12/26- ~~02/19/27~~ **02/26/27**	5	$107,120	**$8,392.74** ~~$7,857.04~~
e	Special Education BHS	Stypolkowski, Emily	10/12/26- ~~02/19/27~~ **02/26/27**	5	$84,670	**$6,633.81** ~~$6,210.38~~
f	Special Education BHS	Tripp, Amanda	10/12/26- ~~02/19/27~~ **02/26/27**	5	$109,470	**$8,576.87** ~~$8,029.41~~

8. 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/Sch	Teacher	Term	Periods / week	Salary	Overload Salary prorated
a	Math BHS	Acuna, Heiner	11/30/26-02/26/27	5	$77,670	$3,884.25
b	Math BHS	Anderson, Richard	11/30/26-02/26/27	10	$94,094	$9,411.38
c	Math BHS	Boyce, Nicole	11/30/26-02/26/27	5	$90,620	$4,531.91

	Type of Support/Sch	Teacher	Term	Periods / week	Salary	Overload Salary prorated
d	Math BHS	O'Brien, Kyle	11/30/26-02/26/27	5	$80,250	$4,031.30

9. Rescind Athletic Position

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

	Name	Position	School	Season	Stipend
a	Bayles, Timothy	Wrestling: Head	BMS	Winter	$5,128.35

10. 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	LaChac, Luke	Winter Track Assistant 50%	BHS	Winter	$2,889.51
b	Fritsche, Macklin	Winter Track Assistant 50%	BHS	Winter	$2,889.51
c	Paterno, Nicholas	Basketball: Women's Asst FR	BHS	Winter	$7,116.76
d	Wendling, Paul	Volunteer: Ice Hockey	BHS	Winter	$0
e	Morales, Branden	Lacrosse: Men's Asst JV	BHS	Spring	$6,421.14
f	Meany, Kevin	Lacrosse: Men's Asst FR	BHS	Spring	$5,993.06

11. Approve Stipend Positions*

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

	Name	Position	School	Season	Stipend
a	Anderson, Richard	Dual Enrollment - Calculus	BHS	26-27 SY	$2,000
b	Ciocco, Jared	Dual Enrollment - Latin	BHS	26-27 SY	$2,000
c	Hemans, Nicholas	Dual Enrollment - Entrepreneurship	BHS	26-27 SY	$2,000
d	Hunkele, Heather	Dual Enrollment - Journalism	BHS	26-27 SY	$2,000
e	Thatcher, Stephanie	Dual Enrollment - French	BHS	26-27 SY	$2,000
f	Volosin, Lauren	Dual Enrollment - Tomorrow's Teachers	BHS	26-27 SY	$2,000

12. Approve Clinical Observation

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

	Name	Field of Work	Mentor	Program Institution	Duration
a	Falzarano, Matthew	Middle School Physical Education	Philip Mahlik & Elizabeth St. Ours	Kean University	2026-2027 SY
b	Fresolone, Owen	Elementary School Physical Education	Amy Paterno	Kean University	2026-2027 SY

13. Amend Administrative Leave with Pay*

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

	Employee #	Effective
a	9862	10/09/26 - **10/16/26**
b	10135	09/04/26 - **11/11/26**

14. 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	Koppisch, Erik	Teacher/Paraprofessional	County Substitute Certificate	11/19/26
b	Gribben, Robert	Paraprofessional	County Substitute Certificate	11/19/26
c	Hanratty, Terrence	Teacher/Paraprofessional	County Substitute Certificate	11/19/26
d	Bhavsar, Nimishaben	Teacher/Paraprofessional	County Substitute Certificate	11/19/26
e	Mandracchia, Matthew	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Standard Certificate	11/19/26
f	Ayling, Robert	Teacher/Paraprofessional	CE	11/1/26
g	Barque, Javier	Bus Driver	CDL	10/21/26

XIII. POLICY

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

1. First Reading*

RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the first reading of the following bylaws, policies and/or regulations:

Policy/Regulation #	Title
P 8505	Local Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other foods
P0143	Board Member Election and Appointment
P 2361.6	Unauthorized Audio and/or Video Recording
P 2363	Student Use of Privately-Owned Technology - ABOLISH
P 2412	Home Instruction Due to Health Condition
R 2412	Home Instruction Due to Health Condition
P 2422	Statutory Curricular Requirements
P 2422.02	Parental Opt-Out From Certain Instruction

R 2422.02	Parental Opt-Out From Certain Instruction
P 5320	Immunization
R 5320	Immunization
P 5514	Student Use of Vehicles on School Grounds
P 5517	School District Issued Student Identification Cards
P 7523	School District Provided Technology Devices to Students
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
P 9181	Volunteer Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants
P 9182	Athletic Coaches

XIV. STUDENT SERVICES

A. Committee Report and Discussion of Actionable Agenda Items
B. Student Services Action Items: #1-4
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 October 14, 2026, and upheld the findings and/or consequences recommended by the Superintendent:

School	Report #	Outcomes
BMS	1	Unfounded

HIBs to Date (26-27 SY)	Founded	Unfounded	Split	Total
BES	0	0	0	0
BMS	0	1	0	1

2. Modify Decision on HIB BHS #24*

RESOLVED, that the Board modify the Superintendent's decision on HIB Case BHS #24 following a Board hearing of an appeal on behalf of the student, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(b)(6)(e). Such modifications are reflected in the Executive Session minutes for the meeting held on November 18, 2026.

3. Modify Decision on HIB BHS #26*

RESOLVED, that the Board modify the Superintendent's decision on HIB Case BHS #26 following a Board hearing of an appeal on behalf of the student, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(b)(6)(e). Such modifications are reflected in the Executive Session minutes for the meeting held on November 18, 2026.

4. Modify Decision on HIB BHS #27*

RESOLVED, that the Board modify the Superintendent's decision on HIB Case BHS #27 following a Board hearing of an appeal on behalf of the student, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(b)(6)(e). Such modifications are reflected in the Executive Session minutes for the meeting held on November 18, 2026.

XV. 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.

XVI. 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.

XVII. 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)