



Somerset Area School District Committee-of-the-Whole/Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 5:00 PM
Board Room, Administrative Office
645 South Columbia Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501

1. Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting:

1.A. Superintendent's Report/Agenda Discussion:

Description: 1. New Keystone Agenda/Board Policies start July 1, 2026. A sample on the new Keystone Agenda is at your seat. Barb will pass on the new user information once she has completed the trainings.

1.B. Executive Session

Description: 1. Mr. Eick Fish will review the School Safety Report with the Board (executive session item, as per school code)
2. Mrs. Krista Mathias will speak concerning personnel.

2. Opening Items:

Description:

2.A. Call to Order:

2.B. Pledge of Allegiance:

2.C. Roll Call:

Description:

Board Member	Present	Excused
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Mrs. Emily Baer		
Mr. John Barth		
Mr. Brian Brant		
Mrs. Barb Lynch		
Mr. Pete Putyrski		
Mr. Jeremy Shockey		
Mr. James Summers		
Mr. Mark Weimer		
Mr. William Wozniak		

2.D. Visitors - Public Comment:

Description:

Procedure for Public Participation in Board Meetings from Policy 006: Local Board Meetings

The Board of School Directors, along with the Somerset Area School District Administration, welcomes input from their constituents.

Please see the procedures below:

1. For each agenda item, visitors are permitted to speak for up to three minutes. Thirty minutes total is permitted for visitor discussion on any one agenda item. For instance, ten people could each speak for three minutes, totaling 30 minutes, or two people could each speak for three minutes for a particular agenda topic.
2. Be a good example of decorum and democracy for our students. Criticism of individual Board members, District employees, or students is not permitted. Absolutely, no personal attacks are permitted.
3. If you would like to address the Board on a non-agenda item, kindly submit a written request, including your name, address, and telephone number to the Superintendent, at least three days prior to the meeting.

3. Agenda:

Description: Approval of agenda

4. Consent Agenda:

Description: Approval of the Consent Agenda items, listed below:

Consent Agenda items:
Minutes — May 5, 2026, Special Board Meeting
Treasurer's Reports
Financial Report

Investment Report
Bills
Budget Transfers

5. General Fund Budget:

Description:

Approval of the 2026/2027 General Fund Budget:

Roll Call Vote: (if needed)

Number order	Board Member	Aye	Nay
9.	Mrs. Emily Baer		
5.	Mr. John Barth		
2.	Mr. Brian Brant		
7.	Mrs. Barb Lynch		
4.	Mr. Pete Putyrski		
1.	Mr. Jeremy Shockey		
8.	Mrs. James Summers		
6.	Mr. Mark Weimer		
3.	Mr. William Wozniak		

6. Real Estate Millage:

Description: Approval of 2026/2027 Real Estate Millage

7. Homestead Farmstead Exclusion:

Description: Approval to adopt the appended 2026 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

8. Tax Collections:

Description: Appointment of the 2026/2027 tax collectors

Tax Collected	Tax Collector and Description of Service
Per Capita Tax (Section 679)	Keystone Collections Group as collector of the Per Capita Tax for the 2026/2027 school year, at a rate of \$.50 per notice mailed plus postage
Real Estate Transfer Tax	Somerset County Recorder of Deeds as collector of the Real Estate Transfer Tax levied at 1/2% for the 2026/2027 school year, at the rate of 2% commission.

Earned Income Tax (Act 511)	Keystone Collection Group as collector of the Act 511 Earned Income Tax (current and delinquent) for the 2026/2027 school year, at a rate of 1.49%
Delinquent Act 511 and Per Capita Taxes	Keystone Collections Group as collector of delinquent Act 511 (excluding earned income tax) and Per Capita Taxes, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. There will not be a fee to the District, only to the delinquent taxpayer.
Delinquent Real Estate	Tax Claim Bureau as collector of delinquent real estate taxes, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at the rate of 5% commission.

9. District Insurance/Bond Procurement:

Description: Renewal of District Insurances and Bond Procurement

Type of Insurance	Insurance Company and policy amount
Property/Casualty Liability Package	CM Regent Insurance Company, Insurance Office, Inc., for the policy period July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2027, at a premium of \$244,558.
Worker's Compensation Insurance	CM Regent Insurance Company UPMC Work Partners and Insurance Office, Inc., for the policy period July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2027, at a minimum premium of \$94,069.
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	The Better Unemployment Compensation Program (BUCS), PSBA Insurance Trust, for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a minimum premium rate of 2.5% of taxable payroll currently capped at \$10,000 per employee.
School Leaders Legal Liability/Excess Liability/Errors and Omissions Insurance	CM Regent Insurance Company, Insurance Office, Inc., for the policy period July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2027, at a premium of \$38,269.
Catastrophic Student Accident Insurance and Voluntary Student Accident Insurance	AIG/National Union Fire Insurance Company, Goodwin & Gruber Agency for the policy period July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2027, at a premium of \$14,574.
Procurement of Bonds	The procurement of bonds as part of this package for the Board Secretary/Director of Finance and Operations, Treasurer of the Board, Supervisor of Business Affairs, Coordinator of Purchasing and Accounts Payable, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, Grants and Benefits Coordinator, and the Accounts Receivable Clerk/Student Activity Funds Coordinator in the amount of \$25,000 each.

10. Operations:

10.A. Approval to transfer General Fund to Capital Reserve Fund:

10.B. Approval to commit funds for the district-wide turf field/sports surface replacements:

10.C. Approval to de-commit funds for the district-wide facilities improvements:

10.D. Approval to de-commit funds for the consumer science classroom:

10.E. Approval to de-commit funds for the purchase of a maintenance truck:

10.F. Authorization for the administration to pay any remaining 2025/2026 bills:

10.G. Authorization of payment for expenditures for July and August 2026:

10.H. Approval to purchase the cafeteria point of service devices:

10.I. Authorization for the 2025/2026 general fund budget to remain open:

10.J. Approval of driver's education fees for 2026/2027 school year:

Description:

Drivers Education Fees
\$75: residents
\$300: non-residents

10.K. Approval of 2026/2027 COW/Regular Board meeting schedule:

10.L. Approval of Agreements:

Description:

Agreement with	Agreement for	Time frame
Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH)	Agreement to provide services to SASD students experiencing homelessness	2026/2027 school year
Delaware University	Continuance of Articulation Agreement	Continuous without changes
Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP)	Agreement to provide support for School Age students	2026/2027 school year
Nulton Diagnostic Treatment Center	MOU regarding all SASD students attending the NDTC CPHP	2026/2027 school year
Omni & TSACG Compliance Services	Amendment to the 403b Plan Administration Agreement and fee Schedule	July 1, 2026
Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 (IU08)	Agreement for school-age education services	2026/2027 school year
Bedford-Somerset Development & Behavioral Health Services	Counseling Services Agreement	2026/2027 school year
Youth Advocate Programs (YAP), Inc.	First Amendment of the Service Agreement	August 27, 2024 - June 30, 2027
Pressley Ridge	Addendum #9 to the Contractual Agreement	2026/2027 school year
Pyramid HealthCare, Inc.	Agreement for Education Services	2026/2027 school year
Ignite Education Solution	Agreement for support services for ESY	2026/2027 school year
Champion Christian School Transportation Contract	Agreement for Champion Christian to provide transportation for any SASD students attending Champion Christian	2026/2027 2027/2028 2028/2029 2029/2030 2030/2031 school years

	School	
Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA)	Policy and Keystone Agenda Service Agreement	Ongoing
PDE/GJSD	ELECT Consortium	Ongoing

10.M. Approval of school doctor and dentist for the 2026/2027 school year:

Description:

Doctor/Dentist	Amount
Dr. Christopher Clarke/Somerset Health Services	\$5,000 retainer
Dr. Syndey Nolan - Denitst	\$5.00 per examination

10.N. Authorization of Laurel Highlands Structural Consulting LLC to perform a professional/engineering assessment of the South Columbia Avenue bridge/culvert over Parsons Run:

10.O. Approval of a part-time non-union confidential Central/Business office cleaning professional as per the Contract for Service Agreement:

11. Policies:

Description: Approve policies

Policy	Policy Number
100 - Programs	100 - Comprehensive Planning
	101 - Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Shared Values
	102 - Academic Standards
	103 - Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
	103.1 Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students With Disabilities
	104 - Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff
	105 - Curriculum
	105.1 - Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/Guardians and Students
	105.2 - Exemption From Instruction
	106 - Guides for Planning Instruction
	107 - Adoption of Planning Instruction

108 - Adoption of Textbooks
109 - Resource Materials
110 - Instructional Supplies
111 - Lesson Plans
112 - Guidance Counseling
113 - Special Education
113.1 - Discipline of Students With Disabilities
113.2 - Behavior Support
113.3 - Screening and Evaluations for Students With Disabilities
113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
114 Gifted Education
115 Career and Technical Education
116 - Tutoring
117 - Homebound Instruction
118 - NEW - Independent Study
119 - Current Events
121 - Field Trips
122 - Extracurricular Activities
123 - Interscholastic Athletics
123.1 - Concussion Management
123.2 - NEW - Sudden Cardiac Arrest
124 - Alternative Instruction
125 - Adult Education
126 - Class Size
127 - Assessment System
130 - Homework
137 - Home Education Programs
137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
137.2 - NEW - Participation in CoCurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students
137.3 NEW - Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students
138 - Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners
140 - Charter Schools
140.1 - Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Schools
143 - Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
144 - Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes

	146 - NEW - Student Services
	146.1 - NEW - Trauma-Informed Approach
	150 - Title I - Comparability of Services

12. Education/Personnel:

12.A. Acceptance of resignations:

Description:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Mrs. Mary Fait	Administration office cleaning person (36 years)	6/8/2026
Mrs. Susan Webb	Educational Assistant	5/29/2026

12.B. Approval of the professional staff, as per the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with the Somerset Area Education Association, effective for the 2026/2027 school year:

Description:

	Name	Position	Start Date
		Elementary teacher	Start of the 2026/2027 school year
<i>Appointment(s) of the above-listed candidate(s) is/are provisional until timely compliance with the District's Documentation Required for Employment and Volunteering policy is demonstrated.</i>			

12.C. Approval of budgeted salary increase of 3.5% for non-union employees, as presented:

12.D. Approval of marching band staff, band volunteers, and chaperones:

Description:

Title	Name
Assistant Band Director	Ms. Stephanie Young
Color guard instructor	Ms. Kayla Deyarmin
Percussion instructor	Ms. Caiya Rogers

Volunteer	Ms. Melissa Hoyle
Volunteer	Ms. Rebecca Lindeman
Volunteer	Mr. Roger Lindeman
Volunteer	Mrs. Peggy Johnston
Volunteer	Mr. Roger Johnston
Appointment(s) of the above-listed candidate(s) is/are provisional until timely compliance with the District's Documentation Required for Employment and Volunteering policy is demonstrated.	

12.E. Approval of Extended School Year behavior specialists:

Description:

Names	
Mrs. Hope Crowe	ESY Behavior Specialist
Mrs. Jolene Shippy	ESY Behavior Specialist
Mrs. Heather Speelman	ESY Behavior Specialist
Ms. Desiree Wlaker	ESY Behavior Specialist
Appointment(s) of the above-listed candidate(s) is/are provisional until timely compliance with the District's Documentation Required for Employment and Volunteering policy is demonstrated.	

12.F. Junior-Senior High School In-school Suspension Monitor Position:

Description: The Board should discuss the position of Junior-Senior High School In-school Suspension Monitor:

12.G. Address vacancies that arise prior to the start of the 2026/2027 school year:

Description: The Board should discuss addressing vacancies that arise prior to the start of the 2026/2027 school year:

12.H. Approval of chaperone/volunteer to travel with our staff and students:

Description:

Names	Chaperone/Volunteer for:
Ms. DeAnn McCoy	Japan with Mrs. Beech

13. Athletics:

13.A. Approval of 2026/2027 coaches:

Description:

Sport	Position	Name		Sport	Position	
Varsity Football				JH Football		
	Head Coach	Braden Fochtman			Head Coach	Joe
	Defensive Coordinator	Jacob Heiple*			Assistant Coach	Rave
	Special Teams Coordinator	George Coyle*			Assistant Coach	Carl
	Assistant Coach	Buddy Howsare*			Assistant Coach	Key
	Assistant Coach	Jared McCormick*			Volunteer Coach	Cha
	Assistant Coach	Brock Leazier*			Volunteer Coach	Bob
	Assistant Coach	Ethan Hemminger				
	Assistant Coach	David Krouse				
	Specialty Coach (IT)	Bryce Fochtman				
	Specialty Coach	Justin Delaini				
	Volunteer Coach	Brian Fochtman				
Varsity Boys Soccer				JH Boys Soccer		
	Head Coach	Mark Wassilchalk*			Head Coach	Ryan
	Assistant Coach	Moxon Fleegle			Assistant Coach	Ma
	Assistant Coach	JonMark Armstrong*				
	Volunteer Coach	Nate Menhorn*				
Varsity Girls Soccer				JH Girls Soccer		
	Head Coach	Renee Ross*			Head Coach	Jessi

	Assistant Coach	Mia Dirienzo*			Assistant Coach	
	Assistant Coach	Chad Shetler*				
Varsity Girls Volleyball				JH Girls Volleyball		
	Head Coach	Scott Shirley*			Head Coach	Travis
	Assistant Coach	Yong Mitchell*			Assistant Coach	Kyle
	Assistant Coach	Ella Lauri*			Assistant Coach	Emi
Varsity Cross Country				JH Cross Country		
	Co-Head Coach	Dave Waldschmidt			Head Coach	Kristi
	Co-Head Coach	Kathy Mitchell*			Assistant Coach	Peggy
	Assistant Coach	Shannon Hogue*				
	Assistant Coach	Alex Hogue				
	Volunteer Coach	Morgan Waldschmidt*				
Varsity Golf						
	Head Coach	Aaron Carson*				
	Specialty Coach					
Varsity Girls Tennis						
	Head Coach	Aimee Jacobs				
	Assistant Coach	Matt Jacobs*				
Varsity Swimming				JH Swimming		
	Head Coach	Donna Richard*			Head Coach	Donna
	Assistant Coach	Taylor Stinebiser*			Assistant Coach	Taylor

Varsity Cheer				JH Cheer		
	Head Coach	Sam Leazier			Head Coach	Caitlin
	Assistant Coach				Assistant Coach	Kelsi
	Volunteer Coach				Volunteer Coach	
Varsity Boys Basketball				JH Boys Basketball		
	Head Coach	Wade Fyock*			Head Coach	Jim
	Assistant coach	Ken Gibbons*			Assistant coach	Dan
	Assistant coach	Joel Kaminsky*			Assistant coach	Wa
	Specialty Coach	Ryan Fyock*				
Varsity Girls Basketball				JH Girls Basketball		
	Head Coach	Dan Shirley			Head Coach	Paula Keys
	Assistant coach	Marcus Martin			Assistant Coach	Mik
	Assistant coach	Laken Robison*			Assistant Coach	Beth
	Specialty Coach					
Varsity Boys Wrestling				JH Boys Wrestling		
	Head Coach	Landon Lohr			Head Coach	
	Assistant Coach	Ethan Hemminger*			Assistant Coach	
	Assistant Coach				Volunteer Coach	Bob
	Volunteer Coach	Nate Phillips*				
	Volunteer Coach	Austin Hemminger*				
	Volunteer Coach	Corey Whaley*				

Varsity Girls Wrestling						
	Head Coach	Brandon Boburchock*				
	Assistant Coach	Shawn McKenzie*				
Varsity Rifle						
	Head Coach	Homer Gardner*				
	Assistant Coach	Chris Allen*				
	Volunteer Assistant	Jeremy Shockey*				
Unified Bocce						
	Head Coach	Chad Shetler*				
	Assistant Coach	Brian Coder*				
SH Equipment Manager		Scott Close*				
JH Equipment Manager		Scott Close*				
Football Equipment Manager		Bryce Fochtman				
JH Faculty Game Manager		Ashley Oglevee*				

13.B. Approval to name the baseball field and tennis courts:

13.C. Approval of the 2025/2026 coaching compensation scale:

13.D. Approval of the pay increase for the 2026/2027 game officials:

13.E. Approval of lifeguards

Description: Lifeguard starting hourly rate is \$10.50/hour, with a \$.25/hour increase for each fiscal year worked, to be capped at \$13/hour.

2026 Lifeguard Compensation	
Starting hourly rate is \$10.50/hour, with a \$.25/hour increase for each fiscal year worked, to be capped at \$13/hour.	
Lifeguard	2026 Hourly Pay Rate
Ms. Marranda Cornell	\$11.50
Ms. Sophie ElBayly	\$10.75
Ms. Emily Fisher	\$11.00
Mr. Rodney Garwood*	\$10.50
Mrs. Lauren Hershberger	Evening hourly rate
Ms. Kelsey Knupp	\$13.00
Mr. Thomas Mitchell	\$13.00
Ms. Katherine Polakoski	\$11.25
Ms. Austin Reichhold	\$11.25
Ms. Donna Richard	\$13.00
Mr. Wesley Richard	\$10.75
Ms. Laken Robison*	employee
Mr. Quinton Robison	\$11.75
Mr. Emert Rugg	\$11.25
Mr. Timothy Sehn	\$12.25
Ms. Lydia Sheeler	\$11.50
Mr. Devin Smith	\$11.25
Ms. Haylie Snyder	\$10.75
Ms. Azul Sosa-Ayala	\$11.00
Ms. Taylor Stinebiser	\$12.50
Mr. Gunner Stout	\$10.75
Ms. Samantha Sujansky	\$12.75
Mr. Jeremiah Tomcanin	\$11.50
Mr. Bryce Wagner	\$11.25
Ms. Bethann Walker	\$11.25

* Did not work during the 26/27 school year so there was no pay increase awarded

13.F. Approval of 2026/2027 lifeguard sub and lesson rates:

Description:

Postition/Group	Rates
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Day swim sub rate	\$15/hour
Evening lesson rate	\$112/half-hour

13.G. Approval of swimming pool rates:

Description:

Position/ Group	Rates
Daily Fees	Open Swim - \$7 (increase \$2)
	Lap Swim - \$4 (increase \$1)
	Children 2 and under free
Aerobics	Water Aerobics - \$7 (increase \$2)
	Insanity Aerobics - \$7 (Increase \$2)
	Pass \$40 for 10 classes (increase \$15)
Lessons	Parent/tot: \$40 for 10 classes (increase \$15) Parent/tot: \$5 per class Group: \$40 - 5 lessons or \$80 - 10 lessons (each lesson is a 1/2 hr)
Pass - 30 days	Individual - \$40 Family - \$60 Senior Citizen (60+) - \$ 30
Pass - yearly	Individual - \$175 (increase \$25) Family - \$240 (increase \$20) Senior Citizen (60+) - \$ 100 Senior Citizen Family (two persons) \$180 Youth (18 & under) \$120 (increase \$20)
Summer Pass (end of school until beginning of school)	Individual - \$80 Family- \$120 Senior Citizen (60+) - \$70
Group Pass	Summer: \$150 (only sold one to Children's Aide Home) Year: \$300 (currently no purchases)
Pool party rate (2hr blocks)	\$150 up to 30 people in the water (increase \$50 - starting August 2026) (July is already booked) An additional \$5 per person over 30 people (increase \$2)
Group swim lessons	\$40 for 5 sessions - Tuesday/Wednesday
	\$80 for 10 sessions - Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday

**14. Field Trips:
Description:**

Requestor	Building	Grade Level	Destination
Marc Cacciotti	EV	Westwood Theatre for Gr 4	Westwood Plaza Theatre
Marc Cacciotti	EV	Westwood Theatre for Gr 3	Westwood Plaza Theatre
Marc Cacciotti	EV	Westwood Theatre for Gr 5	Westwood Plaza Theatre
Ella Lauri	SH	SADD - local distributors	Local Distributors for Sticker Shock
Amy Beech	SH	Marriott Marquis Washington, DC	Marriott Marquis Washington, DC
Aimee Jacobs	JH	NJHS to DelGrosso's Amusement Park	DelGrosso Park
Angie Brumbaugh	JH	Flight 93 National Memorial	Flight 93 National Memorial

**15. Educational Conferences:
Description:**

No.	Name	Conference/Workshop Title, Location	Date (s)	Cost	Funding Source
1.	Caitlyn Urban	Flight 93, Educator Symposium, Stoystown, PA	6/22- 24/2026	\$100	Title IV
2.	Kimberly Miller Heather Speelman	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention - Refresher Training, IU8 Richland	8/3/2026	\$70	Title IV
3.	Adam Rullo	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention - Refresher Training, IU8 Richland	8/3/206	\$35	Title IV
4.	Christy Poorbaugh	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention - Refresher Training at JH LGI for 16 staff members	8/27/2026	\$560	Title IV
5.	Clair Nau	Introduction to Trauma - Informed	6/20/2026	\$225	

		Practices for Music Educators, online			
6.	Alana Letzia	IU8 Math Networking, IU8 Richland	10/15/2026 12/8/2026 2/23/2027 4/21/2027	\$336	Title IV
7.	Donna Carosi	Bridging Knowledge to Know How: Empowering PA Educators & Parents , online	8/4-7/2026	\$175	Title IV
8.	Brooke Mishler Ally Hauger	Building Knowledge to Know How 2026	8/4-7/2026	1567.00	Title IV
9.	Donna Carosi	Patterns, not scores: Dyscalculia Evaluations Using the WE-V Framework, online	6/4/2026		

16. Facility Requests:
Description:

No.	Requestor	Facility	Activity	Date (s)	Fee
1.	Little Dreamers Clubhouse	Soccer field & Softball field	Field Trip	6/19/2026	\$0
2.	Somerset Area Little League	JH cafeteria	Team pictures	5/18/2026 5/19/2026 5/22/2026	\$0
3.	SCFLS - Bookmobile	SH student parking lot	Bookmobile	5/29/2026 6/10/2026 6/24/2026 7/8/2026 7/22/2026 8/5/2026 8/19/2026	\$0
4.	Ignite The Night - Somerset Inc	Football field & upper soccer field	Fireworks & community event	7/3/2026	\$0
5.	LK Lightning	SH softball field	back-up field for touranment	7/3/2026 7/5/2026 7/11/2026 7/12/2026	\$0
6.	LK Lightning	SH softball field	Skill development, practices, and individual work	7/18/2026 - 10/31/2026	\$0

7.	LK Lightning	SH softball field & fieldhouse (only if inclement weather)	Tryouts	6/30/2026 7/1/2026 7/6/2026 7/8/2026 7/19/2026	\$0
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17. Closing Items:

17.A. Address any additional, relevant matters

17.B. Adjourn the meeting:
