



TOWN OF SOMERSET MEETING NOTICE

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Name of Board or Committee: Somerset Berkley Regional School Committee

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Location of Meeting: Somerset Berkley Regional High School Library, 625 County Street, Somerset

Robin Vaccaro, Recording Secretary, August 13, 2026

Clerk/Board Member posting notice & date

Cancelled or postponed to: _____
(circle cancelled/postponed)

Clerk/Board Member cancelling/postponing meeting

AGENDA / LIST OF TOPICS

Mission Statement: Somerset Berkley Regional High School will provide a safe supportive and rigorous learning environment that fosters a culture of inclusion, innovation and continuous improvement in which all key stakeholders, including students, staff, faculty, administrators and volunteers, are challenged to achieve their full potential and individual goals; encouraged to be innovative problem solvers and effective communicators; instructed to be purposeful and responsible users of technology and inspired to be positive and caring contributors to the local community and global society.

Call the meeting to order at _____ due notice having been posted.

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, any person may make an audio or video recording of this public meeting or may transmit the meeting through any medium. Attendees are therefore advised that such recordings or transmissions may be made whether perceived or unperceived by those present and are deemed acknowledged and permissible.

Members Present:

Kimberly Ferreira, Chair
Robert Gaw, Vice Chair
Jenifer Andrews
Carlton Medeiros
Michael Pasternak
Leisel Sullivan
John Ventura

Administration Present:

Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Schoonover Ed.D.
Director of Special Education, Megan Ashton

Pledge of Allegiance

- The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Somerset Berkley Regional High School Library.

6:01 pm Executive Session: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so

declares **[American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Administrative Assistants and Custodians Contracts] and Side Letter of Agreement with Paraprofessionals (Long-Term Substitute Teacher Assignments)**

New Business

1. Discuss and Act on Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for Custodian Contract July1, 2026 to June 30, 2029
2. Discuss and Act on Approval of Side Letter of Agreement with Paraprofessionals Regarding Long-Term Substitute Teacher Assignments
3. Somerset Friends of Music
 - a. Membership Update
 - b. Overview of 2026 Musictown Festival
4. Consider and Act on Approval of 2026-2027 Student and Family Handbook
5. Discuss and Act on Reappointment of Dr. Staci Resnick as School Physician for the 2026-2027 School Year
6. July 28, 2026 Joint Retreat Follow-up
 - a. Open Meeting Law Violation Self-Disclosure - Artificial Intelligence and School Safety
 - b. Draft Operating Protocols
7. June Visionaries of the Month: Margaret Arena (Empathetic), Evan Garcia (Respectful), Emily Lacasse (Empathetic), Damon Liu (Academic), Peyton Morosco (Digital Citizen), Hunter Nery (Digital Citizen), Khloe Ponte (Resilient), Jeremiah Rodrigues (Independent)
8. Superintendent's Update
 - a. Evening School Graduation
 - b. Strategic Plan
 - c. Track Resurfacing Project
 - d. South Coast Educational Collaborative and READS Collaborative Quarterly Reports
 - e. Appointments: Joanna Mankin and Leslie Walbridge (Guidance Counselors), Courtney Pacheco (Speech & Language Pathologist), Garry Conrad (Van Driver), Emily Marques (Paraprofessional)
 - f. Resignations: Alison Loranger (Adjustment Counselor), Tanya McCarthy (Guidance Counselor), Avery Gluchaki (Paraprofessional)

Public Input on Topics on the Agenda

Financial Matters

1. Financial Statements: June and July
2. Discuss and Act on Prepayment of Special Education Tuitions
3. Discuss and Act on Sound System Upgrades

Policies for First Reading

1. Time-Out, Seclusion, and Physical Restraint of Students (JKAA) – MASC Rewritten Policy
2. Unscheduled Early Dismissal Emergency Procedures-One School (EBCE-R) - Remove
3. Special Education Transportation (EEAB) – Revise
4. Access to Buildings and Grounds (ECAB) – Revise
5. Bus Driver Examination and Training (EEAEA) – Revise
6. School Choice (JFBB) - Revise
7. Administration of Medication to Students (JLCD) – Revise
8. Self-Administration and Self-Carry of Medications (JLCDC) – New
9. Parent Advisory Councils/PACs (KBG) – Revise
10. Community Use of School Facilities (KF)

Other Matters/Informational

1. Berkley and Somerset Public Schools Updates
2. Topics not Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
3. Action Items for Future Meetings
4. Consider Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings
 - a. June 16, 2026 Open Session
 - b. June 23, 2026 Joint Open Session Minutes
 - c. June 30, 2026 Open Session Minutes
 - d. July 28, 2026 Joint Open Session
 - e. Consider Approval of, and Release as Redacted, the Executive Session Minutes of:
 - i. June 16, 2026
 - ii. June 30, 2026

The Committee Reserves the Right to Take Items on the Agenda Out of Order

Every Agenda Item May Require Action

If you need reasonable accommodations in order to participate in the meeting, contact ADA Coordinator, Robin Vaccaro, at 508.324.3100 ext. 3215 in advance of the meeting. While the district will do its best to accommodate you, certain accommodations require the hiring of outside contractors who may not be available if requested immediately before the meeting.

RAIDER: Resilient, Academic, Independent, Digital-Citizens, Empathetic, Respectful

AFSCME: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

READS: Regional Educational Assessment and Diagnostic Services

MASC: Massachusetts Association of School Committees

Joint Meeting = Somerset Berkley Regional School Committee and Somerset School Committee