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

Tuesday, October 27, 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 matters (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:
1. Starting rate for cafeteria staff
2. Sponsorship of girls softball field scoreboard
3. SCTC update
4. STEP apprenticeships
5. US News and World Report designation

3. Opening Items:

3.A. Call to Order:
Description: The meeting will be called to order by Mr. Brain Brant at _____.

3.B. Pledge of Allegiance:

3.C. Roll Call:
Description:

Board Member	Present	Excused
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		

4. Agenda:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the agenda with items on it for consideration at the meeting.

5. Consent Agenda:
Description:

Consent Agenda items:
Minutes - September 22, 2026 COW/Regular Meeting
Treasurer's Reports
Financial Report
Investment Report
Bills

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve consent agenda items, as listed.

6. Operations:

6.A. Agreements:
Description:

Agreement with	Agreement for	Time frame
Red Rover Technologies, LLC	Master Service agreement	2027/2028 school year
The Children's Aid Home Programs of Somerset County Inc.	Service agreement — Partial Hospitalization Program	2026/2027 school year
Berlin Brothersvalley School District	Multiple Disabilities Support Classroom Services agreement for SASD students	2026/2027 school year

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

7. Education/Personnel:

7.A. Resignation:
Description:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Mrs. Sherry Yutzy	Educational assistant — MR	10/23/2026

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to accept, with regret, the resignations, as listed.

7.B. FMLA Leaves:
Description:

Employee	Leave Type	Beginning Effective Date	Ending Effective Date	Pay status
#1428	Childbearing Childrearing	10/29/2026 12/11/2026	12/10/2026 02/05/2027	paid unpaid
#47	FMLA	12/09/2026	1/20/2027	paid and unpaid
#579	Intermittent FMLA	9/9/2026	12/13/2026	paid
#1220	FMLA	10/19/2026 11/17/2026	11/16/2026 12/23/2026	paid unpaid

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

7.C. Educational assistant:
Description:

Name	Position	Start Date
Mrs. Kathy Mowry	EV Learning Support	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.

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approved the educational assistant, as listed.

7.D. PCCD - Student Support Staff position rescindment:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to rescind Heather Beech as the PCCD - Student Support Specialist at Eagle View Elementary for the 2026/2027 school year.

7.E. PCCD - Student Support Staff position:
Description:

Name	Start Date
Mrs. Jamie Bastidas	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.	

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the PCCD - Student Support Staff member, as listed.

7.F. Substitute teachers:
Description:

2026/2027 Ignite Substitutes		
First Name	**Last Name**	**Certification Area**
Ben	Cotchen	Social Studies 7-12
Maddie	Reed	Supplemental Health
Phyllis	Troyan	Biology
Nora	Penrod	Supplemental Health
Appointment(s) of the above-listed candidates(s) is/are provisional until timely compliance with the Districts Documentation Required for Employment and Volunteering policy is demonstrated.		
***EC- Emergency Certification**		

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

8. Athletics:

8.A. Coaching:
Description:

Sport	Position	Name
Varsity Boys Basketball	Volunteer coach	Mr. Hank Sembower
JH Boys Wrestling	Assistant coach	Mr. John Mort
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 coaches, as listed.

8.B. Coach change:
Description:

Sport	Previously approved position	New position	Name
Wrestling	Volunteer coach (approved 6/2026)	Assistant coach	Mr. Nate Phillips

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

8.C. Coaching rescindments:
Description:

Sport	Previous positions (approved 6/2026)	Name:	Effective end date
Wrestling	Volunteer coach	Mr. Austin Hemminger	10/16/2026
Cross County	Volunteer coach	Mrs. Morgan Waldschmidt	10/1/2026

Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to rescind the previously approved coaches, as listed.

8.D. Game worker:
Description:

Name	Position
Mr. Seth Cramer	Game worker
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 additional game worker, as listed.

8.E. JH girls wrestling:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the district's sponsorship of JH girls wrestling as a PIAA-endorsed sport, beginning with the 2026/2027 school year.

8.F. Varsity girls golf:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the district's sponsorship of varsity girls golf as a PIAA-endorsed sport, beginning with the 2026/2027 school year.

8.G. Somerset Sportman's club:
Recommended Motion(s):
Motion to approve the donation to the Somerset Sportman's Club in the amount of $2,000 for the use of the range for our rifle team.

9. Field Trips:
Description: Presented as a policy and mentioned only as a report to the Board:

Requester	School	Destination and Group	Departure Date	Return Date
Michael Benton	SH	Westmont High School for Scholastic Quiz	09/28/2026	09/28/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	Jazz Clinic at Meyersdale High School	10/01/2026	10/01/2026
Michael Benton	SH	Westmont High School for Scholastic Quiz	10/05/2026	10/05/2026
Randy Harrold	SH	SCTC for FFA	10/08/2026	10/08/2026
Michael Benton	SH	Westmont High School for Scholastic Quiz	10/12/2026	10/12/2026
Katie Spiri	SH	Rockwood JH/SH for District Chorus Pre-Auds	10/18/2026	10/18/2026
Julianne Shetler	JH	Penn Highlands College UCS Youth Summit - Unified Bocce and Best Buddies	10/19/2026	10/19/2026
Michael Benton	SH	Westmont High School for Scholastic Quiz	10/19/2026	10/19/2026
Randy Harrold	SH	Indianapolis for National FFA Convention	10/21/2026	10/24/2026
Katie Bobby & Sue Geary	SH	Mount Aloysius Health Science Club	10/22/2026	10/22/2026
Kelley Thompson	MR	Laurel Caverns for Grade 2	10/23/2026	10/23/2026
Michael Benton	SH	Westmont High School for Scholastic Quiz	10/26/2026	10/26/2026

Amy Beech	SH	Cambria Heights Sr High School for Forensics	10/28/2026	10/28/2026
Michael Benton	SH	Westmont High School for Scholastic Quiz	11/02/2026	11/02/2026
Katie Bobby	SH	St. Vincent College-Planetarium and FRI	11/03/2026	11/03/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	County Band @ Rockwood HS, Day 1	11/04/2026	11/04/2026
Jenn Brougher	SH	Outdoor Club ASCEND Point Breeze Trip	11/04/2026	11/04/2026
Michael Benton	SH	Westmont High School for Scholastic Quiz	11/04/2026	11/04/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	County Band @ Rockwood HS, Day 2	11/05/2026	11/05/2026
Ella Lauri	SH	SADD - SCTC	11/05/2026	11/05/2026
Chad Shetler	JH	Giant Eagle (Somerset) for LSS	11/05/2026	11/05/2026
Michael Benton	SH	CTC for Engineering Day	11/12/2026	11/12/2026
Sara Johnston	SH	District Band Pre-Auds @ Penn Cambria High School	11/15/2026	11/15/2026
Katie Bobby & Sue Geary	SH	St. Francis University Health Science Club	11/18/2026	11/18/2026
Randy Harrold	SH	SCTC for FFA	11/19/2026	11/19/2026
Susan Geary	SH	Allegheny General Health Science Club Open-Heart Surgery	12/01/2026	12/01/2026
Sara Reichhold	JH	SCTC for LSS	12/04/2026	12/04/2026
Spencer Brougher	SH	Seven Springs for High School Ski Club	01/13/2027	01/13/2027
Jenn Brougher	SH	Conemaugh Power plant for AP	02/04/2027	02/04/2027
Ashley Morris	JH	UPJ - MathCounts Regional Competition	02/20/2027	02/20/2027

10. Educational Conferences:
Description:

No.	Name	Conference/Workshop Title, Location	Date(s)	Cost	Funding Source
1.	Mrs. Juilanne Shetler	Appalachia IU08 Library Network (Fall), Richland	10/4/2026	$84	Title IV
2.	Mrs. Chelsey Svonavec Mrs. Amber Contrillo Mrs. Joyce Robley	Exploring and Maximizing the Reading-Writing Connection, IU08, Altoona	1/12/2027	$625	Title IV
3.	Mrs. Kimberly Miller	The Capacity Series: Coaching Strategies for Data Systems, IU08 Altoona	11/18/2026	$152	Title IV
4.	Mrs. Kimberly Miller	The Capacity Series: Making Every Moment Teachable, IU08 Altoona	12/16/2026	$152	Title IV
5.	Mr. Marc Cacciotti	Division of Federal Programs Fall Regional Workshop	10/27/2026	$92.40	Title IV

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

11. Facilities requests:

Description:

No.	Requestor	Facility	Activity	Date (s)	Fee
1.	Somerset Peewee Wrestling	SH & JH Gym, Varsity wrestling room, SH cafeteria, SH girls locker room, SH LGI room	Wrestling Tournament	1/8&9/2027	$250 held from the previous year
2.	Somerset Peewee Wrestling	SH Gym, girls locker room, SH wrestling room	Local County Duels	1/10/2027	-0-
3.	Somerset Peewee Wrestling	Field house	Practice	Tuesdays & Thursdays 11/10/2026 - 3/4/2027	-0-
4.	LK Lightning	Field house	Softball skill development	Saturdays & Sundays 11/2026 - 3/2027	$35 per use
5.	Somerset Volleyball Club	SH gym and cafeteria	Practice and parent meeting	11/8/2026	$35 per use
6.	USMA Admissions	SH gym, wrestling room and track	Required Military Academy Fitness Test	7/7/2027	$0
7.	Mens Volleyball League	JH gym	Games	10/7/2026	$45 per use/26 days = $1170
8.	East Hills Basketball Team	EV gym	Practices	9/23-30/2026 10/2/2026	$0
9.	SAAT	Pool & concession	Swim meet	10/10/2026 2/13/2027	$0
10.	Special Olympics - Somerset	All	Athletic Training	11/2026 - 4/2027	$0
11.	American Red Cross	Field house	Blood drive	12/10/2026	$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.
