

**The Somerset Hills School District  
 Regular Meeting Agenda - March 15, 2023  
 Board Training - 5:30 P.M.  
 Executive Session - 6:30 P.M.  
 Public Input & Action - 7:30 P.M.  
 Bernards High Media Center**

**Call to Order & Welcome**

Mrs. Frenda called the meeting to order 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present:

Absent:

Also Present:

Mr. Baker	Mr. Joyce	n/a
Ms. Cooper	Ms. Nathans	
Mrs. deGrandpré	Mrs. Santoro	
Mrs. Frenda	Mrs. Tober	
Ms. Gils	(arrived 5:45 pm)	
	Mrs. Wry	

Dr. Lydia Furnari  
 Dr. Coleen Butler  
 Mrs. Jinnee DeMarco  
 Ms. Derlys M. Gutierrez, Esq.

**Board Training**

Gwen Thornton, New Jersey School Boards Association

**Executive Session**

Ms. Cooper moved the following at 6:35 p.m., Mrs. Tober 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, Negotiations and Litigation.

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 a public disclosure will no longer clearly endanger the public interest.

Ms. Cooper moved to close Executive Session, Ms. Nathans seconded.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Report of the Superintendent**

1. Student Representatives’ Report - BMS representatives Sophia DiMassi and Saira Failey gave their reports.

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BHS representatives Audrey Panik and Maxton Lukes gave their report.

2. Audit Report, Joseph Stout, Suplee, Clooney & Company

3. Update on Strategic Plan

4. Board Recognition - Retirees

a. WHEREAS, Laura Worstell has been employed from September 2012 through June 30, 2023 as a Registered Nurse; 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 Laura Worstell's retirement effective July 1, 2023, and extend to her congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

b. WHEREAS, Anne Connor has been employed from September 2001 through June 30, 2023 as a School Nurse; 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 Anne Connor's retirement effective July 1, 2023, and extend to her congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

c. WHEREAS, Angela Fresco Callahan has been employed from September 2005 through June 30, 2023 as a Teacher; and  
WHEREAS, she exemplified expertise, commitment, and professionalism in her duties;  
and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills School District and Board of Education recognize Angela Fresco Callahan's retirement effective July 1, 2023, and extend to her congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

d. WHEREAS, Maddalena Violillo has been employed from September 1999 through June 30, 2023 as a Teacher; and  
WHEREAS, she exemplified expertise, commitment, and professionalism in her duties;  
and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills School District and Board of Education recognize Maddalena Violillo's retirement effective July 1, 2023, and extend to her congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

### **Report of the Business Administrator**

1. 2023-2024 Budget Presentation- Dr. Lydia Furnari, Interim Superintendent, and Ms. Jinnee DeMarco, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

### **Public Comments for Actionable Agenda Items**

1. Chris Caponigro - resident, parent - regarding the Middle School wrestling program.  
Mrs. Wru moved to close public comments, Mrs. Tober seconded.

**Approval of Minutes\***

Mrs. deGrandpré moved item #1, Ms. Cooper seconded.

Item #1 was approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Cooper, deGrandpré, Gils, Joyce, Nathans, Santoro, Tober, Wry, Frenda.

1. **Approval of Minutes\***

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approve the Public Input & Action and Executive meeting minutes for February 22, 2023 and March 4, 2023 and March 11, 2023 Special Meetings.

**FINANCE**

A. Committee Report & Discussion: Mr. Baker gave the report. The committee met on March 8, 2023.

B. Action Items: Mr. Baker moved items #1-14, Ms. Cooper seconded.

Items #1-8,10-14 were approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Cooper, deGrandpré, Gils, Joyce, Nathans, Santoro, Tober, Wry, Frenda.

Item #9 was approved by roll call vote of 9-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Cooper, deGrandpré, Gils, Joyce, Santoro, Tober, Wry, Frenda.

1. **Board Secretary & Treasurer Reports & Board Certification\***

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has received the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of February 2023 showing the following balances:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Board Secretary Cash Balance (1)</b>	<b>Treasurer Cash Balance (2)</b>
(10) General Fund	\$11,431,279.37	\$11,431,279.37
(20) Special Revenue Fund	(\$35,824.51)	(\$35,824.51)
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$371,191.25	\$371,191.25
(40)Debt Service Fund	\$1,277,361.65	\$1,277,361.65
Total Government Funds	\$13,044,007.76	\$13,044,007.76

(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 2022-2023 Budget Transfers\***

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the attached list of budget transfers for January 2023.

3. Payment of Bills\*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached January 2023 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:

<b>FUND</b>	
(10) General Fund	\$1,227,564.26
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$3,124.11
(30) Capital Projects Fund	–
(40) Debt Service Fund	–
(60) Cafeteria Fund	–
(90) Agency Fund	\$715,620.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,946,309.07</b>

4. Payment of Bills\*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached February 2023 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:

<b>FUND</b>	
(10) General Fund	\$2,361,892.57
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$4,069.87
(30) Capital Projects Fund	–
(40) Debt Service Fund	–
(60) Cafeteria Fund	–
(90) Agency Fund	\$682,385.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,048,347.60</b>

5. Payment of Bills\*

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has presented attached March 2023 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:

<b>FUND</b>	
(10) General Fund	\$654,490.81
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$124,169.31
(30) Capital Projects Fund	–
(40) Debt Service Fund	–
(60) Cafeteria Fund	\$2,222.00
(90) Agency Fund	–
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$780,882.12</b>

6. Approve Tentative 2023-2024 Budget\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education approves the 2023-2024 school year and that the Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline and to make all necessary adjustments to the budget to comply with State regulations.

<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenues</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Expenditures	\$46,005,675	\$1,377,600	\$3,077,920	\$50,461,195

Less Anticipated Revenue	\$11,387,929	\$1,377,600	\$297,831	\$13,063,360
Taxes to be Raised	\$34,617,746	\$0	\$2,780,089	\$37,397,835

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, approves the following capital project and the withdrawal of \$2,216,100 from the Capital Reserve account to provide funding for the following projects/equipment for the 2023-2024 school year:

Bernards High School Turf Replacement  
 Bernards High School PAC House Lighting Upgrade  
 Bernards High School Grandstand Audio Upgrade - Olcott Field  
 Bernards High School Interior Door Panic Hardware Replacement (Rest of B,C,E,D Wing)  
 Bernardsville Middle School Media Center Renovation  
 Bernardsville Middle School Multi-Purpose Room Sound System Upgrade  
 District Technology WiFi Upgrade  
 John Deere 1200A Field Rake  
 Auto Scrubber - Custodial

Total costs for this project are \$2,216,100, which represent expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. And to advertise said tentative budget in the Bernardsville News or Courier News in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on April 26, 2023 at 7:30 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2023-2024 School Year.

7. Approve Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2023-2024\*

WHEREAS, the Somerset Hills Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B:1.1 et. seq. Requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B:1.1 et. seq. , but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of district Travel, and Reimbursement Forms; now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B:1.1 et. seq. Education out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with 6A:23B:1.2 (b), to a maximum expenditure of \$75,000.

8. Approve Professional Development Program \*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Alisha De Lorenzo of Living YES, LLC, to provide professional development for district staff in the 22-23 SY, in the amount of \$3,500 from ARP-ESSER funds.

9. Approve Parent Organization Fundraiser

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following parent organization fundraisers for the 22-23 school year:

	<b>Organization</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
a	Bedwell HSA	BES	Food Fest Raffle	5/18/23
b	Bedwell HSA	BES	School Supply Package Sale	May-June 2023
c	Bedwell HSA	BES	4th grade Yard Sale Signs	March-May 2023

10. Approve 2022-2023 Non-Public Security Aid\*

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

	<b>Non-Public School</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
a	School of St. Elizabeth	I3 UR CHASSIS RACK MOUNT BRCKT	\$43.08
b	School of St. Elizabeth	13 10TB 3.5IN 6GBPS 7200 RPM	\$850.96
c	School of St. Elizabeth	I3 INTERNATIONAL WALLMOUNT GOOSENECK	\$416.28
d	School of St. Elizabeth	I3 BACK BOX MOUNT F M77 SERIES	\$367.52
e	School of St. Elizabeth	Dell OptiPlex 3000 - SFF - Core i5 12500 3 GHz - 8 GB - SSD 256 GB	\$784.06
f	School of St. Elizabeth	Tripp Lite 24-Port Cat6 Patch Panel Rackmount 110 RJ45 Ethernet 1U 568BTAA	\$49.87
g	School of St. Elizabeth	Tripp Lite 1' Cat6 Gigabit Snagless Molded Patch Cable RJ45 M M Blue 1 ft	\$32.89
h	School of St. Elizabeth	Tripp Lite Cat6 Gigabit Snagless Molded Patch Cable (RJ45 M M) Blue, 5'	\$10.16
i.	School of St. Elizabeth	Samsung BE50T-H BET-H Pro TV Series - 50" LED-backlit LCD TV - 4K- for dig	\$482.50
j.	School of St. Elizabeth	ADI 40-63" FULL MOTION WALL MNT F TV	\$155.93
k.	School of St. Elizabeth	LTW INSTALLATION, ENGINEERING AND PM (PREVAILING WAGE)	\$19,392.75
l	School of St. Elizabeth	Shipping	\$147.30

11. Approve 2022-2023 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:

	<b>Non-Public School</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
a	School of St. Elizabeth	HP E24t G4-E-SERIES-LED MONITOR-FULL HD (1080p)- 24"	\$937.96
b	School of St. Elizabeth	HP DESKTOP 320MK - KEYBOARD & MOUSE SET US-SMART BUY	\$656.00

12. Service Provider\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following service provider for the 2022-2023 school year and extended school year:

	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Not to Exceed</b>
a	Inlingua	Translator	Summit, NJ	\$60-\$110/hour	\$1,000
b	Norton Education Staffing & Recruiting	Substitute staffing: teachers, paras, SLP, RN/LPN & Custodians	Cohasset, MA	\$36-\$125/hour	\$10,000

13. Approve Special Education Schools\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following schools for the 2022-2023 school year:

	<b>Student ID #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>
a	7435542741	The Career Center of SCESC	Bridgewater, NJ	27,552.40 (Prorated)

14. Approve Submit and Accept Title Grants Carryover\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the submission and acceptance of an amendment to add carryover funds to the existing ESEA grant that has been approved for the 2022-2023 school year:

<b>Title Grant</b>	<b>Carryover Funding/Amendment</b>
Title I	\$19,921
Title IIA	\$151
Title III	\$0
Title III Imm	\$521
Title IV	\$1,904

**FACILITIES & OPERATIONS**

- A. Committee Report & Discussion: Mrs. Santoro gave the report. The committee met on March 8, 2023  
 B. Action Items: Mrs. Santoro moved items #1-3, Mrs. Wry seconded

Items #2,3 were approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Cooper, deGrandpré, Gils, Joyce, Nathans, Santoro, Tober, Wry, Frenda.

Item #1 was approved by roll call vote of 9-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Cooper, deGrandpré, Gils, Joyce, Santoro, Tober, Wry, Frenda.

1. HIB Report

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education reviewed the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying cases presented on February 22, 2023, and upheld the findings and/or consequences recommended by the Superintendent:

- BES 2022-2023 #9
- BMS 2022-2023 #12, #13, #14, #16, #17, #18

2. HIB Report \*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education reviewed the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying case presented on February 22, 2023, and upheld the findings and/or consequences recommended by the Superintendent.

- BHS 2022-2023 #5

3. Approve Participation in Self-Guided and Event-Supported Historic Walking Tour\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education supports the Downtown Bernardsville Main Street project in their Self-Guided and Event-Supported Walking Tour where Olcott Building will be part of the tour, and

WHEREAS, the board approves of having a Marker installed near the Olcott Building, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project will be fully funded by the Downtown Bernardsville Organization.

## CURRICULUM

A. Committee Report & Discussion: Ms. Cooper gave the report. The committee met on March 7, 2023.

B. Action Items: Ms. Cooper moved items #1-3, Mrs. Tober seconded

Items #2,3 were approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Cooper, deGrandpré, Gils, Joyce, Nathans, Santoro, Tober, Wry, Frenda.

Items #1 was approved by roll call vote of 9-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Cooper, deGrandpré, Gils, Joyce, Santoro, Tober, Wry, Frenda.

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 2022-2023 school year:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date(s)	Est. Cost
a	BMS	Froysland, Megan	Field Trip Chaperone	3/24/23 & 3/27/23	\$0
b	BMS	Sands, Stephen	Field Trip Chaperone	5/12/23	\$0
c	BMS	Snyder, Jason	Field Trip Chaperone	5/12/23	\$0



d	BMS	Noonan, Mark	Field Trip Chaperone	5/12/23	\$0
e	BMS	Tietze, Fred	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
f	BMS	Kleinstein, Mary	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
g	BMS	Froysland, Megan	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
h	BMS	Marashlian, Nicole	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
i	BMS	Calabrese, Eric	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
j	BMS	Obert-Thorn, Karrie	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
k	BMS	Kimmel, Melissa	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
l	BMS	Rizzuto, Rosemarie	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
m	BMS	Geyer, Julie	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
n	BMS	Wertman, Suzanne	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
o	BMS	Villagra, Crystal	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
p	BMS	Walker, Carrie	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
q	BMS	McMillan, Patricia	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
r	BMS	Tresslar, Kristene	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
s	BMS	O'Halloran, Annie	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
t	BMS	Gilly, Zoltan	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
u	BMS	Boudreau, Derek	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
v	BMS	Heydt, Jaimie	Field Trip Chaperone	6/5/23	\$0
w	BMS	Reilly, Kathryn	Field Trip Chaperone	6/7/23	\$0
x	BMS	Tynan, Jessica	Field Trip Chaperone	6/7/23	\$0
y	BMS	Cox, Brett	Field Trip Chaperone	6/7/23	\$0
z	BMS	Porter, Shane	Field Trip Chaperone	6/7/23	\$0
aa	BMS	McGovern, Danielle	Field Trip Chaperone	6/7/23	\$0
bb	BMS	Inledon, Cassie	Field Trip Chaperone	6/7/23	\$0
cc	BMS	Koellhoffer, Keith	Field Trip Chaperone	6/7/23	\$0
dd	BMS	McGovern, Danielle	Planning for the 23-24 SY: K-8	5/16/23	\$60 <small>(as per TCRWP contract)</small>
ee	BES	d'Anunciacao, Jessica	Nonviolent Crisis Intervention - Certification Renewal	5/3/23	\$1,549
ff	BMS	Sands, Stephen	Field Trip Chaperone	3/28/23	\$0
gg	BMS	Snyder, Jason	Field Trip Chaperone	3/28/23	\$0
hh	BMS	McGovern, Courtney	Field Trip Chaperone	4/26/23	\$0
ii	BMS	Chaffee, Salome	Field Trip Chaperone	4/26/23	\$0
jj	BMS	Gash, Adriane	Field Trip Chaperone	4/26/23	\$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 2022-2023 school year:

	School	Name	Workshop/Conference/School Business	Date	Est. Cost
a	BHS	Thatcher, Stephanie	Field Trip Chaperone	3/16/23-3/19/23	\$0
b	BHS	LaPine, Matthew	Field Trip Chaperone	3/16/23-3/19/23	\$0
c	BHS	Silva, Karen	Field Trip Chaperone	3/16/23-3/19/23	\$0
d	BHS	Hart, Amy	Transition From Early Intervention to Pre-K	3/30/23	\$0

e	BHS	Pair, Randall	Cultivating Genius: An Equity Framework for Culturally and Historically Responsive Literacy	5/25/23	\$185
f	BHS	Hart, Amy	Field Trip Chaperone	4/19/23	\$0
g	BHS	Samson, Alyssa	Field Trip Chaperone	4/19/23	\$0
h	District	Mehan, Kathy	TCNJ Virtual Job Fair "Interview Day"	4/21/23	\$100
i	District	Koransky, Jamie	TCNJ Virtual Job Fair "Interview Day"	4/21/23	\$0
j	District	Catelli, Michael	TCNJ Virtual Job Fair "Interview Day"	4/21/23	\$0
k	BHS	Neigel, Scott	TCNJ Virtual Job Fair "Interview Day"	4/21/23	\$0

### 3. Approve Field Trips

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following field trip:

	School	Trip	# of Students	# of Faculty	# of Chaperones
a	BMS	Music Trip - Bernardsville, NJ	105	2	5

## PERSONNEL

- A. Committee Report and Discussion: Mrs. deGrandpré gave the report. The committee met on March 9, 2023.  
 B. Action Items: Mrs. deGrandpré moved items 1-15, Ms. Nathans seconded.

Items #4,6-13 were approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Cooper, deGrandpré, Gils, Joyce, Nathans, Santoro, Tober, Wry, Frenda.

Items #1-3,5,14,15 were approved by roll call vote of 9-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Cooper, deGrandpré, Gils, Joyce, Santoro, Tober, Wry, Frenda.

### 1. Approve Retirement

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the retirement of the following employee:

	Name	School	Position	Effective
a	Worstell, Laura	BES	Registered Nurse	7/1/23

### 2. Accept Resignation

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

	Name	School	Position	Effective
a	Gopinath, Geetha	BES	Special Education Paraprofessional PT	3/31/23
b	Ogden, Denise	BMS	Teacher	6/30/23

### 3. Approve Appointment Certificated Staff

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following non-tenured certificated staff for the 2022-2023 school year *subject to further investigation pursuant to law:*

	Name	School	Position	Replace	Level	Step	Salary	Effective
a	Oliveira, Ashley	BMS	Teacher Physical Education	LaSpada	BA	8	\$65,725 prorated	4/1/2023 <i>Pending clearance</i>

4. Amend Appointment Certificated Staff\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, amend the appointment of the following non-tenured certificated staff for the 2022-2023 school year; *subject to further investigation pursuant to law:*

	Name	School	Position	Level	Step	Salary	Effective
a	Hodsden, Heather	BHS	French: Part Time	MA+30	2-3	\$14,260 (.2 FTE - prorated)	<del>2/23/23</del> 3/7/23

5. 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	Dated of Leave/Notes
a	9112	BES	Teacher	Disability/Sick days FMLA Unpaid Leave Anticipated Return	09/01/22 - 10/31/22 (paid; w/benefits) 11/01/22 - 01/27/23 (unpaid; w/benefits) 01/28/23 - <del>06/30/23</del> 06/30/24 (unpaid: COBRA) <del>09/01/23</del> 09/01/24

6. Approve Overloads\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following overloads for the 2022-2023 school year:

	Type of Support	Teacher	Term	Periods/week	Salary	OVERLOAD Salary prorated
a	ESL	Garay, Janet	MP4	5	\$90,175	\$3,758.04
b	ESL	Medina, Pilar	MP4	5	\$62,205	\$2,592.39
c	ESL	Pair, Randall	MP4	5	\$69,105	\$2,879.95
d	ESL	Pasqua, Jaelyn	MP4	5	\$78,095	\$3,254.61
e	ESL	Venezio, Maria	MP4	5	\$111,242	\$4,636.01
f	Special Education	Carey, Amanda	MP4	5	\$65,725	\$2,739.09
g	Special Education	Fresco, Angela	MP4	5	\$111,242	\$4,636.01
h	Special Education	Lehnhoff, Robert	MP4	5	\$70,725	\$2,947.46
i	Special Education	Snyder, Allison	MP4	5	\$86,030	\$3,585.30
j	Special Education	Stypolkowski, Emily	MP4	5	\$67,205	\$2,800.77
k	Special Education	Teets, Ashley	MP4	5	\$67,205	\$2,800.77

7. Amend Athletic Positions\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, amend the following athletic positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

	Name	School	Season	Position	Stipend
a	Robinson, CJ	BHS	Spring	Girls Lacrosse <del>Freshman</del> JV	<del>\$5,600</del> \$6,000
b	Shemon, Eileen	BHS	Spring	Girls Lacrosse <del>JV</del> Freshman	<del>\$6,000</del> \$5,600

8. Rescind Athletic Position\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the following athletic position for the 2022-2023 school year:

	Name	School	Season	Position	Stipend
a	Locatelli, TJ	BHS	Spring	Baseball: Freshman	\$5,600

9. Approve Athletic Position\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following athletic position for the 2022-2023 school year, *subject to further investigation pursuant to law*:

	Name	School	Season	Position	Stipend
a	Mascis, Andrew	BHS	Spring	Baseball: Freshman	\$5,600 <i>Pending clearance</i>
b	O'Reilly, Brendan	BHS	Spring	Open Gym	\$1,750 <i>Pending clearance</i>
c	Boudreau, Derek	BHS	Spring	Tennis Men's Assistant 50%	\$2,700
d	McGovern, Courtney	BHS	Spring	Tennis Men's Assistant 50%	\$2,700

10. Approve Volunteer\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following volunteer for the 2022-2023 school year, *subject to further investigation pursuant to law*:

	Name	School	Season	Position	Stipend
a	Slight, Kaitlin	BHS	Spring	Girls Lacrosse	\$0 <i>Pending clearance</i>
b	Weaving, Nicole	BHS	Spring	Girls Lacrosse	\$0 <i>Pending clearance</i>

11. Approve Co-Curricular Positions\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following co-curricular positions for the 2022-2023 school year; *funded by ARP Grant*:

	Name	School	Position	Stipend
a	Ferrara, James	BHS	After School STEM Lab funded by ARP Grant	\$59.11/hour
b	Whitlock, Christine	BHS	After School STEM Lab funded by ARP Grant	\$59.11/hour

12. Approve Retirement\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the retirement of the following employees:

	Name	School	Position	Effective
a	Connor, Anne	BHS	School Nurse	7/1/23
b	Fresco Callahan, Angela	BHS	Teacher	7/1/23
c	Violillo, Maddalena	BHS	Teacher	7/1/23

13. Approve Substitute\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following substitute for the 2022-2023 school year; *subject to further investigation pursuant to law:*

	Name	Position	Certification	Effective
a	Wong, Rachel	Teacher/Para	County Substitute Certificate	3/16/23

14. Amend Administrative Leave with Pay

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

	Employee	Effective
a	3980	12/20/22 - 12/23/2022 01/12/23 - 03/20/2023

15. Approve Transfers

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following transfers for the 2022-2023 school year.

	Name	Position	From	To	Effective
a	McCarron, James	Teacher MA	BES	Central Office	3/20/2023

**POLICY**

- A. Committee Report and Discussion: Mrs. deGrandpré gave the report. The committee met on March 9, 2023.  
B. Action Items: Mrs. deGrandpré moved items 1-2, Mr. Baker seconded.

Items #1,2 were approved by roll call vote of 10-0-0. Voting: Ayes: Baker, Cooper, deGrandpré, Gils, Joyce, Nathans, Santoro, Tober, Wry, Frenda.

1. First Reading\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the first reading of the following bylaw, policy & regulation:

Policy/Regulation #	Title
P0152	Board Officers ( <i>Revised</i> )

2. Second Reading\*

Resolved, that the Somerset Hills Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the second reading of the following bylaw, policy & regulation:

Policy/Regulation #	Title
P0161	Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation ( <i>Revised</i> )
P0162	Notice of Board Meetings ( <i>Revised</i> )
P2423 & R2423	Bilingual and ESL Education (M) ( <i>Revised</i> )

P2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) ( <i>Revised</i> )
R2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) ( <i>New</i> )
P5200 & R5200	Attendance (M) ( <i>Revised</i> )
P5512	Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (M) ( <i>Revised</i> )
P8140	Student Enrollments (M) ( <i>Revised</i> )
R8140	Enrollment Accounting (M) ( <i>Revised</i> )

### Public Comments

1. Allicen Librera - resident, parent - support of the transgender students.
2. Maria Ortis Myers - resident - concerned with highlighting transgender students.
3. Sarah McShane - staff - advocate for professional development.
4. Holly Clark Emery - resident, parent - concerned with hiring practice.
5. Sarah Falzarano - resident, parent, staff - students impacted by board decision.
6. Maria Ortis Myers - resident - urged the board to center around children.
7. Holly Clark Emery - resident, parent - concerned over a personnel matter.

Mrs. Santoro moved to close public comments, Ms. Cooper seconded.

### Supplementary Matters

Ms. Gils responded to the public comments regarding transgender students.

### Adjournment

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. Ms. Cooper seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jinnee DeMarco

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

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**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)**