

Somerset County Vocational Board of Education
14 Vogt Drive
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807

Special Meeting
March 12, 2026

Call to Order

Roll Call of Members

Gregory Lavee, President
Adam Beder, Vice President
Matthew Loper
Lily Wong
Roger Jinks

Also Present

Robert Presuto, Superintendent of Schools
Raelene Sipple, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the requirement of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, Ch. 231, P.L. 1975 and posted on the District Website on March 10, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Action Items:

A. Adoption of the Tentative Proposed Budget – 2026-2027 School Year

It is recommended the Board of Education approve and authorize submission of the tentative proposed 2026-2027 School Year Somerset County Vocational & Technical School District budget in the amount of \$20,785,385 to the Somerset County Superintendent of Schools which includes the County tax levy of \$14,523,019 and withdraw from capital reserve of \$916,950.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Appropriations	\$19,597,960	\$1,187,425	\$20,785,385
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$ 5,074,941</u>	<u>\$1,187,425</u>	<u>\$ 6,262,366</u>
County Taxes	\$14,523,019	\$0	\$14,523,019

B. For Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement – 2026-27 School Year

It is recommended the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Somerset County Vocational Board of Education recognizes school staff and board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or further the efficient operation of the school district, and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A23A-7.2 et. seq. requires board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the board, and

Whereas, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-1.2, which includes attendance at regularly scheduled in-State professional development activities for which the registration fee does not exceed the State-established CPI-adjusted threshold, where prior board

approval shall not be required unless that annual threshold or a staff member exceeds \$1,500 in a given school year (July 1 through June 30), and

Whereas, the Board of Education established \$1,500 as the maximum travel amount for regular district business travel for each employee for the school year;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq., to be in compliance with State travel regulations and consistent with guidelines established by the New Jersey Department of Education.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Lalevee		
Mr. Beder		
Mr. Loper		
Ms. Wong		
Mr. Jinks		

- C. Waiver Requirements - Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program
The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education authorize the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent an appropriate waiver of requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2026-27 school year.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Lalevee		
Mr. Beder		
Mr. Loper		
Ms. Wong		
Mr. Jinks		

Public Comment

Adjournment

On motion by _____, seconded by _____ and passed, the meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.