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

Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 5:00 PM
Board Room, Administrative Office
645 South Columbia Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501

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1. **Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting:**

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

1. Mrs. Luann Barron and students who are FLBA National Qualifiers will demonstrate their skills/project that got them to nationals.

2. SCTC update

1.B. Executive Session:
Description: 1. Personnel

2. **Opening Items:**

2.A. Call to Order:

2.B. Pledge of Allegiance:

2.C. Roll Call:

2.D. Approval of the Agenda:

3. **Approval of the Consent Agenda:**
Description:

Consent Agenda items:
Minutes - June 23 2026, COW/Regular Meeting
Treasurer's Reports
Financial Report
Investment Report
Bills
Budget Transfers

4. **Operations:**

4.A. Approval of the SASD/Multimodal Transportation Fund Program Match letter & Multimodal Transportation Fund Resolution:

4.B. Approval of the 2026/2027 school year Right-To-Know Officers:

4.C. Approval to close the Class of 2026 club account:

4.D. Approval to create a Class of 2029 club account:

4.E. Approval to create a JH ski club account:

4.F. Approval of the SH course selections:

4.G. Approval of administrator attendance at meetings:

4.H. Approval of the Agreements:
Description:

Agreement with	Agreement for	Time frame
Somerset Area Ambulance	Service agreement for Junior Varsity and Senior Varsity home	2026/2027

Association, Inc.	football games	school year
Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp	Staff Master agreement, Substitute Teacher agreement Substitute aide/therapeutic aide agreement, Therapeutic aides agreement, Support substitute teacher agreement, Clerical staff help agreement	2026/2027 school year
Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp	Title I Services for SASD students attending nonpublic schools: St. Peter's Catholic School $27,322 Somerset Christian School $13,502	2026/2027 School year
Ignite Education Solutions/The Learning Lamp	Sponsor-to-Sponsor student meal services with The Learning Lamp	2026/2027 school year
SASD with Rockwood Area SD	Agreement for SASD to provide Emotional Support classroom services for a Rockwood Area SD student	2026/2027
SASD with Shanksville-Stoneycreek SD	Agreement for SASD to provide Autistic Support classroom services for a Shanksvile-Stoneycreek SD student	2026/2027
SASD with Berlin Brothersvalley SD	Agreement for SASD to provide Life Skills Support classroom services for a Berlin Brothersvalley SD student	2026/2027
Allegany College of Maryland	Cooperative agreement to provide dual enrollment classes	2026/2027
University of Pittsburgh	Agreement for SASD to provide a placement site for School of Health and Rehabilitation student clinical experience	2026/2027 2027/2028 2028/2029 2029/2030 2030/2031
Pennsylvania Western University	Affiliation agreement for an academic experience site	2026/2027 2027/2028 2028/2029 2029/2030 2030/2031
Stern Center for Development and Behavioral Health	Referral and linkage agreement to provide development and behavioral services for any SASD student in need.	2026/2027
Tableland Services, Inc	MOU Transition plan	2026/2027
Governmental Pre-Approved 403 (b) Plan	Adoption Agreement #12-001	ongoing
Tableland Services, Inc	MOU for Early Childhood Education	2026/2027
Intermediate Unit 8	World of Learning Partnership Agreement	2026/2027
Alternative Community Resource Program (ACRP)	Letter of agreement for services	2026/2027

5. **Education/Personnel:**

5.A. Approval of the resignations:

Description:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Mrs. Chelsea Yoder	Educational assistant — JH	7/16/2026

Ms. Stacey Law	Educational assistant — MR	7/10/2026
Ms. Theresa Free	Cleaner	8/14/2026
Mr. Braeden Redlin	Educational assistant — JH/SH	abandonment

5.B. Approval of the FMLA Leaves:
Description:

Employee	Leave Type	Beginning Effective Date	Ending Effective Date	Pay status
#1220	Childbearing Childrearing	08/24/2026 10/5/2026	10/05/2026 10/16/2026	paid unpaid
#380	Intermittent FMLA	8/24/2026	8/23/2027	paid

5.C. Approval to hire the 2026/2027 educational assistants:
Description:

Name	Postion	Start Date
Ms. Nakita Baker	EV Learning Support	TBD
Ms. Willow House	JH Leaning Support	TBD
Ms. Heather Kiefer	JH Learning Support	TBD
Mr. Dan Starry	EV Classroom	TBD
Ms. Rebecca Webb	JH Library/Copyroom	TBD
Ms. Ruthie Will	HS Life Skills/Learning Support	TBD
Mrs. Karen Wilson	EV Classroom/Learning Support	TBD
Ms. Ann Yoder	MR Classroom	TBD
Ms. Sherry Yutzy	MR Classroom	TBD
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.		

5.D. Approval of an educational assistant's change in work hours starting at the beginning of the 2026/2027 school year:

5.E. Approval to hire a new staff member for the Building and Grounds Department:

5.F. Approval of the long-term substitute:
Description:

Substitute	Regular Teacher	Beginning Effective Date	Ending Effective Date
Mrs. Rachel Bower	#1220	08/24/2026	11/24/2026

5.G. Approval of the 2026/2027 faculty mentors:

Description:

Eagle View	
Menitor	**New Staff**
Mrs. Chelsey Svonavec	Ms. Emily Bittner
Mrs. Hayley Belardi	Ms. Courtney Golden
Mrs. Hannah Holiday	Mrs. Jamie Kerr
Mrs. Alana Buterbaugh	Ms. Carlie McGough
Mr. Jared McCormick	Mr. George Coyle
Junior High/Senior High	
Menitor	**New Staff:**
Ms. Suzy Housley	Mrs. Tara Brodish
Mrs. Stephanie Lloyd	Mrs. Hope Crowe
Mrs. Kayla Anderson	Mrs. Tracy Durica
Mr. Mark Schrock	Mr. Jake Klukaszewski
Mrs. Angie Brumbaugh	Mrs. Katie Spiri
Mr. Steve Landis	Mr. Wyatt Summers
Mrs. Jennifer Brougher	Ms. Alexandra Thompson

5.H. Approval of the 2026/2027 stipend positions:

Description:

Names
Mrs. Breanna Hemminger - Schoology facilitator — $2,000
Mrs. Allison Armstrong - Schoology facilitator — $2,000
Mr. Ben Walters - Schoology Facilitator — $2,000
Mrs. Sheena Mandichak - Schoology facilitator — $2,000
Ms. Julie Abel - Schoology facilitator — $2,000
Mrs. Luann Barron - Schoology facilitator — $2,000
Mrs. Ashley Haselrig — Department chair — $2,200
Mrs. Ashley Morris — Department chair — $2,200
Mrs. Joyce Robley — Department chair — $2,200
Ms. Mary Ann Flynn - District ESL Coordinator — $2,200

5.I. Approval of Tenure employees:

Description:

Name
Ms. Mallory Bowser
Ms. Jennifer Buss

Mr. Marcus Christofes
Mrs. Tammi Dirienzo
Mrs. Anna McClintock

5.J. Approval of students in compliance with the Tuition Policy for Employees:
Description:

Student Names	Employee
Bo Baker Maggie Baker Noah Baker	Mrs. Kelsey Baker
Landry Beer	Mrs. Kelly Beer
Addison Delani Lyvia Delani	Mr. Justin Delani
Grant Eutsey	Mrs. Andrea Eutsey
Brailynn Firestone Brooke Firestone	Mr. Randy Firestone
Madalynn Gastley	Mrs. Melissa Gastley
Elijah Glessner Myla Glessner	Mrs. Kimberly Glessner
Emma Hauger	Mrs. Allison Hauger
Emersyn Harrold Parker Harrold	Mrs. Jenna Harrold Mr. Randy Harrold
Lane Lauri	Mrs. Ella Lauri
Canyon Mishler Juniper Mishler Mesa Mishler	Mrs. Brooke Mishler
Sydney Peters Trey Peters	Mr. Matthew Peters
Ellison Shetler	Mrs. Julianne Shetler Mr. Chad Shetler
Ivan Stankan Sukey Stankan	Mrs. Loni Stankan
Callen St. Clair Hallie St. Clair	Mrs. Tiffany St. Clair

5.K. Approval to allow the non-resident, tuition student to attend SASD for the 2026/2027 school year.
Description:

Student Name	Grade	Home School District
Christopher Kent	8	Berlin Brothersvalley School District

5.L. Approval of the Tech crew staff:

Description:

Name	Hourly Pay Rate
Mr. Spencer Brougher - Director	$30.00
Mrs. Amber Contrillo	Non-instructional hourly rate in the professional staff contract.
Mr. Alex Diaz	$20.00
Ms. Rhea Jett	$9.50
Mr. Dean Clark	$9.50
Ms. Megan Barron	$9.50
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5.M. Approval of staff assignments:

Description:

Assignments
Teacher assignments
Educational assistant assignments
Building and Grounds staff
Cafeteria employees
Co-curricular advisors
Planning team members
Bus/van drivers and routes*

5.N. Approval of student teacher:

Description:

College/University attending	Student name	Cooperating teacher	Building
University of Pittsburgh	Ms. Abby Burtner	Mrs. Jill Closeme	EV/MR
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5.O. *Approval of AmeriCorp Members:

Description:

Name
Ms. Callie Ditzler - SH student
Ms. Lilly Witt - SH student
Ms. Elly Fletcher - SH student
*Ms. Katrina Treber - EV
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5.P. Approval of the 2026/2027 substitute teachers from Ignite Education Solutions:
Description:

2026/2027 Ignite Substitutes		
First Name	**Last Name**	**Certification Area**
Mary	Adder	Elem-Library
Becky	Adder	Elem Library Science
Myra	Baker	Elem PK-4
Marion	Banta	*EC
Jamie	Bastidas	Elem K-6
Sabrina	Beal	*EC
Brandon	Benford	Social Studies 7-12
Sarah (Rachel)	Bower	*EC
Ben	Bowers	Senate Bill 1312
Lisa	Buratty-Kaltenbaugh	*EC
Margaret	Conners	French; Spanish
Nicole	Cook	*EC
Beth	Costea	Physical Education
Paul	Decker	*EC
Maddy	Duffield	Grades 4-8
Deana	Fleegle	Elem
Mary	Foor	Elem Reading Sp Ed
Jenna	Hay	*EC
Shannon	Hertzog	*EC
Mark	Hicks	Ment/Phys, Handicapped
Laura	Hileman	*EC
Katherine	Hofer	*EC
Jennifer	Hoffman	*EC
Jeanette	Hutzell	*EC
Peggy	Johnston	*EC
Kelly	Krotzer	*EC

Nicole	Labute	*EC
Daniel	Lasota	Elem K-6
Alex	Long	*EC
Jerry	Lyons	*EC
Chris	McNaney	*EC
Ronald	Menser	Elem
Barbara	Miller	Elem
Lisa	Miller	Nurse
Kendra	Padilla-Trent	*EC
Angel	Penrod	*EC
Angel	Penrod	Nurse
Erin	Pyle	English 7-12
Heidi	Sembower	Elem K-6
Jolene	Shippy	Elem K-6
Emily	Simko	*EC
Matthew	Strohmier	*EC
Tracy	Summers	*EC
Theresa	Tedjeske-Boboige	Nurse
Bradley	Wagner	Grades 4-8; ELA 7-8
Ashleigh	Weaver	*EC
Teresa	Wilhelm-Cook	Music K-12
Brent	Williams	*EC
Darlene	Willoughby	*EC
Gratian	Yatsevitch	*EC
Michelle	Zarefoss	Elem
Jason	Zelenak	*EC
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***EC- Emergency Certification**		

5.Q. Approval of 2026/2027 substitute aides and contracted therapeutic aides from Ignite Education Solutions:
Description:

Name	Position
Heather Speelman	SSAIDE 1 - EV
Cynthia Witosky	SSAIDE 2 - MR
Jennifer Delano	SSAIDE 3 - MR
Malerie Gross	SSAIDE 4 - JH
Kayla Miller	SSAIDE 5 - JH
Kyra Smail	SSAIDE 6 - SH
Sandy Leadbetter	Substitute educational assistant
Sandy Worsham	Substitute educational assistant
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5.R. Approval of five unpaid leave days for an employee during the 2026/2027 school year:
Description:

Employee	Dates
#324	9/30/2026 10/1-2/2026 1/21-22/2027

5.S. Approval of the Community in Schools (CiSPA) site director at Maple Ridge for the 2026/2027 school year:

6. **Athletics:**

6.A. Approval of coaches:
Description:

Sport	Position	Name
Varsity Golf	Specialty Coach	Mr. Mike Swinger
Varsity Girls Tennis	Specialty Coach	***Mr. Alex Minnick**
Varsity Cheer	Assistant Coach	Ms. Allison Stoppe

	Volunteer Coach	Ms. Sadie Peters*
	Volunteer Coach	**Mrs. Jamie Kerr**
JH Girls Soccer	Assistant Coach	**Ms. Alex Thompson**
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Bold - denotes District employee *Denotes repeat		

6.B. Approval of the senior citizen and veteran athletic pass program:

6.C. Approval of the game workers for 2026/2027 school year athletic seasons:
Description:

Name
Mr. Zach Baker
Ms. Polly Close - Game Manager
Ms. Wanda Durst
Mr. Glenn Gross
Ms. Jean Hemminger
Mr. Dave Mapes
Ms. Nancy Rose
Mr. Dan Starry - Game Manager
Mr. Bob Vought
Ms. Cheryl Vought
Mr. Scott Yachere
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7. **Field Trips:**
Description: Presented as a policy and mentioned only as a report to the Board:

Requestor	**School**	**Destination**	**Departure Date**	**Return Date**
Sara Johnston	SH	Kennywood for Marching Band	08/17/2026	08/17/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	Away Game @ Penn Cambria for Marching Band	08/28/2026	08/28/2026

Angie Brumbaugh	JH	Flight 93 National Memorial-Somerset County Youth Chorus	09/10/2026	09/10/2026
Brea Baker	EV	5th Grade Mountain Craft Days	09/11/2026	09/11/2026
Grace Hosselrode	EV	Kamin Science Center-3rd Grade	10/29/2026	10/29/2026
Brea Baker	EV	Pasquerilla Center & Luray Park for 5th Gr	11/10/2026	11/10/2026
Lance McGough	JH	Laurel Hill State Park for JH Students	05/27/2027	05/27/2027

8. **Educational Conferences:**

8.A. Approval of educational conferences:
Description:

No.	Name	Conference/Workshop Title and Location	Date(s)	Cost	Funding Sourse
1.	Mrs. Hope Crowe	Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training	9/21-22/2026	$40	Title IV
2.	Mrs. Tricia Betta	PHEAA Financial Aid Update	09/18/2026	$14	Title IV

9. **Facility Requests:**

9.A. *Approval of Facilities requests:
Description:

No.	Requestor	Facility	Activity	Date (s)	Fee
1.	PIAA Basketball Officials	SH LGI, Room 174	Meetings	11/2/2026 11/9/2026 11/23/2026 12/7/2026	$0
2.	Somerset Area Soccer Club	Turf, 10U, 12U, and Gettinger field	Soccer games	Sundays September - November	$0
3.	Child Evangelism Fellowship of PA Inc.	MR Multi-Purpose Room	After-School Good News Club	Tuesdays September -	$0

				November	
4.	Laurel Arts Dance Center	SH Auditorium, cafeteria, clasrooms	Rhythms of Christmas	12/12/2026	$200
5.	25/250 Event	Field house, stadium, cross county field, and Gettinger field	Opening ceremonies, band performances, family activities, fireworks and drone show	8/5/2026	$0
6.	Jr. Eagle Volleyball	EV gym	Volleyball fundamentals (practice) for girls in (Grades 3-6)	Tuesdays Thursdays Saturdays	$0
7.	Somerset Soccer Boosters	SH room 174	Monthly soccer booster meetings	2nd Tuesdays of the month July 2026 - June 2027	$0
8.	Somerset Little Eagles Basketball (Grades 2 - 4)	JH gym	East Hills Basketball League practices	Tuesdays	$0
9.	Somerset Little Eagle football/cheer	JH gym	Cheer camp	8/15/2026	$0
10.	Laurel Arts/SASD Rock Band	SH auditorium	Concert Fundraiser	7/10/2026	$200
11.	East Hills Basketball Grade 3 Somerset girls	JH gym	Practice	Wednesdays September 2026	$0
*12.	Somerset Volleyball Club	JH gym	Volleyball tryouts	9/20&27/2026 9/21/2026	$0

10. **Closing Items:**

10.A. Address any additional, relevant matters

10.B. Adjourn the meeting: