

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 25, 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 16, 2025

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – In person

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

- School Readiness (DPW/IAM)

B. Personnel Report

- July/ August

V. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**A. School Committee Meeting for the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee Meeting: June 18, 2025 (Dr. Phillips)**

MOTION: To accept the report of the Finance and Facilities subcommittee Meeting for June 18, 2025

B. School Committee Meeting for the Rules Management Subcommittee Meeting: July 15, 2025 (Ms. Barish)

MOTION: To accept the report of the Rules Management Subcommittee Meeting for July 15, 2025

VI. NEW BUSINESS**A. Cummings School Warming Center & Renovation****B. MSBA Designer Selection Panel**

Motion: To appoint School Committee designee to the MSBA Designer Selection Panel for the MSBA

C. Somerville Public Schools Policy Manual

The Following Policy is being present this evening for the first reading:

- File JCA - Controlled Student Choice

D. Field Trips (Recommended Action: Approval)

Sept 17, 2025-Sept 19, 2025,

60- six grade students from the Argenziano School will visit Nature's Classroom in Groton, MA. Travel via bus, student cost \$310- * 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:

Private

BU Consortium- SFLC Grant -\$3,500

BU Consortium- Unidos Grant- \$5,639.50

Nellie Mae Grant - Navigating Now: District Support for College and Career Readiness-\$100,000

Harvard Mentor Program- District Wide- \$6,000

Barr Foundation Grant - Strengthening School Leadership: Driving Instructional Improvement-\$200,000

State:

Coordinated Family Community Engagement- SFLC Grant -\$371, 477

Commonwealth School Health- District Wide- \$85,500

Partnership for Reading Success Massachusetts (PRISM) Grant-\$338,000

High Equivalency Test Centers- SCALE- \$11,268

MassHire Metro North- SCALE-\$33,500

Commonwealth Preschool Grant- Early Childhood- \$1,000,000

Computer Science Engage Grant- District Wide-\$23,500

Revolving

Friends of SCALE Grant-\$43, 720.15

Federal

Secondary & Postsecondary Program Improvement & Equipment-CTE -\$5,000

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. MSBA Update**

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

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

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