

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 22, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2023, 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. AWARDS AND CITATIONS

A. Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent Award

- Valedictorian – *Veid Patel*
- Salutatorian – *Elizabeth Churchill*

III. SCHOOL COMMITTEE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 3, 2023
- April 24, 2023

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – In person or via Zoom

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VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. District Report

- FY24 Budget Update (Dr. Curley)
- West Somerville Neighborhood School Improvement Plan Memo (Ms. Eligene)

B. Personnel Report

- May 2023

VII. Report of Subcommittees

A. Rules Management Subcommittee Meeting: May 8, 2023 (Ms. Barish)

MOTION: To accept the report of the Rules Management Subcommittee meeting of May 8, 2023.

B. Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole: May 10, 2023 (Ms. Krepchin)

MOTION: To accept the report of the Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole of May 10, 2023.

C. Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole: May 16, 2023 (Ms. Krepchin)

MOTION: To accept the report of the Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole of May 16, 2023.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution in Support of the “THRIVE” Act (Ms. Krepchin)

B. Somerville Public Schools Policy Manual (Ms. Barish)

The following policies are being presented this evening for a second reading:

- File LBC: Relations with Other Schools and School Districts
- File JB: Equal Educational Opportunities
- File JIB: Student Involvement in Decision-Making
- File GBA: Equal Employment Opportunity
- File GCF: Selection Process for Professional Positions
- File AC: Non-Discrimination Policy Including Harassment and Relation
- File AC-R: Procedures for Responding to Complaints of Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Common Planning Time Discussion and Vote

B. Somerville Public Schools Policy Manual (Ms. Barish)

The following policies are being presented this evening for a first reading:

- File KCD: Public Gifts to the Schools
- File BEDH: Public Comment at School Committee Meetings

C. Field Trips (Recommended action: approval)

June 4, 2023 – June 5, 2023

Four Students from Somerville High School will travel to the Federal Reserve in Cleveland, OH to compete in a National Personal Finance Challenge. Travel by airplane, student cost \$0.

D. Acceptance of FY23 Grant 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

- **Mass Cultural Council Grant: \$22,000** – for El Sistema Program.

E. Donations (Recommended action: approval)

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

Donation	Donor	City, State	Value	Programs Donated to
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3 Gift Cards	Market Basket	Somerville, MA	\$750	AFAS Gay - Straight Alliance Club
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X. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**XI. CONDOLENCES****XII. ADJOURNMENT****For Simultaneous Interpretation in Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole See below:****Español - Para Interpretación**

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