

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Monday, April 25, 2016 – Regular Meeting**

7:08 p.m. - Aldermanic Chambers - City Hall

**Members present:** Mr. Roix, Ms. Palmer, Mr. Bockelman, Ms. Normand, Ms. Pitone, Mr. Futrell and Alderman White (7:12 p.m.)

**Members absent:** Mr. Green and Mayor Curtatone

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Carrie Normand called a Regular Meeting of the School Committee to order in the aldermanic chambers at 7:08 p.m., with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag of the United States of America. Ms. Normand asked for a roll call, the results of which are as follows: - Present – 6 – Palmer, Pitone, Roix, Futrell, Bockelman, Normand and Absent – 3 – White, Curtatone, Green

**II. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Mr. Ojo was absent.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 11, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Futrell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016

The motion was approved by voice vote.

**IV. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

**A. Finance and Facilities Subcommittee:** Mr. Bockelman (Mar 2)

Members present: Paul Bockelman and Laura Pitone

Other School Committee members present: Carrie Normand, Lee Palmer, Andre Green

Also in attendance: Superintendent Skipper and Finance Director Durette

Audience Members: None

Mr. Bockelman called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

There were seven items on the agenda.

1. Minutes

Ms. Pitone moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2016 and February 11, 2016. Mr. Bockelman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. FY17 Budget

The members reviewed the latest draft budget projection developed by the Finance Director and Superintendent assuming all services were to be maintained with no additions or deletions. This budget shows a projected increase of 4.58%. Much of this increase is attributable to significant increases in Special Education costs.

The Committee reviewed budget requests submitted by each of the schools and by the departments in the District. The report showed the original request followed by the revised requests after being reviewed in conjunction with the Superintendent and Finance Director.

Lastly, members contributed their thoughts on possible budget requests or areas that they were interested in reviewing for funding including mental health staffing for the middle grades, liaison services and interpretation services, a review of afterschool and summer school options, special education programming and food quality. Mr. Bockelman noted that this was the last day to submit budget requests.

3. Facilities and Capital Planning

The Committee reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan by school and discussed various strategies in addressing these many needs. Members also contributed items that they thought should be included in this list including Brown School renovations, security and access at the Edgerly, security at the High School, field space at the Healey and Winter Hill Community School, air conditioning in the Edgerly for central office, and Edgerly signage.

4. Grant and Special Revenue Accounts

The Committee also reviewed revolving accounts, special revenue accounts, and state, Federal and private grants.

5. FY2016 Expenditure Report

The Committee reviewed the FY2016 expenditure report.

6. FY2016 Bill Rolls

Ms. Pitone moved to approve the FY2016 bill rolls as presented. Mr. Bockelman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Bockelman put members on notice that the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee meetings from here on would be Committees of the Whole and that additional meetings would be scheduled to give the Committee plenty of time to deliberate on the budget.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

MOTION: Mr. Bockelman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pitone to approve the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee for the meetings of January 19, 2016 and February 11, 2016.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

MOTION: Mr. Bockelman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Futrell to approve the FY16 Bill Roll.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

**B. School Committee for Finance and Facilities: Mr. Bockelman (Mar 14)**

Members present: Paul Bockelman, Dan Futrell and Laura Pitone

Other School Committee members present: Carrie Normand, Lee Palmer, Andre Green, Steve Roix

Also in attendance: Superintendent Skipper and Finance Director Durette

Audience Members: None

Mr. Bockelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

There were three items on the agenda.

1. Grant and Special Revenue Accounts

The Committee reviewed revolving accounts, special revenue accounts, and state, Federal and private grants. The Subcommittee requested a list of: (a) grants already in the pipeline for FY17, (b) grant applications submitted or anticipated to be submitted – submitted monthly or quarterly to the Finance & Facilities Subcommittee.

Members reviewed the revolving funds. Specific questions were raised about the Somerville High School Day Care fund, how field trips are funded and whether the utilization of field trips was equivalent among the elementary schools, and how SCALE is funded.

2. FY17 Budget

The members reviewed the latest draft budget projection developed by the Finance Director and Superintendent assuming all services were to be maintained with no additions or deletions. The Superintendent and Finance Director continue to refine the budgets. The Subcommittee reviewed the projected classrooms needed to meet our needs of our student population.

Members agreed that Unidos expansion, Middle grades changes, and how volunteer coordination services were offered should be reviewed but recognized that this may not happen until the Fall.

Members agreed that Community Schools should be reviewed in May or June.

3. FY2016 Expenditure Report

The Committee reviewed the FY2016 expenditure report.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

**C. School Committee for Finance and Facilities:** Mr. Bockelman (April 6)

Members present: Paul Bockelman, Dan Futrell, Laura Pitone, Lee Palmer, Andre Green, Steve Roix  
Also in attendance: Superintendent Skipper, Assistant Superintendent Dr. McKay and Finance Director Ms. Durette  
Audience Members: None

Mr. Bockelman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Minutes

Ms. Pitone moved to approve the minutes of March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Futrell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. FY17 Budget

The members reviewed the latest draft budget projection developed by the Finance Director and Superintendent assuming all services were to be maintained with no additions or deletions. The Superintendent and Finance Director continue to refine the budgets. The Subcommittee reviewed the projected classrooms needed to meet our needs of our student population.

Several technology initiatives will be in the budget such as an expansion of the one-to-one program. It will also include funding for a STEAM pilot at the Healey School.

3. Facilities Report

- a. The Superintendent reported that she is continuing her program of doing detailed walk-throughs of all school buildings with the DPW. She is identifying issues that need to be addressed and developing a plan to address them with the DPW, which is responsible for the maintenance of the buildings. There was discussion about using the 311 system to report and track building issues. Ms. Durette agreed to send periodic reports from 311 that shows all reported, completed and outstanding work orders.
- b. The Superintendent reported that the Winter Hill Community Innovation School had been identified for the accelerated repair program from the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

4. Bill Rolls

Ms. Pitone moved to approve the bill rolls as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Grants

Ms. Durette reported on two grants: \$18,125 from the Poppleston Foundation for the Parent-Child Home Program and \$40,000 from the Wellington Foundation.

6. FY2016 Expenditure Report

The Committee reviewed the FY2016 expenditure report.

7. Other business

- a. Ms. Durette reported on the pricing she had received to renew the bus contract for the Special Education students and members of the Committee were satisfied with her decision.
- b. Mr. Bockelman reviewed the calendar for our budget process including a meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Somerville High School, the budget public hearing on May 11<sup>th</sup>, and a meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> prior to our regular board meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

MOTION: Mr. Bockelman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roix to accept the report of the Chair of Finance and Facilities for the meetings of March 2, 14 and April 6, 2016.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

**D. Educational Programs and Instruction: Mr. Roix (Mar 8)**

Members present: Steve Roix, Laura Pitone, Andre Green

Other School Committee members present: Carrie Normand, Paul Bockelman, Dan Futrell, Lee Palmer

Also in attendance: Superintendent Skipper, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vincent McKay

Audience Members: Summer School coordinator Glenda Sota and approximately 16 others

Mr. Roix called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

First on our agenda was a continuation of our discussion on the resolution for moratorium on high-stakes testing a statewide level, continued from our discussion at the February meeting. Mr. Green brought forward a revised version of the resolution - and I thank him for his work on that with revisions based on some of the conversations we had at the February meeting, and we had another good discussion. Once again after the subcommittee discussed it we were able to open up discussion to the audience including but not limited to other school committee members; members of the audience had some fantastic input as did our always always well-informed and thoughtful educational leaders, Mary Skipper and Vince McKay.

So we ended up doing another round of revisions to the already revised resolution that Mr. Green brought to us and made some changes:

We changed some of the wording, some of the details, but I think the spirit of the resolution is intact. Not everyone in the audience was 100% happy with all the wording we did or didn't include, but even some of the people who would have asked for preferred stronger wording and/or a more detailed "expression of grievances", for lack of a better term, were pleased that we did forward the resolution before you this evening for your consideration, and in fact expressed their thanks.

So in summary, Mr. Green moved the resolution, Ms. Pitone seconded, we had a the lengthy discussion I just referenced, and Ms. Pitone very helpfully compiled some of the wording changes that seemed to have some broad support - if not total consensus - among those in the room who participated in the conversation, and she moved to amend the resolution with the 4 or 5 changes, and both the amendment and then the resolution as amended passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was an update on Summer School, Glenda Soto, teacher and summer school coordinator for this year was in attendance. Ms. Soto has been tapped by the Superintendent to review and lay groundwork to make our Summer School program more of a comprehensive and effective experience, better for families, better for students.

Some of the changes being worked on:

- Nurses at all 7 sites
- Will still be 7 sites - better for the DPW to be able to have the programs spread out, so they can work other areas
- there will be better collaboration with 4 or 5 outside providers have applied to be in the building

YMCA, Cambridge Health Alliance, Riverside Community Health, Somerville Recreation and Freedom School all will be in the buildings along with our own summer school. The Superintendent is looking to get the program "tight" this year so it can expand in the future and provide a more seamless and comprehensive experience for families

Dr. McKay shared his memo to teachers - in short reinforcing our consistent contention that we are not a "test-prep" district but are focused on fidelity to our core curriculum, success on the tests will follow. A good discussion with members was had on that, and I thank Dr. McKay for his forthrightness and sharing of his and the District's academic leadership philosophy on this high interest topic.

Next the agenda was a memo from Steve Simolaris, our supervisor of health and physical education, on our social emotional curriculum, the results of his comprehensive review of that topic and forthcoming changes. We will be having a more in depth presentation coming soon.

Next was a memo from Jim Nocito, our District director for world languages, about middle grades language options, about looking at plans to expand our 6th grade language classes to a 5 day/week offering, also expanding to younger grades and expanding the variety of languages offered at all grade levels.

Lastly was a memo from UNIDOS coordinator Betsey Reardon outlining a number of things going on with that program, specifically talking about a presentation she and other staff members were giving at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Bilingual Educators (MABE) and also outlining the plans for UNIDOS teacher professional development over the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

MOTION: Mr. Roix made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bockelman to accept the report of the Educational Programs and Instruction on March 8, 2016.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

**E. Educational Programs and Instruction: Mr. Roix (April 12)**

Members present: Steve Roix, Laura Pitone, Andre Green

Other School Committee members present: Carrie Normand, Paul Bockelman, Dan Futrell, Lee Palmer

Also in attendance: Early Education Steering Committee, including Lisa Kuh, Jenny McGoldrick, Rosanna Paribello, Nomi Davidson, Sarah Davila, Alec Resnick, Dr. Jill Geiser, Steve Stefano

Audience Members: 3 members of the public

Mr. Roix called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

First on our agenda was a presentation from the Early Childhood Steering Committee on ongoing plans, particularly on expanding our HeadStart/SMILE plan partnership to the Capuano School. This is a program that had been piloted at the Healey School, and it's exciting to hear about it expanding and evolving based on what we've learned from the pilot. Also, we are excited to now be able to accept vouchers for PreK students for after school (Community Schools) plan. Dr. Kuh also updated us on our collaboration with our community partners - private and non-profit day care providers in our community, and in particular an early childhood planning grant that will allow us to lay a framework for a truly universal kindergarten readiness program that will have the capacity for all 4 year olds in Somerville, whether they are in our program or not.

Next was an update on STEAM. Alec Resnick, head of the STEAM academy innovation school plan, that plan is not yet ready to be implemented, but we are excited to learn that Mr Resnick has been working with the Healy School 7th and 8th grade teachers, and Healey principal Jill Geiser to lay the groundwork for a plan to implement a project based learning/STEAM co-teaching model for Healey School middle grades in the coming school year. This is an exciting pilot, and hopefully it can be built on in future years.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45

MOTION: Mr. Roix made a motion, seconded by Mr. Futrell to accept the report of the Educational Programs and Instruction on April 12, 2016.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

MOTION: Mr. Roix made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer to approve the resolution regarding the three year moratorium on testing, sending it to the State Delegation

MOTION: Ms. Pitone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bockelman to amend the resolution.

The first motion was approved by voice vote.

The second motion was approved by voice vote.

**F. Rules Management:** Mr. Futrell (April 11)

Members Present: Ms. Palmer, Mr. Roix, Ms. Normand and Ms. Pitone

Also in Attendance: Assistant Superintendent Dr. McKay

Audience Members: Four parents and community members

There were three items on the agenda, but due to time constraint, we did not get to the last item. This will be on an agenda on a future date.

- Our discussion of our snow emergency policy focused on Files EBCD: Emergency Closings and CBC: Superintendent's Power and Responsibilities. A few key points that came out of this discussion:
  - The Superintendent is the sole person in the district to make the decision on Snow Days. She does this in coordination with her staff and with the City. They will often coincide with the city's declaration of Snow Emergencies, but not necessarily so.
  - First and foremost in this decision-making process is safety for students, families, teachers, crossing guards, staff, administration.
  - Other inputs include transportation for all of the students who rely on various transportation services across the district.
  - The district has done a lot of work this winter to work through the logistics of a late start and feel prepared to execute a late start upon the decision of the Superintendent should it be appropriate.
  - We discussed the impact of city parking during a snow emergency, and acknowledged that vehicles on school property do affect the district's ability to open school.
  - A parent from the Brown was in attendance, and spoke to the perception that a Snow Day called by the district and a Snow Emergency called by the city appeared to be the same

because the message for both was delivered in the same robo-call. He described a snow day due to parking as "a problem that the city has borne at the expense of children."

- There is a balance between the practicalities of parking as well as letting educational and safety needs drive snow day decisions, and the parents in the audience seemed eager to hear the district acknowledge that parking played a role.
- We concluded this discussion with a plan to engage the city to determine what next best options are available for parking during a snow emergency, such that parking is not a factor that impacts education.
- At the request of the Chair of the School Committee, we discussed School Committee requests for information of the District, analyzing roles and responsibilities of school committee members as both representatives of the community and as decision makers who need to be informed.
  - We also talked about the distinction between requesting information that currently exists and needs to be aggregated, versus information that requires our staff to compile new data not previously collected.
  - During this conversation, we reference File KA: School Committee-Community Relations Goals, File CBC: Superintendent's Powers and Responsibilities, File BDB: Responsibilities of Officers and Members (of the School Committee), and File CL: Administrative Reports.
  - We discussed the importance of the School Committee Chair's role in prioritizing information requests, and the current practice of disseminating all answers to all members of the School Committee.
  - We discussed the causes for many information requests and the potential benefit of a district dashboard that listed Key Performance Indicators that would be agreed upon by the School Committee and the Administration.
  - We concluded this discussion with an agreement to keep an this open conversation going, though it is not necessary to formalize this, and with a commitment to document all outstanding requests and provide that list to the school committee to increase transparency of requests in process and requests fulfilled.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

There was then a discussion regarding snow emergency called by the city vs. snow day called by our Superintendent:

- They are two separate issues
- If there is a snow emergency and we have school, the outcome would be that we would have full lots from residents parking there, leaving our teachers with no parking
- Superintendent Skipper will be happy to have a conversation with Mayor Curtatone about this
- Exciting alternative would be a late start for our schools
- There is no policy that says when there is a snow emergency for the city, there is a snow day for the district
- There is no policy that says anytime there are cars parked on school property, there will be a snow day

MOTION: Mr. Futrell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pitone to approve the minutes of the Rules Subcommittee for April 11, 2016

The motion was approved by voice vote.

**G. Long Range Planning Subcommittee:** Ms. Normand (April 7)

Present: Carrie Normand, Paul Bockelman, Steve Roix, Dan Futrell, Lee Palmer, Andre Green, Laura Pitone, Superintendent Mary Skipper, and Assistant Superintendent Vince McKay.

After some discussion, the school committee drafted the following 2016-2017 district goals:

1. Increase achievement and access for all students. Reduce all performance gaps by half.
2. Develop and implement a strategy to recruit, develop, and retain a diverse and talented staff.
3. Develop and implement a comprehensive PreK-12 social-emotional learning framework that provides

- students with the skills they need for social and academic success.
4. Continue to develop and implement innovative ways of measuring student academic performance and school quality such as formative assessment, performance-based tasks, and whole quality indicators.
  5. Develop a comprehensive plan for Universal Kindergarten Readiness that supports intellectual, physical, and social/emotional growth from birth to Pre-K.
  6. Increase engagement with the community to reflect the community in which we live.

Ms. Palmer moved to accept these goals, seconded by Mr. Green, and passed unanimously. The School Committee asked Superintendent Skipper to draft milestones to gauge progress towards each goal. The School Committee will evaluate the proposed milestones before voting on the final version of 2016-2017 district goals this spring.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

MOTION: Ms. Normand made a motion, seconded by Ms. Futrell to accept the report and minutes of the School Committee Meeting for Long Range Planning of March 12, 2016

Mr. Futrell stated he was looking forward to see what the metrics would be. At the time that these goals are passed, he will make a resolution to adjust our mission statement.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

## **V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

### **A. PERSONNEL REPORT**

We have 4 additional retirements and would like to thank them for their service:

- o Cathy DeYoung – 8 years as a senior clerk
- o Pamela Avellani – 16 years as a permanent lunch attendant
- o Judy Baker – 26 years as a SPED paraprofessional
- o Carmen Scuccimara – 25 years as a teacher

### **B. DISTRICT REPORT**

A group of SHS students and school/district staff members took a historic 8-day trip to Cuba over the spring break. The overwhelming consensus is that the trip was a phenomenal experience. The group of 12 students/12 adults had an opportunity to visit and learn about various community projects, explore and learn the history behind several city centers throughout Cuba and learn about the Cuban culture, history and people.

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to the school committee for your support of this important opportunity for cultural exchange, to Alicia Kersten and Jim Nocito for coordinating this event, and to the students for representing their community so well.

The SHS Building Committee has narrowed down the SHS building project option to one. A public Forum will be held April 26<sup>th</sup>. Community members are encouraged to attend the forum to learn more about the recommended option and to comment on the project.

Congratulations to the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative for hosting the first of what is anticipated to become an annual Intergenerational Baby Shower, working in partnership with the Somerville Council on Aging. The baby shower held on April 5<sup>th</sup> brought together more than 60 Somerville residents including new or expectant parents and older adults in the community celebrate the parenting journey and to learn about community resources available to new parents. The Somerville Kiwanis club provided start-up funding for the SomerBaby initiative.

Unsafe Lead Levels – A few months ago, we had the water tested at our three oldest schools, Brown, SHS and Winter Hill. All results were fine. We have now asked for all schools to be tested.

Upcoming Events – The final round of Parent-Teacher conference for the year continues this week.

Next Wave/Full Circle and ESCS School Improvement presentations will be held this Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please join us to learn about the work the schools and their respective School Improvement Councils have done to date as they continue their work toward developing a school improvement plan for the coming year.

Our public Budget Hearing will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the ESCS Auditorium.

End of the year awards ceremonies and celebrations are coming up soon. We hope to see you at many of these events.

Dr. McKay will now brief you on our MCAS update:

Testing season is at the mid-way point, between the ELA testing window and the math testing period

This evening's vote on the testing moratorium is timely as we look back at the recently completed ELA testing – the administration went very smoothly, want to thank the students and staff for making this happen.

This is a good time to update you on the advocacy we initiated in February regarding how the DESE applies the accountability rules to MCAS districts and those districts taking the PARCC exam this year. You'll recall that for those districts (about 70%) taking PARCC, they had their school and district accountability levels 'held harmless,' meaning their rating cannot be negatively impacted by their testing results. We were requesting that the same standard be applied to those districts taking MCAS this year.

Our point was, and is, that it's a matter of basic fairness.

Department has yet to formally respond to our outreach, though several staff members at DESE said it was forthcoming, and had been discussed at the senior level at the Dept. We are keeping their attention on this issue.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Skipper and I spoke to Robert Curtin Director, Education Data Services and the Center for School & District Accountability. We will keep you updated as this advocacy moves forward.

- Measuring School Quality - Beyond Standardized testing – survey
- Goal – alternative / innovative means of judging the quality of our schools.
- Focus group meeting to test out the online system, at SHS on April 13.
- Student surveys began last week and will continue into this week.
- Staff surveys begin later this week.
- Goal: a refined and improved set of data collection tools to provide a more comprehensive view of our schools. Ms. Skipper is working with a coalition of districts as well as elected officials and state leaders on this issue

There was some discussion on the MCAS issue:

What would be the outcome if they don't hold schools doing MCAS harmless? Would it affect the level of school, charter schools? This is high stakes because of the way the accountability system is set up. Our point all along is that this is not the same test it was a year or two ago.

The cohort we're being compared to is vastly different than it was a year or two ago. As the MCAS pool has shrunk, Fall River is the only other urban district that remains in the MCAS testing pool.

Have they done any calculation of comparing MCAS data vs. PARCC data to do comprehensive data? That's their plan, they feel confident they can do that, but it's a moving target.

Unintended consequence of having 2 formats of the test is not an easy way to quantify between computer based and paper. The goal of the test is to get valuable information back to the district and to our teachers to be able to inform instruction and that can only be done if you are doing a fair comparison.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Proposed Resolution Regarding Charter School Cap (Ms. Palmer)**

A discussion was held relative to needed changes.

MOTION: Mr. Futrell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer to table this resolution until the next meeting.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. SCALE ADP Graduate

MOTION: Mr. Futrell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pitone to approve SCALE ADP Graduate Hakim Akendar – 33 Crest Avenue, Unit 1R – Winthrop, MA 02152

The motion was approved by voice vote.

B. Field Trip

MOTION: Mr. Roix made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pitone to approve Kennedy School field trip request to Canobie Lake Park.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

C. Donations

MOTION: Mr. Roix made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pitone to accept the following donations:

<b>Donation</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>City, State</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Program donated to</b>
Monetary	Parent-Child Home Program	Garden City, NY	\$40,000	Somerville PCHP
Monetary	Parent-Child Home Program	Garden City, NY	\$18,125	Somerville PCHP
Monetary	North Carolina Community Foundation in partnership with Biogen Foundation	Raleigh, NC	\$2,975	SHS for STEM education

The motion was approved by voice vote.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Mr. Roix**

- The SHS Building Committee has narrowed the alternative to one at the last meeting
- I encourage you to ask questions, give me your thoughts

**Ms. Pitrone**

- Announcing the launch of the Technology Advisory Group, first meeting May 5, group of community members, staff, teachers, parents, moving forward to making curriculum recommendations and weigh in on how we can advance our technology
- Healey School having their biggest fundraiser May 1<sup>st</sup>, family friendly event

**Ms. Palmer**

- This Saturday is the All City Cleanup followed by a barbeque

**Ms. Normand**

- The Healey Arts Festival is raising money for all students, regardless of their ability to pay, so that they can participate in the numerous off-site learning experiences that the Healey offers
- WSNS is having Family Game Night on May 2

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjourning, Mr. Bockelman expressed the School Committee's condolences for the following people who recently passed away:

- Mary Good, mother of Paul Good, retired teacher from Somerville High School
- Krisanthi Ilia, mother of Ana Treska, Lead Teacher at the Capuano Early Childhood Center
- Antonio "Tony" Ferrelli, son in law of Claire DeConick, paraprofessional at the Brown School. Tony was also a much-respected employee of the Somerville Retirement Board
- Eileen DeMont, mother of Debra Hurley, teacher at the Kennedy School
- Emma McNamara, mother of Joelita Cleveland, retired teacher from the West Somerville Neighborhood School
- Maureen O'Brien, retired paraprofessional from the Capuano Early Childhood Center and sister of Eleanor Stordy, retired secretary from the Vocational Program at Somerville High School

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m., by voice vote.

Maryann Coulombe  
Administrative Assistant