**TOWN OF SOMERSET**

**MEETING NOTICE**

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Town Clerk

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**Name of Board or Committee: Somerset Berkley Regional School Committee**
**Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm**
**Location of Meeting: Somerset Berkley Regional High School Library, 625 County Street, Somerset**

Robin Vaccaro, Recording Secretary, October 15, 2026
**Clerk/Board Member posting notice & date**

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

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Clerk/Board Member cancelling/postponing meeting

**REVISED 10-16-26 1:30 PM**

# 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
Student Representative, Isabella Giardini

**Administration Present:**
Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Schoonover Ed.D.
Chief Financial Officer, Kayla Marsden
Director of Teaching & Learning, Tracy Curley, Ed.D.
Director of Special Education, Megan Ashton

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Somerset Berkley Regional High School Library.

**Student Teaching & Learning**

1. Student Representative Report

2. September RAIDERS of the Month: Gavin Altenburger (Respectful), Savannah Botelho (Digital Citizen), Connor Copley (Empathetic), Mia DeCosta (Independent), Laylah Kelsey (Resilient), Miles Medeiros (Academic), Lucy Pawlowski (Academic), Aubrey Silveira (Resilient)

**New Business**

**1. Consider and Act on Update to Student/Family Handbook**

2. Consider and Act on Approval of Administrative Assistant Memorandum of Agreement for the period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029
3. Consider and Act on 2022-2026 Executive Session Minutes Determination Whether to Release in Full, Release with Additional Information Unredacted, or Maintain Existing Redactions
4. Superintendent's Update
    a. Update on Corrections for Integrated Monitoring Review Findings
    b. Transportation Update/Bus Routes
    c. Professional Development Update
    d. Appointments: Monique Nadeau (Nurse), Andrea Johnston and Donna Williams (Food Service), Adrianna Oliveira and Hadley Doel (Paraprofessionals)
    e. Resignations: None
5. Consider and Act on MASC Resolutions for Support, Opposition or Amendment
    a. Safe Zones
    b. Vocational/Technical Representation on the MA Board of Elementary & Secondary Education
    c. Vocational/Technical Representation on the MA School Building Authority Board
    d. Regarding Clarification of Seclusion Standards within Emergency Behavioral Response
    e. Allowing Regional School Committees to Access Special Education Reserve Funds by a Majoring Vote of the School Committee
6. Consider and Act on Reauthorization of Previously Approved Resolutions Set to Expire
    a. Regarding Investigations and Recommendations for Transportation Bidding Procedures
    b. Full, Stable Funding for Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO)
    c. MA School Building Authority Assistance Programs

**Public Input on Topics on the Agenda**

**Financial Matters**

1. September Financial Statement
2. 2025-2026 Budget – Year-End Review

~~**3. Consider and Act on Prepayment of Special Education Tuitions**~~

4. Consider and Act on Establishment of Class of 2030 Student Activity Account

**5. Consider and Act on Establishment of a Transportation Revolving Fund**

**Policies**

1. Approval of First Reading, and Consider Waiving the Second Reading of, Life-Threatening Allergy (JLC-1)

**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. Acceptance of a Donation of a Yamaha Clarinet and Lemeinhardt Flute from the David M. Moraes Foundation
4. Acceptance of a Donation of $50,000 from Breaking Bread to Purchase YouScience Program
5. Action Items for Future Meetings

6. Consider Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings
    a. September 15, 2026 Open Session Minutes
    b. Consider Approval of, and Release as Redacted, the Executive Session Minutes of September 15, 2026

**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 **[Somerset Teachers Association Collective Bargaining]**

***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**
**MASC: Massachusetts Association of School Committees**
**MA: Massachusetts**