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

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:30 PM
Board Room, Administrative Office
645 South Columbia Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501

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1. Notice of Executive Session: Starting at 5:00 PM

Description:

1. Personnel (as needed)
2. Student discipline matters (as needed)
3. Legal matters (as needed)

2. Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting:

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

3. Opening Items:

3.A. Call to Order:

3.B. Pledge of Allegiance:

3.C. Roll Call:

3.D. Public comment:

3.E. Agenda:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the Agenda, with items listed on it, for consideration at this meeting.

4. Consent Agenda:
Description:

Consent Agenda items:
August 25 2026, COW/Regular Meeting Minutes
Treasurer's Reports
Financial Report
Investment Report
Bills
2025- 2026 Budget Transfers

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve Consent Agenda, as listed above.

5. Operations:

5.A. KOZ Resolution:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the KOZ Resolution.

5.B. District expenditures:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the payment of any 2026/2027 school year expenditures due prior to the next month's Board meeting. These expenditures will appear on the following month's Board agenda.

5.C. PSBA Officer candidate discussion and vote:

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to authorize the Board Secretary to collect 2026 PSBA officer ballots from each board member.

5.D. Title I Schoolwide Plans:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the 2026/2027 Maple Ridge & Eagle View Title I Schoolwide Plans.

5.E. Agreements:
Description:

Agreement with	Agreement for	Time frame
The Reschini Group	Annual Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)	2026/2027
Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8	Agreement for School-Age Education Services	2026/2027

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the agreements, as listed.

6. Policies:
Description:

Policies	
100 Programs	102 - Academic Standards
	105 - Curriculum

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the first read for the revised policies as listed.

7. Education/Personnel:

7.A. FMLA Leave:
Description:

Employee	Leave Type	Beginning Effective Date	Ending Effective Date	Pay status
#293	FMLA	1/5/2027	2/8/2027	paid

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the FMLA leave, as listed above.

7.B. Unpaid leave:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve unpaid leave for employee #1501 for medical reasons from September 15, 2026 to October 2, 2026. It is noted that this employee is not eligible for FMLA leave due to part-time status.

7.C. PCCD - Student Support Staff position:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve Mrs. Heather Beech as the PCCD - Student Support Specialist at Eagle View Elementary. This is a 100% a grant- funded position.

7.D. NJHS co-advisor:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve Mrs. Hillary Piggott as the co-advisor for the NJHS for the 2026/2027 school year.

7.E. Staff assignments:
Description:

Assignments
Educational assistant assignments
SH co-curricular advisors
2026/2027 Planning Team revisions

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve following work assignments that were not attached to the previous month's agenda and the revised Planning Team roster for the 2026/2027 school year.

7.F. Golden Eagle Running Club:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve Mrs. Courtney Bench and Mrs. Heather Beech as the Golden Eagle Running Club co-advisors for the 2026/2027 school year.

7.G. Long-term substitute:
Description:

Employee #	LTS	Start Date	End Date
1428	Mrs. Nicole Cook	10/29/26	02/28/2026
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.			

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the long-term substitute, as listed, as per the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with the Somerset Area Education Association.

7.H. Long-term substitute revision:
Description:

Prior approved Substitute (8/25/2026)	New substitute	Regular Teacher	Beginning Effective Date	Ending Effective Date
Mrs. Rachel Bower (accepted a full-time position in another district)	Mrs. Darlene Willoughby	#1220	08/24/2026	11/24/2026
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.				

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the revision of the long-term substitute, as listed, as per the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with the Somerset Area Education Association.

7.I. Student teacher:
Description:

College/University attending	Student name	Cooperating teacher	Building
Penn West University	Matthew Woloski	Mrs. Heather Stankan	JH/SH
Appointment(s) of the above-listed candidates (S) is/are provisional until timely compliance with the District's Documentation Required for Employment and Volunteering policy is demonstrated.			

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the student teacher, as listed for the completion of his/her student teaching requirements during the Spring of 2027.

7.J. Ignite Education Solutions substitute personnel:
Description:

Name:	Certification:
Janet Higgins	Elementary
Hunter Bailey	EC
Savannah Harris	Sub Aide

Roger Johnston	Music

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the 2026/2027 substitute personnel, as listed, from Ignite Education Solutions.

8. Athletics:

8.A. Coach revision:

Description: Coach revision:

Sport	Position previously approved	New position	Name
Football	JH Assistant Coach	JH Volunteer Coach	Mr. Carter Shafer
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.			
Bold - denotes District employee *Denotes repeat			

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the 2026/2027 coach, as listed.

8.B. Lifeguard:

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve Gianna McKelvey as a lifeguard for the 2026/2027 school year.

9. Field Trips:

Description: Presented as a policy and mentioned only as a report to the Board:

Requestor	School	Destination and Group	Departure Date	Return Date
Sara Johnston	SH	Away Game VS Johnstown for Marching Band	09/11/2026	09/11/2026
Michael Benton	SH	Westmont High School for Scholastic Quiz	09/14/2026	09/14/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	Eagle View for Musical Arts Recruitment Bus	09/21/2026	09/21/2026

Michael Benton	SH	Westmont High School for Scholastic Quiz	09/21/2026	09/21/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	Away Game VS McCort for Marching Band	09/25/2026	09/25/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	Competition @ Conemaugh Township for Marching Band	09/26/2026	09/26/2026
Katie Spiri	SH	SH Music - Somerset Courthouse	09/29/2026	09/29/2026
Katie Bobby & Sue Geary	SH	Conemaugh Memorial Career Fair	09/30/2026	09/30/2026
Dawn Carder	SH	SC Mobile Food Bank Warehouse/Interact	10/01/2026	10/01/2026
Amy Buterbaugh	MR	Johnstown Children's Museum/Heritage Discovery Center - Kdg	10/01/2026	10/01/2026
Jenn Brougher	SH	Kimberly Run Natural Area for APES	10/01/2026	10/01/2026
Amy Buterbaugh	Mr	Johnstown Children's Museum/Heritage Discovery Center - Kdg	10/02/2026	10/02/2026
Kim Miller	EV	Burger King and Walmart for LSS	10/02/2026	10/02/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	Competition @ Cumberland, MD for Marching Band	10/03/2026	10/03/2026
Jenna Wintersteen	EV	Vale Wood Farms and Luray Playground - MR LSS and EV LSS /AS	10/05/2026	10/05/2026
Dawn Carder	SH	Greensburg Country Club/Interact	10/08/2026	10/08/2026
Spencer Brougher	SH	Laurel Summit State Park for Outdoor Club Hike	10/14/2026	10/14/2026
Tricia Betta	SH	College Fair - Armory	10/14/2026	10/14/2026
Kim Miller	EV	SEADS Garden Center and Luray Playground - AS/LSS Classrooms	10/16/2026	10/16/2026
Katie Spiri	SH	SH Ensemble - Somerset Church of the Brethren	10/16/2026	10/16/2026

Sara Johnston	SH	Away Game VS Clearfield for Marching Band	10/16/2026	10/16/2026
Ella Lauri	SH	Red Riboon Rally - Church of the Brethren for SADD	10/16/2026	10/16/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	Competition @ Johnstown for Marching Band	10/17/2026	10/17/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	Away Game VS Central Cambria for Marching Band	10/23/2026	10/23/2026
Brea Baker	EV	Flight 93 Memorial for 5th Gr	10/23/2026	10/23/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	Chapter Championships @ Juniata College for Marching Band	10/24/2026	10/24/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	Halloween Parade @ Johnstown for Marching Band	10/27/2026	10/27/2026
Katie Bobby	JH	IU08 Keystone Competition - 8th Grade Students	10/28/2026	10/28/2026
Jenna Wintersteen	EV	Camp Hamilton Halloween Party - EV AS/LSS and MR LSS	10/29/2026	10/29/2026
Sara Reichhold	JH	Camp Hamilton Windber for LSS	10/29/2026	10/29/2026
LuAnn Barron	SG	Kalahari Resort for FBLA State Leadership Workshop	10/31/2026	11/02/2026
Kaitlyn Niemiec	MR	Pittsburgh Children's Museum for Gr 1	11/12/2026	11/12/2026
Julianne Shetler	SH	Bellwood Antis for Reading Competition Gr	11/18/2026	11/18/2026
Ella Lauri	SH	Roberto Clemente Museum for Spanish Club	11/19/2026	11/19/2026
Angie Brumbaugh	JR	Heinz Hall - Jr/Sr High Orchestra	11/22/2026	11/22/2026
Josh Spaid	SH	SCTC 9th Grade Tour	11/24/2026	11/24/2026
LuAnn Barron	SH	ACM Bedford for FBLA-RLC	12/09/2026	12/09/2026
Steve Landis	SH	Philadelphia Historic District for AP US History	05/18/2027	05/18/2027

10. Educational Conferences:
Description:

No.	Name	Conference/Workshop Title and	Date(s)	Cost	Funding

		Location			Sourse
1.	Mrs. Katie Bobby	Gifted Boot Camp, IU8 Duncansville	10/5/2026	$67	Title IV
2.	Mrs. Katie Bobby	Gifted Network training	11/23/2026	$44	Title IV
3.	Mrs. Angela Wozniak	The Capacity Series (Internal Coaching), IU08 Altoona	9/16/2026 10/21/2026 11/18/2026 12/16/2026	$377	Title IV
4.	Mrs. Holly Lasure Mrs. Beth Lane Ms. Emily Bittner Mrs. Kaylan Gardner Ms. Julie Abel	Three Day TDA Series, IU08 Duncansville, PA	Title IV	1556	Title IV

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the educational conference, as listed.

11. Facility Requests:
Description:

No.	Requestor	Facility	Activity	Date (s)	Fee
1.	Junior Eagle Basketball	EV/JH gyms	Skill assessments, practices, games for grade 1-6 boys and girls	Various dates	$0
2.	East Hills basketball, grades 3-4 Ben Gallagher	EV/JH gyms	Practice	Various dates	$0
3.	East Hills basketball, Grades 3-4, James Mayer	EV gym	Practice	1–2 days per week/1 hour	$0
4.	Wrestling Boosters	JH caferteria	Booster meetings	1st Monday of every month except on Holidays	$0
5.	Spinnetts	MR gym	Baton twirling practice	Mondays & Wednesdays 10/1/2026 - 5/31/2027	$0
6.	Somerset Cheerleading	EV gym	Future Eagle Cheer Camp	9/27/2026	$0
7.	Somerset Area PTA	MR/EV	Student activities and fundraisers that benefit the students, staff, and parents	Various dates throughout the school year	$0
8.	Somerset Pickleball Club	JH gym and field house	Pickleball tournament	10/30/2026 10/31/2026 11/1/2026	$0

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the Facilities requests, as listed.

12. Closing Items:

12.A. Address any additional, relevant matters

12.B. Adjourn the meeting:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to adjourn the meeting.