

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Monday June 13, 2016 – Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m. - Somerville High School Library

Members present: Ms. Palmer, Ms. Pitone, Mr. Roix, Mr. Futrell, Mr. Green, Mr. Bockelman and Ms. Normand

Members absent: Alderman White and Mayor Curtatone

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Carrie Normand called a Regular Meeting of the School Committee to order in the Library of Somerville High School at 7:04 p.m., with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag of the United States of America. Ms. Normand asked for a roll call, the results of which are as follows: - Present – 7 – Palmer, Pitone., Roix, Futrell, Green, Bockelman and Normand and ABSENT – 2 – Curtatone and White

II. AWARDS AND CITATIONS

A. Somerville High School Athletic Awards

- Somerville High School Boys' Tennis Team
Coach Michael Morgan assisted School Committee Chair Carrie Normand as she presented citations to members of the Boys' Tennis Team. This is the first time the team won the league championship and we are all very proud of these young men. Mr. Oteri shared that this team also has the best combined GPA (3.9) at Somerville High School and commended them for being outstanding student-athlete leaders.
- Somerville High School Girls' Crew Team
The Girls' Crew Team and their coaches were recognized for winning their first GBL plaque and other accomplishments during their season. Team members and coaches were presented with citations (copy at end of minutes).
- Phillips Magre - Division I 400m Champion
Coach David Dickerson accompanied Phillips as he received a citation (copy at end of these minutes) recognizing him for helping Somerville High School to two years of GBL Championships. Phillips is the Division I 400m Champion and is also the record holder in this event for Somerville High School.

Field Trip Approval

- **April 13-22, 2017** Somerville High School students to Spain/Portugal. Transportation via plane and bus with an estimated cost of \$2,950 per student. Fundraising will be ongoing.

Mr. Jim Nocito and teachers, Heloisa Taveira, Becca Bowen and Gino Colantuono were present to answer questions regarding the trip to Spain and Portugal planned for next April vacation week. Discussion ensued among members and the staff regarding the following:

- How student attendees are selected
- The availability of one full scholarship
- Cost of trip
- Arrangements for students whose families cannot afford the cost

MOTION: To approve the field trip to Spain and Portugal.
The motion was approved via voice vote.

- **August 26-29, 2016** SHS students to football/soccer camp overnight, in Brewster, MA. Transportation via school bus with a cost of \$100 per student.

MOTION: To approve the field trip to the sports camp.
The motion was approved via voice vote.

B. Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent's Awards

Mrs. Skipper announced that she was pleased to recognize the top two students in this year's graduating class -

- Donovan Palmer – Salutatorian for the class
Donovan is a three season athlete. He is on the Varsity Football team in the Fall, Varsity Basketball in the winter, and Ultimate Frisbee in the spring. He is also a member of the orchestra for 4 years (violin), and a peer mediator in our Mediation Program. He has managed to handle this full schedule every year while challenging our most demanding academic program and is Salutatorian for the class of 2016. He is an impressive young man. He is well liked and respected by both staff and his peers and has received a full scholarship to Trinity College in Connecticut where he will attend this Fall.
- Naomi Rafal – Valedictorian for the class
Naomi Rafal is a product of the Somerville Public Schools from SMILE to SHS. She has been an active member of the schools' peer mediation program since grade 6 and of the high school's musical since grade 10. She founded an acappella group at the high school as a Freshman and has been involved in the Boston Children's Chorus for ten years, ultimately serving as President of its Premier Choir as a Senior. This past year she worked with the Somerville Public Libraries and the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative as the founding donor of toy lending programs. Naomi was the recipient of a National Merit Scholarship and of DCU's national Memorial Scholarship. She looks forward to beginning her college career at Harvard University in August.

Ms. Pitone joined the Superintendent and Naomi at the microphone and presented Naomi with a certificate in recognition of Naomi being awarded a scholarship from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

The School Committee meeting recessed at 7:38 p.m. to allow members to congratulate our honorees. The meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

Ms. Normand announced that we would take the next item out of order:

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Somerville High School Building Committee Update

Building Committee representatives Tony Pierantozzi, Matt Rice and Chad Crittenden presented an update on the project to the School Committee. A copy of the presentation is included at the end of these minutes. This presentation included the following information:

- The decision to choose Option 4B for the school design
- Important upcoming dates –
- Layout of new building
- The relocation of Next Wave/Full Circle to the new site
- Costs and reimbursement
- MSBA cap and eligible services for coverage by MSBA
- Parking
- The inclusion of a possible debt reduction override vote on the ballot this fall to cover the costs
- Construction dates
- Impact on students

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 16, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Bockelman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, to approve the minutes. The motion was approved via voice vote.

IV. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Educational Programs and Instruction Subcommittee: May 10 (Mr. Roix)

The Educational Programs subcommittee met in the Central Office Conference room at 8 Bonair Street at 7:00 PM on May 10, 2016.

In attendance were Steve Roix, Laura Pitone and Andre Green; also Superintendent Mary Skipper and Vince McKay. Also in attendance were School Committee members Carrie Normand, Paul Bockelman, Dan Futrell, Lee Palmer and several members of the Somerville Public Schools staff.

First on our agenda was an update from the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative, or SFLC, in the form of a multimedia presentation from Dr. Sarah Davila, who was joined by 6 or 7 of her staff including a number of the school based family liaisons.

Dr. Davila talked about the long term strategic planning the SFLC is engaged in, which she broadly broke down into 4 strands:

- Family in Community
- Leadership in Advocacy
- Teaching and Learning
- Whole Child Education

With each strand Dr. Davila mapped out short term and longer term strategies, and linked the shorter term strategies to the SFLC's components of the still then Superintendent's proposed budget. This was helpful and a timely update for myself in going into the budget approval process just completed to see the budget requests mapped directly to the short term goals but also to be able to see the longer term vision for this department that serves so many families and is particularly important to the often challenging work of connecting to the families of some of our most high risk students so that we can support those families with either direct services and family education and often with referrals to other providers and resources in our community - all with the goal of supporting families so that they can better support their child's education.

Second on our agenda was another summer programming update, summer school coordinator Glenda Soto was once again with us, and many exciting changes there as I said in my last report the theme is around systematizing and connecting all of the many programs that are available to Somerville Public School students during the summer vacation months, both our own Somerville Public School programs and also those provided in our buildings by both the city's recreation department and other outside providers. Anyone interested in more information about what is available for our students this summer, I encourage you to check out the beautiful new Somerville Public Schools Summer programming brochure that has been published electronically - where I saw it, one of the District's social media feeds - but I'm guessing it will be available in print at our schools also - but it's a very nice attractive and informative brochure about the revamped summer experience we are offering and I commend Ms. Soto for putting it together, and I should say that when I did complement her on it she was quick to credit Susana Morgan for her assistance as well, so thank you to both and to anyone else who contributed or will contribute both to the brochure or more importantly to the summer programming itself. Both our staff and our community partners, and the City rec department and especially the DPW, who does a lot of work on our buildings in the summer and is a crucial partner to make sure we have the space available for our efforts to improve the summer experience.

And of course, included in the Summer update, no less importantly Dr. McKay provided us with a catalog of summer professional development courses and opportunities for our teachers to hone their skills and expand their teaching toolboxes over the summer, so that was very informative to be able to take a look at that and ask some questions.

Last but not least, Dr. Lisa Kuh was there as well and gave us a memo and an accompanying update on the ongoing work of the early childhood steering committee as they work to meet the goal of universal kindergarten readiness, so we received updates on the expansion of our partnership with head start and which started at the Healey and will expand to a classroom at the Capuano School next year, also some programmatic changes to that Healey School head start program as it enters its third year, based on what's been learned since it was piloted. She also outlined the expansion of afterschool availability for 4 year-olds in District programs, very important to working parents, expanding afterschool for 4 years olds to the west Somerville, and also as we've mentioned before the opportunity to accept income based childcare vouchers for 4 year-olds as we've talked about at this committee several times in the past 2 years or so, so I'm glad again to hear that is something that will hopefully give an opportunity to allow many more of our families to utilize our outstanding in-district pre-K programming. And Dr. Kuh also highlighted a couple of other items relating to our formal community partners which whom we are working to align kindergarten readiness for 4 year-olds in Somerville who are not in our in-district programming, specifically our partnerships with Head Start, the Elizabeth Peabody House, the Somerville YMCA, preschool, and the Open Center, and those partnerships involve instructional coaching and professional development for teachers at those providers, and aligning needs assessments and curriculum. Lastly 2 grants Dr. Kuh referenced, one is for \$40,000 to do strategic planning for - exactly what we're doing - expanding preschool programming for low income children in a mixed delivery

system, and Somerville was one of only 13 communities to receive that - and also an \$11,000 grant from the Taly foundation to do preschool curriculum development work.

So very important, very exciting updates at this meeting and we adjourned about 8:45.

And I move to accept the report of the chair of the Educational Programs subcommittee for the May 10 2016 meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Roix made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, to accept the report of the Chair of the Educational Programs and Instruction Subcommittee for the meeting of May 10, 2016.

Mr. Bockelman assumed the Chair so that Ms. Normand could provide her reports on recent meetings:

B. School Committee Meeting for Personnel: May 31 (Ms. Normand)

The School Committee Meeting for Personnel took place on May 31 ,2016 in the conference room at 8 Bonair Street.

In Attendance: Paul Bockelman, Steve Roix, Andre Green, Laura Pitone, President of the Board of Alderman Bill White, Superintendent Mary Skipper, Assistant Superintendent Vince McKay, Director of Operations Joe Tringale, and Director of Special Education Candidate Christine Trevisone and seven audience members.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

There were two items on the agenda:

1. Director of Special Education Candidate Meeting

Superintendent Mary Skipper recommended the School Committee approve Christine Trevisone as the next Director of Special Education. Superintendent Skipper started gave an overview of the hiring process that included meetings with members of the community prior to writing the job description, a screening of resumes, an interview committee with members of the community which forwarded four finalist names to the Superintendent, she then interviewed candidates and did references checks, and decided to put only one name forward to the School Committee. The Superintendent cited Ms. Trevisone's experience as Assistant Special Education for Somerville, along with prior experience in other districts, as demonstrating the candidate's ability to develop and implement new programming. The Superintendent also cited Ms. Trevisone's knowledge of behavioral programming, experience with high schools, and a commitment to keeping a child focused approach to Special Education as reasons for her recommendation.

Ms. Trevisone made an opening statement thanking the School Committee for considering her candidacy, the importance she places on a collaborative and student focused approach to developing and implementing and Individualized Education Program, and her experience developing and implementing special education programs.

Members of the School Committee asked many question including: What's your vision for Somerville's Special Education? How would you improve services? How would you reach out to parents? How do you define inclusion? What is your experience with new programs? In her answers, Ms. Trevisone described her approach as being a collaborative approach including Special Education staff, general education staff, families, and, when appropriate, students in the process. She emphasized that every member of the team has a shared responsibility for each student's education. As examples of her experience developing and implementing new programming, Ms. Trevisone described the changes to the life skills and study skills programming at Somerville High School. She described the training she attended with members of Somerville's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) as an example of working collaboratively with families. Ms. Trevisone described her leadership style as one of active listening and participation including time in each of the schools on a regular basis. She made several references to the importance of accurately diagnosing each student's disability or multi-disabilities and the need to develop an IEP appropriate to each student. In her closing remarks, Ms. Trevisone thanked the School Committee for considering her candidacy and restated the importance for having high expectation for students and supporting them to achieve their goals.

The School Committee deliberated. Mr. Bockelman made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Christine Trevisone as Director of Special Education and to authorize the Superintendent to enter into contract negotiations with Ms. Trevisone, Mr. Roix seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2. Review of Job Descriptions: Director of Career and Technical Education and Community Education Administrator

Assistant Superintendent McKay brought two job descriptions to the School Committee for consideration. Dr. McKay explained that the Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE) has expanded with the addition

of the FAB/LAB at Somerville High School, collaborating with the Mayor's Job Council to develop an adult technical institute, and develop interdisciplinary programming for elementary schools along with other duties. Mr. Bockelman moved to approve the new job description, Mr. Green seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent McKay presented a job description for the creation of a Student Services Coordinator for Somerville Community School Program. The district is strengthening its afterschool programming and this is one component of plan. The position will consult with teaching staff and individual Site Coordinators to provide direct, hands-on, support to assure the success of children in the Community School program. Mr. Green moved to approved the job description, seconded by Ms. Pitone, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

MOTION: To accept the report and minutes of the School Committee meeting for Personnel of May 31, 2016.

C. School Committee Meeting for Executive Session: May 31 (Ms. Normand)

The following actions were discussed in Executive Session and are being brought forward this evening for approval:

MOTION: Ms. Normand made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roix, to approve sick leave buy backs for Mary DiGuardia in the amount of \$6,000 (150 days @ \$40 per day) and Barbara O'Brien in the amount of \$5,760 (144 days @ \$44 per day).

The motion was approved via voice vote.

MOTION: Ms. Normand made a motion, seconded by Mr. Futrell, to approve a salary adjustment of 5% for FY17 for all principals, with the exception of the new principal at the AFA.

The motion was approved via voice vote.

D. School Committee Meeting for Long Range Planning; May 31 (Ms. Normand)

The School Committee met for Long Range Planning on May 31, 2016 in the Central Office conference room at 8 Bonair Street.

In Attendance: Carrie Normand, Paul Bockelman, Steve Roix, Andre Green, Laura Pitone, Superintendent Mary Skipper, and Assistant Superintendent Vince McKay and one audience member.

Meeting called to ordered at 8:40 pm.

There were three items on the agenda:

1. Field Trip Approval

Mr. Bockelman moved to approve the Brown School's trip to Nature's Classroom and Somerville Boys' Track trip National Scholastic Championship meet, Mr. Green seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Somerville High School Building Project

Mr. Bockelman moved to authorized the Chair to sign the Somerville High School Building Project Local Actions and Approvals Certification, Mr. Roix seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. School Committee Goals and Metrics

Superintendent Skipper presented the School Committee with six-eight possible metrics for each of the district goals. Each member was given two stickers to place next to his/her top priorities. Some metrics had significantly more votes than others. The Superintendent, in conjunction with her staff, will rework the social/emotional metrics. The School Committee vote on the finalized version of the district goals and metrics at Long Range Planning on Wednesday, June 22nd.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:20 pm.

MOTION: Ms. Normand made a motion, seconded by Mr. Green, to accept the report and minutes of the School Committee meeting for Long Range Planning of May 31, 2016.

The motion was approved via voice vote.

Ms. Normand resumed the Chair.

E. School Committee Meeting for Finance & Facilities: June 1 (Mr. Bockelman)

The School Committee met for Finance & Facilities on June 1, 2016 in the Conference Room at 42 Cross Street.

Members present: Paul Bockelman, Dan Futrell, Andre Green, Laura Pitone, Lee Palmer, Carrie Normand, Steve Roix. Also in attendance: Assistant Superintendent McKay, David Green, and Finance Director Durette and two audience members.

Mr. Bockelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. School Lunch and Breakfast Eligibility

Lauren Mancini, the School Department's Nutrition Director, presented the option of providing free breakfast and lunch to all students in specified schools without collecting applications. A school district can use this option if its schools have 40% or more students certified for free meals without an application. The advantages of this program are that it eliminates a significant amount of administrative work and increase the participation of students.

With the support of the Superintendent, Ms. Mancini recommended that we implement a pilot program for the 2016-2017 school year at the Healey School and at Next Wave/Full Circle.

After extensive discussion around why those particular schools were selected and whether other schools should be included, Ms. Pitone moved to approve the request to implement a pilot program for Community Eligibility for the Healey, Next Wave, and Full Circle schools and to have the Nutrition Director report back to the School Committee with a progress report and recommendation as to whether other schools should be included in December 2016. Ms. Palmer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. School Lunch Prices

Ms. Mancini then presented a memo outlining her recommendation that student paid lunch prices be increased in accordance with Federal law. After discussion, Mr. Roix moved to increase the price for pre-kindergarten to 8th grade from \$2.50 to \$2.75 and increase the price for high school lunch from \$2.75 to \$3.00. Ms. Normand seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Facilities Update

Doug Kress, Somerville's Director of Health and Human Services, reported on the City's response to the potential for lead tainted water in city and school buildings. He said 192 units that delivered water were tested. Only six exceeded safety standards and only two of these were accessible to the public for drinking. These two units have been disconnected and were not accessible anymore. There was extensive discussion with Mr. Kress, Mr. Whitney from the Water Department, and Mr. Koty from the Department of Public Works about the process for identifying sources, the means for testing the water, and the remediation that had been put into place. Members felt the City had an excellent response to this potential threat and were pleased that there hadn't been any serious problems, unlike other communities.

Members also took the opportunity to discuss the conditions of the schools and the use of the 311 system with Mr. Koty.

4. Bill Rolls

Members had questions about some of the bills presented on the bill rolls. Ms. Durette answered and offered to provide background material via email after the meeting. Ms. Pitone moved to approve the bill rolls as presented. Ms. Palmer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Other business

- a. The Committee received the most recent expenditure report
- b. The Committee received the Cash Management Procedures prepared by Ms. Durette.
- c. The Committee received the notice that the Superintendent had increased the pay rate for substitute teachers from \$55.00 per day to \$70.00 per day for substitute teachers without a college degree ranging up to a change of from \$75.00 per day to \$90.00 per day for substitute teachers with a Bachelors Degree.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

MOTION: Mr. Bockelman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Green, to accept the report and minutes of the School Committee meeting for Finance and Facilities of June 1, 2016.

The motion was approved via voice vote.

V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. District Report

Mrs. Skipper began by announcing that before making her announcements, she wanted to take a moment to address this weekend's events in FL by sharing a message that went out to our school community earlier today:

As we all try to come to terms with the events that unfolded in Orlando this weekend, I want to take a moment to convey our deepest sympathy to those families impacted by this senseless tragedy. Somerville's

diversity is what makes us strong, and what will continue to bring us together in support of a world that values every individual. Time and again, our community has demonstrated that there is great power and hope in unity, particularly in times of tragedy. I recognize that this tragedy has impacted us all in different ways. Our school administrators and guidance counselors are available to assist students and staff members who may need additional support processing this weekend's events. Please do not hesitate to reach out. Our thoughts are with all the victims and families impacted by this tragedy.

- Earlier today I attended the MA Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment meeting. This consortium has 9 districts that were brought together back in February by the work of our own Senator Jehlen, Alan Jehlen and Dan French from the Center for Collaborative Education. The work of this consortium is in direct support of our SC goal for creating and establishing innovative ways to measure both student achievement and whole school quality. I have been attending the meetings since February and proudly watched today as Jack Schneider presented to the Consortium the work he has been doing with the Somerville Public Schools to establish a broad set of criteria for Whole School Quality. Senator Jehlen has helped ensure that the Senate Ways and Means budget includes a new item in the FY17 budget, 7061-9401, for an Assessment Consortium with an appropriation of \$350,000. The appropriation will require the consortium to raise matching funds which we are in the process of doing right now. I have been asked to meet with some of the Commissioners from DESE which I have done and Secretary of Education Jim Peyser—I will be meeting with him on Thursday. Tonight I have placed in your packets information on the consortium as well as a resolution the Superintendents from the 9 participating districts have or are bringing before their School Committees for approval. The other districts include: Attleboro, Boston, Bourne, Framingham, Lowell, Ludlow, Revere, Somerville, Winchester. I would ask that we take this to a vote on the June 20th meeting.
- Class Day – Friday June 3rd- What a wonderful blend of traditions -
- Graduation at Dilboy and next week Full Circle will see seven students receive their diplomas!
- A first grade student at the East Somerville Community School proved that we're never too young to convey our vision of an "Ideal School." A huge shout-out to Marlee Thrasher for being selected as the Grand Prize winner of the 2016 "My Ideal School" contest held by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). Marlee and 9 other regional contest winners from throughout the Commonwealth were recognized by State Treasurer Deb Goldberg and MSBA Chief Executive Officer Maureen Valente at a special ceremony held at the State House last week. The 10 regional winners were selected out of more than 2,500 contestants, and Marlee's entry was selected as the Grand Prize winner out of ALL the entries. Marlee received a \$200 savings bond from Santander Bank, and her winning entry will appear on the cover of the 2016 MSBA Annual Report. Congratulations, Marlee!
- As many of you know, about a month ago several of our families were displaced from their homes when a four-alarm fire destroyed a multi-unit building. Despite the significant loss of property, we are incredibly thankful that there was no loss of life. Thanks to the quick action of Anthony, a fifth grade student at the East Somerville Community School, the Somerville Fire Department and other emergency crews were able to respond to the fire right away. Thank you, Anthony, for looking out for your community and taking quick action to help ensure the safety of your neighbors.
- Rick Saunders was selected to receive the prestigious 2016 Arts|Learning "Kathy Tosolini Excellence in School Administration" Award. This award honors a school administrator for: (1) support for, and commitment to, high-quality arts education programs; (2) leadership in promoting arts education and building community support; (3) incorporation of the arts into overall school/district education reform efforts; and (4) support of opportunities for multicultural and interdisciplinary learning. The award was presented at the 29th Annual Champions of the Arts Advocacy Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 17 Willow St, Westborough, MA 01581.
- This is an important time of transition for all our students. Congratulations to the Somerville High School and Full Circle graduating classes of 2016! We wish you the very best in your exciting new endeavors. We have two additional graduation ceremonies coming up on Wednesday of this week.
 - Wed., June 15, 5:00pm at the Lions Club: Next Wave Graduation and SCALE Graduation at Somerville High School
- Many of our students will be transitioning to a new school. We look forward to celebrating with them as they prepare for a new part of their educational journeys at their upcoming Moving On ceremonies. Here is what's coming up:
 - Wed., June 15, 5:00pm: WSNS 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony (177 Powder House Blvd.)
 - Thur., June 16, 5:00pm: Argenziano 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony (290 Washington St.)
 - Thur., June 16, 6:30pm: Healey 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony (5 Meacham St.)
 - Fri., June 17, 9:00am: Brown 6th Grade Moving On Ceremony (201 Willow Ave.)
 - Fri., June 17, 10:30am: Brown 5th Grade Moving On Ceremony (201 Willow Ave.)

- Fri., June 17, 1:15pm: ESCS 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony (50 Cross St.)
- Fri., June 17, 5:00pm: Winter Hill 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony (115 Sycamore)
- Tue., June 21, 9:00am: Kennedy 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony (5 Cherry St.)

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Vincent McKay, provided a brief report on the following:

- Legislation relative to the teacher evaluation law, specifically the "student impact rating" section.
- Updated members on MCAS accountability and that the "hold harmless" provision will not apply to MCAS districts, of which Somerville is one. Some reporting aspects will not change for the 2016 testing cycle the same methodology will be used to calculate 2016 SGP.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY2016 SCALE/ADP Graduates – (Recommended Action: Approval)

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the following student, who has successfully completed the requirements for graduation from SCALE, be granted his diploma:

Anistajia E. Ferreira 64 Pinckney Street, Apt. 2 Somerville, MA 02125

MOTION: Mr. Roix made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pitone, to approve the ADP Graduate.

The motion was approved via voice vote.

VII. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Green

1. Reported on how wonderful the Full Circle graduation was, but shared his unhappiness and concern that this important event was scheduled on the same night as the School Department's budget presentation, which meant that Mrs. Skipper had to leave the graduation ceremony before it had ended. Mr. Green requests that, going forward, a calendar is created and shared with the Board of Aldermen so this doesn't happen again.

Mr. Futrell

1. Asked about amending the School Committee goals around the whole child.

MOTION: Mr. Futrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Green, to amend the vision statement around the whole child piece.

Ms. Pitone stated that it is important to explain the meaning of the term whole child so that everyone can understand just what it means and that she isn't yet ready to approve any amendment.

After brief discussion, the maker and seconded of the motion rescinded and the topic will move to next week's agenda.

Ms. Palmer

1. Asked about whether a written response will be forwarded to the students from the Argenziano School regarding their recycling petition. Ms. Normand and Mrs. Skipper will draft a response and send. Mrs. Skipper provided a quick update informing members that Karyn and Lauren from Food Service are in the process of looking at ways to increase the amount of recycling in the cafeterias. They will provide an update for the next Finance meeting.

Ms. Normand

1. Ms. Normand praised the middle grade students who participated in the adjudication process for both the orchestra and chorus last week. The orchestra was awarded a gold medal; the chorus, a platinum. Congratulations to all!

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning, Mr. Bockelman expressed the School Committee's condolences for the following staff members and family of staff members who recently passed away:

- Joanna Cirame, wife of Jack Cirame, retired Physical Education teacher at Somerville High and mother of Laney Joyce, Food and Nutrition Services employee and Maura Goodwin, teacher at Somerville High School.
- Asa Beebe, father of Frank Beebe, retired teacher and current substitute of the Somerville Public Schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m. via voice vote.

SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TENNIS TEAM

WHEREAS, *The Somerville High School Boys' Team finished its Greater Boston League (GBL) regular season with a record of 14-5 (an all-time SHS best), and finished a perfect 6-0 in GBL matches, and*

WHEREAS, *The members of the Somerville High School Boys' Tennis Team – Anmol Bhargo, Ashutosh Bhargo, Patrick Blaikie, David Botchway, Jose Cacnabuaray, Jalen George, Didier Kasole, Tenzin Khyentse, Anmol Maini, Navdeep Maini, Alexander Michael, Samuel Newman, Brazeen Ranjit, Rezka Yuspi, and Jiabui Zhao - demonstrated commitment, resilience, and a capacity to work together to achieve a common goal, and*

WHEREAS, *The Somerville High School Boys' Tennis Team secured the GBL League Championship for the first time in Somerville High School history by winning their match versus Malden with a score of 3-2, and*

WHEREAS, *The members of the Somerville High School Boys' Tennis Team have found success in areas both on and off the court. Members of the team have earned Honor Roll, won Academic Awards and, as a team, were awarded the Headmaster's Cup for being the team with the highest average GPA, and*

WHEREAS, *Throughout the entire season, the members of this team have represented Somerville High School and the City of Somerville well, on the court and more importantly, in the classroom, and*

WHEREAS, *These students are excellent examples of the definition of sportsmanship, respecting the game, their coach Michael Morgan and each other throughout the season, making the Somerville Community proud, therefore be it*

RESOLVED: *That these Resolutions be entered into the minutes of tonight's meeting, and that a formal copy be presented to the team.*

Somerville School Committee

Carrie Normand, Chairperson
Steven Roix

Paul Bockelman, Vice Chairperson
Lee Erika Palmer

Dan Futrell

Andre Green

Laura Pitone

Joseph Curtatone, Mayor

William A. White, Jr., Aldermanic President

Mary Skipper, Superintendent

June 13, 2016

SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CREW TEAM

- WHEREAS,** *The High Tide (comprised of rowers from Somerville and Everett) won the GBL Plaque on June 4, 2016, by winning the most points of the day and*
- WHEREAS,** *Members of the Somerville High School Girls' Crew Team – Cecelia Nunes, Raquel Oppedisano, Melina Pimentel, Jenny Cremona, Halle Hughes, Molly Roderick, Wendy Yu, Ivy Richardson, Simran Jeet, Charlotte Kafka-Gibbons, Rachel Eatough, Meira Downie, Rowan Griffin, Ava Gupta, Shivani Bansal, Ally Caprigno, Celinda Cafua not only won the GBL plaque for the team, but members also earned various other individual honors, and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Somerville High School Girls' Crew Team started the season successfully by winning the esteemed Medford Mayor's Cup on May 21, 2016, and*
- WHEREAS,** *Throughout the entire season, the members of this team have characterized the best of Somerville High School and the City of Somerville, both on the water and, more importantly, academically, and*
- WHEREAS,** *These young women have valued their sport, their school, their coaches Katherine Faigen, Kyle Boudreau and Kate Buckley and each other throughout the season, making the Somerville Community proud, therefore be it*
- RESOLVED:** *That these Resolutions be entered into the minutes of tonight's meeting, and that a formal copy be presented to the team.*

Somerville School Committee

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This certifies that

Phillips Magre

Has earned special recognition and is hereby granted this Certificate of Achievement for the performance that earned him the Division I 400m Champion Title. On 5/29 Sophomore Phillips raced past the entire field in a thrilling last 100 meters of the 400 meter race (49.33) to record another all-time SHS record, earning him the championship. On 6/4 Phillips broke his own SHS record in the 400m at the All – State Meet with a time of 49:29. The Somerville School Committee commends you on this achievement and wishes you continued success throughout your high school career. Congratulations!

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