

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Monday, January 24, 2022 - Regular Meeting**

7:00 p.m. – Zoom

**Members present:** Ms. Krepchin, Dr. Ackman, Ms. Barish, Ms. Normand, Mr. Green, Ms. Pitone and Dr. Phillips. Mayor Curtatone and President McLaughlin.

**Members Absent:** Mayor Ballantyne

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 with a moment of silence, followed by a salute to the flag of the United States of America. Chair Green asked Superintendent Skipper to call the roll, results of which were as follows: PRESENT – 8 – Dr. Phillips, Ms. Krepchin, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Green, Ms. Barish, Ms. Pitone, Dr. Ackman, and Ms. Dion ABSENT – 1 - Mayor Ballantyne

Mr. Green asked interpreters to introduce themselves:

Micaela Yang - Spanish

Elaine Metzker - Portuguese

Angie Surpris - Haitian Creole

**II. REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Student Representatives Bryan Recinos and Marcia Narh-Botchway were both present and reported the following:

- Second quarter has come to an end, Third quarter begins on Wednesday.
- COVID-19 testing has diminished as expected and is more organized since the surge.
- SHS Course selection process begins next week for next year courses.
- Class of 2023 has started planning their Senior Trip. This trip is affiliated with Breakaway Beach and not sponsored by Somerville Public Schools.
- Mid-term week concluded last week at SHS.

Ms. Pitone took the time to clarify that the senior class trip is independently ran and organized by students and not by SPS staff. Superintendent Skipper Confirmed this.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- January 10, 2022

**MOTION:** There was a motion by Ms. Barish, second by Dr. Phillips, to approve the School Committee minutes of January 10, 2022.

The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comments

**V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. District Report**

- COVID Testing Update ( **Dr. Curley**)

At this time, Superintendent Skipper asked Dr. Curley to share his COVID testing update.

Dr. Curley shared his presentation, which could be found on the link below

<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/sites/default/files/School%20Committee%20COVID%20Safety%20Update%20011021.pdf>

- Have started to see a drop in cases after the big spike following the winter break.
- 97% consent for testing districtwide.
- Lab processing via the Broad Institute has a time variable that is out of district control
- Reflex testing anticipated results will be available the morning following pool collection
- District Current testing Strategy
  - Pool testing & Reflex testing - Symptomatic testing at school- Contact tracing and test

and stay

- New DESE Testing Recommendation
  - Pool testing & Reflex Testing – Symptomatic testing at School- Home testing Option.
- 5 Day Isolation Recommended, negative Rapid test to return
  - Following CDC and state guidance, staff and students need only isolate for 5 days after positive test result or symptoms start
  - Rapid Antigen test recommended on day 6 to return
  - If Positive on rapid test, need to isolate full 10 days

Chair Green clarified that School Committee is not voting on this change because there was not enough time given by DESE, nor do they require the vote.

**Dr. Curley announced School based Clinics that will be hosted in the months of January and February.**

**Author Healey School**

**Friday January 28, 2022 from 3-6 p.m.**

**East Somerville Community School**

**Friday February 4, 2022 from 3-6 p.m.**

**Argenziano School**

**Friday February 11, 2022 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Author Healey School**

**Friday February 18, 2022 from 3-6 p.m.**

**Argenziano School**

**Friday March 4, 2022 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Additionally, students can also be vaccinated at**

**Somerville CHA Vaccine Center**

**176 Somerville Ave**

**Monday and Tuesday from 11-6 p.m. and Wednesday, Thursday from 8:30-4:00 p.m.**

Questions/Comments

Chair Green asked if parents could come to school- based clinics for boosters. Dr. Curley confirmed that they could.

Ms. Krepchin asked if when the switch happens over from test and stay to taking home rapids, will pool testing continue, Dr. Curley responded that we would continue to have pool testing and point of care rapid testing.

Dr. Phillips asked for the numbers of kids and the number of positives from test and stay; 1624 people, 13 Positive

Ms. Barish asked Dr. Curley to talk about the rationale behind testing on day 6 and if positive staying out all 10 days, as opposed to testing the following few days. Dr. Curley said this decision is due to a mix of guidance from DESE and CDC and what different districts are doing.

Ms. Dion asked if rapid test are recommended or required. Dr. Curley explained that due to DESE guidance and to alleviate pressure on families and because students and staff seem to be beating the symptoms within that time, it is recommended. Superintendent Skipper added that it is against DESE regulations to keep students out past the five days, the district is looking for strike a balance and have done a great job so far.

Ms. Barish asked for some clarification around new at home testing for families. Dr. Curley explained that the district is working on a timeline for distribution and families will need to opt-in in order to receive the tests, they will receive more information prior to distribution.

- **School Year Calendar 2022-2023 ( Mr. Mazza)**

Assistant Superintendent Mazza reintroduced the School Calendar for next year and explained that after consulting with SFLC in regards to the Jewish Holiday dates, listed dates have been updated to gain accuracy for these holidays. These dates are currently highlighted in yellow to show the change. Also in red is the disclosure of Jewish and Islamic holidays beginning at sundown the previous day. The disclosure will remain in red and the dates will go back to black in after approval, but will have a red asterisk to reflect the disclosure.

Ms. Barish pointed out the month of November, with Election Day and Veterans Day falling in the same week, and asked if there is any way Election Day could be a school day. Superintendent Skipper said it is difficult because many of our schools are used as voting polls; this is one of the things the administration is looking to evaluate.

Mr. Mazza mentioned that this school year Election Day and Veterans Day did not fall on the same week, next year Election Day is pushed back to the second week, which is why the review is happening.

Ms. Krepchin asked if we end up with Election Day off could the November 16t half day Wednesday be moved to a different Wednesday. Superintendent Skipper we are actively looking at these dates.

MS Barish asked if the district would see it as helpful if NONE of the schools were polling places. Superintendent Skipper said she would need to speak to the elections department about this, but she also supports the ability to allow and encourage voting on Election Day.

Ms. Pitone asked Superintendent Skipper to clarify if Election Day being off is tied to contract negotiations. Superintendent Skipper responded that having that day off is historical, but it is also tied to Professional Development hours for teachers.

- **Special Education Update (Ms. Trevisone)**

Superintendent Skipper introduced Christine Trevisone, Director of Special Education for the Special Education Update.

Ms. Trevisone shared her presentation and announced that joining her to present were Will Verbits, Assistant Director of Special Education for Service and Support, Marisa MacDonald, Assistant Director of Special Education for Instruction and Programs, and Siobhan Healey, Special Education Literacy Specialist.

Ms. Trevisone then began her presentation, which could be found using the following link:  
<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/sites/default/files/Special%20Education%20Presentation%20-%20January%202022%20%281%29.pdf>

- Support For Students
  - Resource Room teachers
  - Registered Behavior Technicians
  - Transition Teacher CTE
- Support for staff
  - Special Education Department Head at West and Healey school
  - Special Education Literacy Specialist
  - Ongoing PD with Melissa Orking and Crafting Minds
- Diversity, Equity and inclusion support
  - Enhanced Interpreting and translating
  - Continued Partnership with SEPAC
  - Transition Workshop for families
  - SHS Virtual College planning for Student with Disabilities

MS Trevisone turned presentation over to Mr. Verbits

- **Targeting Support**

- Support at Ground level
- In district Social Emotional Seek Program @ Kennedy School
- Consultation on cases with Special Ed Dept. Heads and case Managers

- Monthly meetings with school psychologist
- Out of District Consultation on cases
- Equitable Services for homeschooled student and student attending St. Theresa's School
- Review of caseloads to ensure quality service and Manageable caseloads
- Documents translation/interpretations at meetings

Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Healey spoke in regards to Structure Literacy

- Instruction and Programming
  - Work started in the fall of 2018 with small groups of Special Educators
  - Winter of 2018/ spring of 2019 first group of Special Educators and reading specialist too part in Literacy Instruction That Targeted(LITT)
  - SY19-20 Second Group of Sped Educators and SLP took part in Literacy Instruction That Targeted(LITT)
  - Sy20-21 Structure Literacy through remote professional Development
  - Implementation of Structure through PD and School Based consultations

#### Questions

Dr. Ackman first thanked the Special Education team for stepping up and for their commitment to students. She then asked how we are doing with retention compare to other districts. Ms. Trevisone explained that our district has been doing fairly well although hiring is concern when it comes to paraprofessionals, we lost a few staff members, which does not typically happen during the school year, it has been really tough year.

Ms. Pitone thanked the team for their impressive work, asked a question around equity initiative, and wondered about the data in regards to referrals. Ms. Trevisone responded that they are always looking at that data, she recently shared it with principals and administration to endure that all students are getting the services they need and would be happy to share the numbers with school Committee at a future meeting.

Superintendent Skipper added that DESE does an audit every year and the last 3 audits have received a no finding results. Ms. Trevisone and her staff are always included in the meetings when speaking about opportunities in these areas.

Dr. Phillips asked if we are still cleaning up COVID-19 backlog. Ms. Trevisone explained that the numbers have elevated because we have seen an incredible increase in parent referrals. The numbers of parent referrals is at over 50% and this has put a strain in the system, it is the biggest challenge right now and she is hoping it stabilizes. Superintendent Skipper added that newcomer numbers have increased since the summer.

Ms. Krepchin asked regarding the need to provide services to students in other Districts and homeschooling students. Ms. Trevisone mentioned that this is something new; in the past three years there has been a Federal mandate to provide those services. We are also required to provide service plan if a student attends a parochial school in a neighboring district. There is a limited money received to provide these services. Superintendent Skipper added that we currently service about 40 students due to this mandate.

Chair Green emphasize Public School Educate Everyone!

#### **B. Personnel Report**

- January 2022

Superintendent announced new retirements listed:

Joseph Tarello SHS Chemistry Teacher retiring after 58 Years of service.

Thomas Linville SHS Art Teacher retiring after 6 years of service.

She then delivered her district report:

#### **Superintendent's Notes:** *School Committee Meeting – Monday, January 24, 2022*

This is always an exciting time for our graduating seniors as they prepare for life after high school. I want to begin tonight's district report by thanking our seniors and congratulating them on their leadership and determination in persevering through this pandemic. We are so proud of you and are excited to be supporting you as you prepare for what comes next.

I want to give a special shout-out to **Edrick Pacheco, Nathalya Castillo, and JQ Welch** for kicking off the

scholarship award season in style! · Edrick earned the prestigious QuestBridge Scholarship – a full four-year scholarship that covers tuition, housing, food, and books – to attend Tufts University starting this fall.

- Nathalya is the recipient of a full-tuition Posse Leadership Scholarship, and will attend Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania.
- And JQ was awarded a \$27,000 Presidential Scholarship for Pace University (New York City Campus) that is renewable for 4 years, for a total of \$108,000.

These awards speak to the incredible commitment of our students and our staff. I am sure that in the coming weeks we will continue to hear about additional awards and plans for our seniors. We look forward to continuing to share their great news.

Congratulations to Edrick, Nathalya, and JQ for their outstanding work and much-deserved recognition! Congratulations are also in order for **Aidan O'Donovan**, who signed a letter of intent and received a full golf scholarship to the University of Rhode Island. Aidan was a 3-time Greater Boston League MVP and a 5-time League All-Star. He won the 2021 GBL Golf Championship in November to wrap up an impressive senior season. Aidan, who is also an exceptional student academically, was named to the Boston Herald HS All-Scholarship Golf Team.

**Registration for the 2022-23 school year** is under way and schools have been hosting virtual open houses. Visit our enrollment office website ([www.somerville.k12.ma.us/enrollment](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/enrollment)) for registration and school virtual open house information.

Under the great leadership of Afterschool Director, Heather McCormack, we are continuing to work on strengthening our afterschool connections and opportunities for all students. In-person afterschool enrollment support sessions offered last week and this week are intended to help families with the afterschool registration process for several programs including Community Schools. This week's sessions are 12-6pm on January 25<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>. Due to COVID safety protocols, the sessions are by appointment only and attendees must register ahead. Information and registration forms in multiple languages are available on our website. Just click on the **Afterschool Registration Sessions** banner on our district home page ([www.somerville.k12.ma.us](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us)).

Just a reminder that the **February break** is coming upon us. All schools will be closed February 21<sup>st</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>. The February break includes the President's Day holiday. District offices will be closed Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, but will be open the remainder of the week.

## **VI. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

### **A. School Committee Meeting for Rules Management: January 10, 2022 (Ms. Barish) January 2022 Rules Management Subcommittee Report**

The Rules Management Subcommittee meeting of January 10, 2022 was called to order at 5:31 pm.

In attendance were Ellenor Barish (Chair), Laura Pitone (Vice Chair), Sara Dion, and Billy Sayers.

There was one audience member.

There were three items on the agenda.

#### 1. Accept Minutes from December meeting

There was some discussion about whether the new subcommittee members could accept minutes from a meeting they did not attend. The item was tabled pending consultation with Chair Green.

#### 2. Review Role of Rules Subcommittee

Ms. Barish shared an excerpt from File BDE - Subcommittees of the School Committee. A request was made that the complete document be added to the meeting packet.

### 3. Plan agenda for 2022

Subcommittee members were asked if they had any questions about the end of year summary provided in the meeting packet and if there was anything they would like to see on the Rules Subcommittee agenda in 2022.

Ms. Dion suggested that we consider the dress code policy referring to input from Teen Empowerment. Ms. Pitone wondered if that might be a handbook issue rather than a policy issue while acknowledging that lack of a clear policy may leave room for bias.

Ms. Pitone asked if all recommended MASC policy updates had been considered. Ms. Barish will look into that.

Ms. Dion said she had heard there were some questions in the community about how the district identifies English Learners. Ms. Barish wondered if that might be related to the revisions to the UNIDOS program lottery process. She and Ms. Pitone provided some background on those changes.

Ms. Barish explained that last year, the subcommittee chose one or two policy items to consider and invited relevant district staff to provide insight.

At this point, Superintendent Skipper joined the meeting. She indicated that she sees Rules as a collaborative process with the administration. She suggested, for example, that Mr. Mazza could continue to provide support regarding the Homework policy. Ms. Pitone requested that she and Ms. Dion have an opportunity to get familiar with the history of that policy. Ms. Barish will make sure they have access to the relevant documents and will invite Mr. Mazza to a future Rules meeting.

Superintendent Skipper then provided an update on the comprehensive policy review that was begun last year. Mr. Durbin created a structure for how to organize and review the policies. She recommended that a committee be formed to take up that work once the current COVID surge resolves.

Superintendent Skipper also suggested that Ms. Bertholdo be invited to provide input around possible changes to the enrollment process.

Another policy issue the Superintendent would like Rules to consider is offering a modified open campus for high school seniors. She is talking with the district's lawyers about what that might look like.

Finally, Superintendent Skipper suggested that the Rules subcommittee look at the Public Comment policy and whether to formalize the right of non-resident district staff to speak during Public Comment. Ms. Pitone reminded attendees that in the past, we didn't have public comment from non-resident staff because the Union provides a structure and process for communication of concerns. She expressed curiosity about how that might play into any policy change.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

**MOTION:** There was a motion by Ms. Barish, seconded by Dr. Ackman, to accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Rule Management of January 10, 2022.

The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. SHORE Collaborative Report ( Dr. Ackman)

Chair green asked Superintendent skipper to explain what Shore Collaborative is. Superintendent Skipper explained that it is a partnership that helps our district with 45-day out of district placements.

Dr. Ackman then delivered her Shore Collaborative Report

Somerville School Committee SHORE Collaborative Report, January 2022:

The SHORE Collaborative board met virtually in September, October, and December 2021 (missing November due to lack of quorum), as well as January 2022.

In September, the board agreed to meet virtually through the duration of Governor Baker's executive order for safety and because it increases likelihood of meetings where quorum is reached.

In December, the board reviewed the FY21 Audit. The audit was complimentary and found a total of \$16 in discrepancies, which is impressive given the financial upheaval in FY21 due to the pandemic. The collaborative maintains good fiscal health.

The SHORE collaborative continues to work hard to meet the needs of the students they serve, but they have had significant trouble maintaining consistent staffing throughout this academic year. Some folks have stopped showing up for work with no notice while others have given their two-week notice after working at SHORE for very limited amounts of time (some as short as 2 weeks).

**B. Resolution in Support of Resurfacing the Benjamin G. Brown School Play yard (Ms. Barish)**

Ms. Barish gave the following background:

- Over the past several years there have been requests to improve the play yard at the Brown School.
- Due to the pandemic, improvement requests had to be put on hold as well as pending building improvement plans
- This fall a group of parents came together to bring those requests back up.

Chair Green asked Superintendent Skipper to also offer a background. Superintendent Skipper said the following:

- The Brown school building is unique because it does not have a cafeteria or a gym so it is very reliant on the play yard.
- The issue is that students are also sustaining injuries from the outside surface
- The question is do we upgrade the play yard and will the upgrade be undone by the upgrade of the building?

Ms. Barish then read the Resolution in Support of Resurfacing the Benjamin G. Brown School Play Yard

WHEREAS, the Benjamin G. Brown School is a K-5 elementary school in the Somerville Public School district serving 196 students from across the city; and

WHEREAS, offering structured and unstructured play opportunities for students throughout the school day is integral to educating the whole child; and

WHEREAS, the usable outdoor space at the Brown School consists primarily of an asphalt play yard; and

WHEREAS, the ground is not level, the asphalt is cracked and crumbling, and there are storm water drains in the play area; and

WHEREAS, the play yard serves students for recess, Community Schools after school programming, and informal before and after school play; and

WHEREAS, the play yard serves students in physical education classes whenever weather conditions allow given that the building does not have a gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the play yard also serves as a designated outdoor eating space when weather conditions allow; and

WHEREAS, the nurse at the Brown School has documented 232 injuries that have occurred on the play yard so far this academic year, a number that does not include any injuries occurring after school or minor injuries that can be addressed by classroom teachers; and

WHEREAS, parents and community members have been asking the City of Somerville to improve the play yard at the Benjamin G. Brown School for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somerville acknowledged in 2017 that the play area at the Brown School did not meet the city's standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somerville committed funding in 2019 for the redesign of the school's outside space, a project that has been put on indefinite hold pending a larger study of the building and of the community's needs with no significant improvements having been made in the interim; and

WHEREAS, City representatives have indicated that any large-scale improvements to the school building and grounds will require several years of study and planning before any physical work might begin; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Mary Skipper has expressed her support for resurfacing the play yard at the Benjamin G. Brown School; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somerville controls funding for the maintenance of the city's school buildings and grounds as well as its parks.

Therefore be it resolved that the Somerville School Committee requests that the City Council and Mayor Ballantyne provide the financial and administrative support to ensure that the Benjamin G. Brown School play yard will be remediated beginning in June 2022 with the intention of providing a level and safe play surface in time for the start of the 2022-2023 academic year.

**MOTION:** There was a motion by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Ms. Barish to suspend the rules and waive the second reading to approve this resolution tonight.

The resolution did not pass with a vote of 4 – Yes, 2 – NO and 1 – Abstained. Ms. Barish- Y, Ms. Pitone– N, Dr. Ackman- N, Ms. Dion- Y, Dr. Phillips- Y, Ms. Krepchin- Y and Mr. Green – A

Dr. Ackman wondered if rushing this would take funding away from doing the work with proper planning.

Chair Green then announced that because this would come back for a second reading, questions should be kept to matter of fact.

**C. Somerville High School 2021 Summer School Graduates – ( Recommended Action: Approval)**

**MOTION:** There was a motion by Dr. Ackman, seconded by Dr. Phillips, to approve Somerville High school 2021 Summer School Graduate for Graciela Flores

The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

**D. FY22 SCALE/ ADP Diploma Request ( Recommended action: approval)**

**Joshua A. Luciano Saugus, MA**

**MOTION:** There was a motion by Dr. Ackman, seconded by Dr. Phillips, to approve FY22 Scale / ADP Diploma Request for Joshua A. Luciano of Saugus, MA

The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms Pitone took the time to highlight a fundraiser currently taking place.

- Flatbread Fundraiser tomorrow for the ESCS PTA

**IX. CONDOLENCES**

Superintendent Skipper and the Somerville School committee extends its deepest condolences to the families of **Carlos Ceballos**, Father of Jillian Ceballos teacher at ESCS.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned 9:29 p.m.

**Related documents:**

Agenda

COVID Testing Update

<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/sites/default/files/School%20Committee%20COVID%20Safety%20Update%20011021.pdf>

Special Education Update

<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/sites/default/files/Special%20Education%20Presentation%20-%20January%202022%20%281%29.pdf>

School Year Calendar 2022

Personnel Report

Submitted by: E. Garcia

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 24, 2022  
ZOOM WEBINAR– 7:00 P.M.**

**Amended 01-21-22**

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the School Committee will be conducted via remote participation.

We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

**Copy & paste the following link into your internet browser to preregister or on the date and time of this meeting to view it live:** [https://k12somerville.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_PoNeyUI9QKWBy6Ziuen3Dg](https://k12somerville.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PoNeyUI9QKWBy6Ziuen3Dg)

**Webinar ID:** 814 2373 5390

**Password:** SPSSC21

**Somerville Public Schools - School Committee Goals 2019 - 2022**

Through the following long-range goals, we commit to addressing deep-rooted systemic barriers that have prevented us from achieving our district vision of equity and excellence and ensuring that all students, regardless of race or ethnicity, have the supports and resources they need to achieve educational success in our district now and in the future. By 2022, we will ...:

...increase the percentage of support staff of color by 6 percentage points, teachers and counselors of color by 5 percentage points, and administrators of color by 4 percentage points through evaluating and strengthening all elements of our human capital system.

... 1) conduct a district enrollment study to understand the prospective future population of the district and 2) craft a vision for school assignment and programming aligned with the district's equity policy.

... design, evaluate, and partially or fully implement student-based budgeting to ensure that every student has equitable access to rich learning opportunities that help them thrive.

... design a robust system of aligned developmental academic and social-emotional benchmarks which will be used to inform practices, policies, and resource allocation.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Call to order with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag of the United States of America.

**II. REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- January 10, 2022

**V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. District Report**

- COVID Testing Update (Dr. Curley)
- Special Education Update (Ms. Trevisone)
- School Year Calendar 2022 – 2023 (Mr. Mazza)

**B. Personnel Report**

- January 2022

**VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

**A. Rules Management Subcommittee: January 10, 2022 (Ms. Barish)**

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Rules Management of January 10, 2022.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **SHORE Collaborative Report** (Dr. Ackman)
- B. **Resolution in Support of Resurfacing the Benjamin G. Brown School Play Yard** (Ms. Barish)
- C. **Somerville High School 2018 Summer School Graduates –** (Recommended Action: Approval)  
*Graciela Flores*
- D. **FY22 SCALE/ADP Diploma Request** (Recommended action: approval)  
*Joshua A. Luciano      Saugus, MA*

**VIII. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**IX. CONDOLENCES**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The items listed are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.



## 2022-2023 School Calendar

AUGUST '22				
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For more information or for any questions, please contact Katherine Santiago – [ksantiago@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:ksantiago@k12.somerville.ma.us)

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### Quarters

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 8/31 - 11/4 (45 days)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 11/7 - 1/23 (45 days)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1/24 - 4/3 (45 days)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 4/4 - 6/14 (45 days)

Half-Day Wednesdays

*Dismissal @ 11:30 (PK) Noon (K-8)*

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| Sept. 14    | Feb. 15    |
| Oct. 5, 26  | Mar. 8, 29 |
| Nov. 16     | Apr. 12    |
| Dec. 7      | May 10     |
| Jan. 11, 25 | Jun. 7     |

## Important Dates

### August - 1 day

- 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> day for Staff Prof. Devel.
- 30 – Staff Prof. Devel.
- 31 – 1<sup>st</sup> day for students 1 - 12 (1/2 day)

### September – 20 days

- 2 – No School
- 5 – No School - Labor Day
- 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> day for Kindergarten and Pre-K students
- 26-27 - Rosh Hashanah\*

### October – 20 days

- 5 – Yom Kippur\*
- 10 – No School – Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 24 - Diwali

### November – 18 days

- 8 – No School – Election Day, Prof. Devel.
- 11 – No School – Veterans Day
- 23 – Begin Thanksgiving Recess at noon

### December – 16 days

- 19-26 – Hanukkah\*
- 22 – Begin winter recess at close of school (Includes Christmas – 12/25 and Kwanzaa – 12/26)

### January – 21 days

- 1 - No School – New Year's day
- 2 – Classes resume
- 6 – Three Kings Day/ Dia De Los Reyes
- 16 – No School – Martin Luther King Day

### February – 15 days

- 20-24 – February Vacation (Includes Presidents' Day)

### March – 23 days

- 8 – Holi
- 3/23-4/21 – Ramadan\*

### April – 14 days

- 3/23 - 4/21 – Ramadan\*
- 6-13 – Passover\*
- 7 - Good Friday
- 9 - Easter
- 17-21 – April Vacation (Includes Patriots Day)
- 22 - Eid al-Fitr\*

### May – 22 days

- 29 – No School – Memorial Day

### June – 10 days

- 2 – Class Day (Tentative)
- 5 – Graduation Day (Tentative)
- 14 - Last day of school (180 days)
- 21 - 185<sup>th</sup> day

Prof. Dev. for teaching staff only

○ Half-Day ALL students PK-12

☆ Special Dates for Seniors

### Major Religious & Cultural Holidays

Dates underlined above represent the district's major religious and cultural holidays. All Jewish and Islamic holidays starred (\*) above begin at sundown the previous day. Somerville Public Schools staff members will do their best to refrain from scheduling one-time events, field trips, athletic competitions, auditions, tests, quizzes for these days. Long-term assignments will not be due on the day of or the day after one of these holidays.



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**PERSONNEL REPORT**  
 2021-2022 School Year  
 January 2022

<b>RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT:</b>				
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>
SHS	SEIP Mathematics Teacher	Raul Quintanilla	12/31/21	28
KEN	SEEK Paraprofessional	Anne Oshima	06/30/21	13
SHS	Library/Media Paraprofessional	Donna Alibrandi	06/30/21	19
SCALE	FT ELL Teacher	Elizabeth Stark	12/31/21	14 + 3 months
HLY	Kindergarten Paraprofessional	Kathleen Donahue	10/15/21	38 years
HLY	Occupational Therapist	Marybeth Bernstein	11/22/21	25 years
EEC	BCBA	Diane Pucci	01/31/22	6 years
Food Services	Pincipal Account Clerk	Patricia Leahy	02/04/22	34 years
ESCS	Grade 2 Teacher	Paula Lynch	12/31/21	28 + 164 days
ESCS	Grade 1 Paraprofessional	Margarita Lopez	01/13/22	25
SHS	Health Career Teacher	Laurie Foley	06/30/22	22 & 157 days
Central Office	District Administrator of MLE Programs	Sarah Davila	06/30/22	25 & 143 days
SHS	Chemistry Teacher	Joseph Tarello	01/31/22	58 years
SHS	Art Teacher	Thomas Linville	1/1/2022	6 years & 145 days

<b>RESIGNATION NOTICES:</b>			
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
AFAS	SEI Paraprofessional	Dina Carreiro	01/14/22
AFAS	Kindergarten Paraprofessional	Christine Hughes	12/23/21
AFAS	PK Paraprofessional	Leisel Bender	12/23/21
AFAS	Utility Aide	Michael Downie	12/10/21
Community Schools	Senior Clerk	Stephanie Santiago	12/31/21
Enrollment Center	Student Enrollment and Registration Specialist	Marisa Hurley	01/28/22
ESCS	Senior Clerk	Luz Lopez	01/07/22
KEN	SEEK Paraprofessional	Lilia Volodina	12/28/21
SCALE	ELL 2 Teacher - continues ELL 1 Teacher position	Shelley Weiss	01/14/22
SHS	Utility Aide	Cristian Chacon	01/07/22

SHS/Athletics	Head Football Coach	Makonnen Fenton	12/03/21
WHCIS	Afterschool Site Coordinator	Danielle Gentile	01/28/22

**ASSIGNMENT ENDED:**

SCHOOL	POSITION	INCUMBENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
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**LEAVES OF ABSENCES:**

SCHOOL	POSITION	INCUMBENT	EFFECTIVE DATES
AFAS	SEI Paraprofessional	Hayde Delgado	12/13/21-12/23/21
AFAS	School Nurse	Ruja Sharma	01/13/22-02/13/22
ESCS	Grade 2 UNIDOS Teacher	Nora Jamilkowski	11/08/21-06/30/22 - Revised
ESCS	Grade 5 Teacher	Karina Johanson	04/10/22-06/15/22
HLY	Resource Room Teacher	Emily O'Brien	12/24/21-06/30/22 - Extended
SHS	School Nurse	Maria Tully	12/14/21-12/23/21
WHCIS	Grade 5 Teacher	Kristin Day	03/24/22-06/15/22

**INTRA-DISTRICT PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS**

SCHOOL	POSITION	INCUMBENT	REASON	VICE	EFFECTIVE DATE
AFAS	Grade 2 SEI Paraprofessional	Luca Arons	Substitute to FT Para	Dina Carreiro	01/18/22
CAP	Part Time Cafeteria Helper	Mamata Chalise	Intermittent to Permanent	New	12/13/21
Community Schools	Senior Clerk	Hailie Andrade	Senior Clerk	Gisele Callegari	01/03/22
ESCS	PT Utility Aide	Jennifer Ochoa	New Assignment/FT to PT	New	01/18/22
HLY/Comm Schools	FT Lead Teacher	Henry Duarte	Reassignment	Julia Austein	01/03/22
KEN	Full Time Lead Cafeteria Hleper	Madhu Narula	Part Time to Full Time	Patricia Sahlas	12/13/21
KEN	Part Time Cafeteria Helper	Jagdish Kaur	Intermittent to Permanent	New	12/13/21
KEN	Provisional SEEK Paraprofessional	Andrew Korajczyk	Building Sub to Para	Lilia Volodina	01/18/22
KEN	Provisional English Teacher	Graeme Peel (substitute)	New Assignment	Scott March	01/03/22
SFLC	Interim Early Beginnings and Literacy Playgroups Program Leader	Becca Leibowitz	Reassignment	Michelle Laskey	12/20/21
SHS	Machine Technology Instructor	Dean Vogel	New Assignment (Substitute)	Juan Alvarez	12/20/21
SHS	Full Time Utility Worker	Sanjeev Kumar	New Assignment PT to FT	Yadwinder Kaur	12/13/21
SHS	Part Time Cafeteria Helper	Nirma Devi	Intermittent to Permanent	New	12/13/21

SHS	Part Time Cafeteria Helper	Balvir Sandhu	Intermittent to Permanent	New	12/13/21
WHCIS	Full Time Cafeteria Hleper	Vandna Verma	Part Time to Full Time	Surinder Kaur	01/03/22
WHCIS	Provisional Grades 5-8 SLIFE Teacher	Lindsay Weaver	Temp Reassignment	New Position	01/18/22
WHCIS	Full Time Cafeteria Hleper	Jasleen Kaur	Part Time to Full Time	Katherine O'Leary	12/13/21
WHCIS	Part Time Cafeteria Helper	Harpreet Kaur	Intermittent to Permanent	Jasleen Kaur	12/13/21
WHCIS	Provisional Grade 5 SEI Teacher	Jamie Keegan	Substitute to Teacher	Lindsay Weaver	01/18/22
WSNS	Kindergarten Paraprofessional	Matthew Bancroft	Reassignment	Brenda Williams	08/31/21

**NEW HIRES**