

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**  
**REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 29, 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.

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.

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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**

- August 25, 2025

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – In person**

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

- New Administrative Staff/Professional Teacher Status & Personnel Annual Presentation (Mrs. Woods, Mrs. MacDonald and Mr. Glynn)
- 2025-2026 Enrollment Update (Mrs. Braga)

**B. Personnel Report**

- September

**VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES****A. School Committee Meeting for the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee Meeting: September 10, 2025** (Dr. Phillips)

**MOTION:** To accept the report of the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee Meeting for September 10, 2025

**B. School Committee Meeting for the Joint School Building Facilities and Maintenance Subcommittee Meeting: September 15, 2025** (Mr. Biton)

**MOTION:** To accept the report of the Joint School Building Facilities and Maintenance Subcommittee Meeting for September 15, 2025

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****A. MSBA****VIII. NEW BUSINESS****A. July and August Bill Rolls** (vote)**B. FY27 State Budget Sign-on Letter****C. MSBA Finance Presentation to the CAG****D. Field Trip** (Recommended Action: Approval)  
**October 20, 2025 – October 22, 2025**

48 six-grade students from West Somerville Neighborhood School will visit nature's classroom in Groton, MA travel via bus, student cost \$175.00

\* PTA will fund all students unable to pay

**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:

**State:**

**Adult Education & Family Literacy- SCALE-**\$732,519- Continuation Grant

**Metro North WIOA Follow up-SCALE-** \$26,400

**Proficiency Based Outcomes in World Language Other Than English- Word Language Dept-** \$31,000

**Federal:**

**Adult Education & Family Literacy- SCALE -**\$146,504

**Private:**

**Morris & Bender Foundation – Argenziano School** \$ 12,500

**Reforma Noche de Cuentos-Hispanic Month Night of Storytelling- ESCS-**\$500

**F. Donation:** (Recommended action: Approval)

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

Donation	Donor	City, State	Value	Program
Work Gear	Brunt Workwear	North Reading, MA	\$105, 000	700 Pairs of Boots for all of the CTE shops at the Somerville High School
Equipment	PJ Dionne	Woburn, MA	\$5,200	1 Bradley 3 Bay Hand Sink for the CTE Plumbing Program at Somerville High School

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

Para **ver** la reunión regular del Comité Escolar el 29 de septiembre a las 7:00pm, en vivo desde su casa, visite el siguiente Enlace y seleccione GovTV:

<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/communications-and-community-engagement/somerville-city-tv>

Para poder **escuchar en vivo la interpretación en simultaneo de esta reunión en español, portugués o criollo haitiano**, debe registrarse y solicitar el servicio con 48 horas de anticipación e indicar su idioma de preferencia. Para registrarse haga clic en el enlace a continuación

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**Português - Para Interpretação**

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**Kreyòl ayisyen - Pou entèpretasyon**

Pou **gade** reyinyon regilye Komite Lekòl la, 29 septanm 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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