

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 28, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 24, 2025
- April 7, 2025

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – In person or via Zoom

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

- Enrollment Update
- Next Wave Full Circle School Improvement Plan
- Somerville High School Improvement Plan

B. Personnel Report

- April 2025

VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**A. School Committee Meeting for the School Building Facilities and Maintenance: April 14, 2025**

(Mr. Biton)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for the School Building Facilities and Maintenance for April 14, 2025

B. School Committee Meeting for the Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole: April 16, 2025 (Dr. Phillips)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for the Finance and Facilities Meeting of April 16, 2025.

VII. NEW BUSINESS**A. SHORE Educational Collaborative Report****B. Interim Chief Financial Officer Contract (Vote)****C. SEU UNIT A-Appendix B: Extracurricular Activities Side Letter**

MOTION: to authorize the chair to sign SEU UNIT A-Appendix B: Extracurricular Activities Side Letter

D. Field Trips: (Recommended action: Approval)**May 17, 2025- May 18, 2025**

23 Students from SHS will attend the GX Ultimate Frisbee in North Hampton, MA to compete in the PVF Tournament Travel via SHS Van, Student Cost 0

May 2, 2025 **Date change
original date (May 9th)*

14 Students from Next Wave Full Circle will attend Mount Monadnock in NH. Travel via NW/FC School van, students cost \$0.

May 17, 2025-May 18, 2025

22 students from SHS will attend the GX Ultimate Frisbee in North Hampton, MA to compete in the PVF Tournament Travel via SHS Van, Student Cost 0

June 10, 2025

45 eighth-grade students from West Somerville Neighborhood School will visit Canobie Lake Park as an end of year celebration. Travel via school bus, student cost \$0

June 13, 2025

70 eighth-grade students from East Somerville Community School will visit Canobie Lake Park as an end of year celebration. Travel via school bus. Student Cost \$0

E. Acceptance of FY25 Grants Funds (Recommended action: approval)

MOTION: To accept all federal entitlement and continuation grants and all state continuation grants awarded to the Somerville Public Schools listed below:

Private

Somerville Foundation-\$400.00- Brown School Musical Instruments

F. Donation:(Recommended action: approval)

The Superintendent recommends acceptance, with gratitude, of the following donations:

Donation	Donor	City, State	Value	Program
Monetary	F.W. Webb	Bedford, MA	\$3,000.00	CTE-Plumbing Program
Monetary	The Somerville Asian Family Network	Somerville, MA	\$400.00-additional donation	Schools Libraries- to use funds to purchase books written by Asian authors
Instrument	Jack Donahue-Audio Tech Service	Somerville, MA	\$1,200.00	SHS Music Department-Yamaha mix console for the recording studio

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. MSBA Update****IX. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS****X. CONDOLENCE****XI. ADJOURNMENT****For Simultaneous Interpretation in Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole See below:****Español - Para Interpretación**

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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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