

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2026, this meeting of the School Committee will be conducted via hybrid participation.

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Somerville Public Schools - School Committee Goals 2023 - 2025

In order to address the root causes of systemic inequity in our schools, the Somerville School Committee and SPS commit to the following goals, knowing that these can only be achieved through ensuring meaningful partnerships with Somerville families, district staff, city government, and community partners. Our goals attempt to address deep-rooted systemic barriers that have prevented us from achieving our district vision of equity and excellence and ensure 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.

1. Whole Child Teaching and Learning... we will:

- prepare students to demonstrate strong literacy and mathematics foundation by grade 3, grade 6, and grade 10
- provide all students with integrated classroom lessons from a high quality social-emotional learning curriculum that helps students value and develop their ability to build relationships with other students, to be self aware and socially aware, to self regulate, and to make responsible decisions
- expand access to real-world learning experiences through students' participation in Early College, Advanced Placement courses, CTE, and/or other learning experiences that help students build critical 21st century skills, meeting with their college and career counselor in their junior and senior year, and students graduating with a defined post-secondary plan.

2. Equitable Access to Programming... we will conduct a district enrollment study to understand the prospective future population of the district and create and begin implementing a strategy for school building development, school assignment, and programming that aligns with the district's equity policy, and which is based on results of the enrollment study and the projected 10+ year plan for school facilities.

3. Workforce Diversity... we will increase the percentage of support staff of color, teachers and counselors of color, and administrators of color by 6% per group compared to SY22 rates through evaluating and strengthening all elements of our personnel system – recruitment, processes, training, retention, development, advancement, and staff data collection systems on which we base and measure our improvement efforts.

4. Equitable Resource Allocation... we will design, evaluate, and partially or fully implement student-based budgeting by 2025, or identify alternative mechanisms to more equitably allocate district resources.

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. SCHOOL COMMITTEE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – In person

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IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 17, 2025
- December 01, 2025
- December 15, 2025

V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**A. District Report**

- SFLC Department Update
- Summer Overview Community Schools/Out of School Time

VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**A. School Committee Meeting for the Rules Management Subcommittee meeting: December 15, 2025** (Mrs. Barish)

MOTION: To accept the report of the Rules Management Subcommittee Committee Meeting for December 15, 2025

B. School Committee Meeting for the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee Meeting: December 17, 2025 (Mrs. Pitone)

MOTION: To accept the report of the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee Committee Meeting for December 17, 2025

C. School Committee Meeting for the School Committee and Student Advisory Meeting: January 7, 2026

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee and Student Advisory Meeting for January 7, 2026

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Draft 2026-2027 School Calendar****B. MSBA Update****VIII. NEW BUSINESS****A. December Bill Roll** (Recommended action: approval)**B. Somerville Public Schools Policy Manual**

The following policy is being presented the evening for the **first** reading for the 2026 School Committee

- Policy Manual Section A, B, and C

B. Acceptance of FY26 Grants Funds: (Recommended action: approval)
State

Mass Cultural Youth Reach- El Sistema Dept- \$26,550

Computer Science Engage Part 2- District Wide- \$33,627

C. Donation: (Recommended action: Approval)

Donation	Donor	City, State	Value	Program
Computer Keyboards	Ashish Koul	Cambridge, MA	\$390.00	District Wide

IX. COMMUNITY OR CALENDAR ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**X. CONDOLENCE****XI. ADJOURNMENT**

For Simultaneous Interpretation in Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole See below:

Español - Para Interpretación

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

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Kreyòl ayisyen - Pou entèpretasyon

Pou gade reyinyon regilye Komite Lekòl la, 12 Janyye a 7:00PM an dirèk lakay ou, vizite lyen sa a epi chwazi **GovTV**: <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/communications-and-community-engagement/somerville-city-tv>

Pou w tande entèpretasyon similtane Reyinyon Regilye a an panyòl, pòtigè oswa kreyòl ayisyen, ou dwe enskri 48 èdtan davans epi endike lang ou prefere a. Pou enskri, klike sou lyen ki anba a:

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