

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**  
**REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 7, 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 10, 2025

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – In person or via Zoom**

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

- Brown School Improvement Plan
- East Somerville Community School Improvement Plan
- Child Find Law Memo

**VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES****A. School Committee Meeting for Rules Management Subcommittee meeting: March 24, 2025**

(Ms. Barish)

**MOTION:** To accept the report of Rules Management Subcommittee meeting for March 24, 2025**B. School Committee Meeting for the Educational Programs and Instructional Subcommittee: March 25, 2025 (Dr. Ackman)****MOTION:** To accept the report of the Educational Programs and Instructional Subcommittee for March 25, 2025**C. School Committee Meeting for the School Building Facilities and Maintenance: March 31, 2025 (Mr. Biton)****MOTION:** To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for the School Building Facilities and Maintenance for March 31, 2025**D. School Committee Meeting for the Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole: April 2, 2025 (Dr. Phillips)****MOTION:** To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for the Finance and Facilities Meeting of April 2, 2025.**VII. NEW BUSINESS****A. Resolution in Support of Increase FY26 Elementary and Secondary Education Funding****B. SC Spring Office Hours Announcement****C. FY25 Somerville High School Diploma Request (Recommended action: approval)***Dorime Sarha**Somerville, MA***D. Field Trips: (Recommended action: Approval)****May 1, 2025- May 3, 2025**

19 Students from CTE will attend a SkillsUSA Competition in Marlborough, MA Travel via SHS Bus, Student Cost 0

**May 9, 2025**

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

**May 14, 2025-May 16, 2025**

Thirty fourth grade students from the Healey School will visit Red Gate Farm in Ashfield, MA. Travel via bus, student cost \$400

**June 10, 2025**

Ten students from next wave full Circle will travel to Canobie Lake Park in Salem New Hampshire, travel by NW/FC school van, cost to student \$25

**June 13, 2025**

Forty-seven eight grade students from Argenziano School will travel to Canobie lake park in Salem New Hampshire, travel by bus, student cost \$29

**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****CS Engage-\$4, 000.00-** Science Dept. District Wide Grant Increase**F. Donation:**(Recommended action: approval)

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

Donation	Donor	City, State	Value	Program
Workshop Tools	Bosch Tools Corporation	Mt. Prospect, IL	\$10,346.92	CTE-Carpentry Program

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****A. Superintendent Formative Assessment****B. 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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