

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 16, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2026, 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. PUBLIC COMMENT – In person

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IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 2, 2026
- February 23, 2026

V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. District Report

- Art Department Showcase
- Healey School Improvement Plan
- Winter Hill Community Innovation School Improvement Plan

VI. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

A. School Committee Meeting for the Rules Management Subcommittee Meeting: February 23, 2026 (Member Biton)

MOTION: To accept the report of the Rules Management Subcommittee Meeting for February 23,2026

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MSBA- Space Summary and Educational Program (second reading)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chief of Financial Officer Contract (Recommended action: approval)

Motion: to authorize the chair to sign the Chief of Financial Officer contract

B. MOA-SEU Work Year for 2026-2027 (Recommended action: approval)

Motion: to authorize the chair to sign the MOA Somerville Educators Union Work Year for 2026-2027

C. Field Trip: (Recommended action: approval)

April 15, 2026-April 18, 2026

27 Somerville High Students from the Robotic Team will travel to Springfield, MA to participate on the Eastern States Exposition. Travel via bus, cost to student \$0.00

May 20, 2026-May 22, 2026

35 Fourth grades student from the Healey School Will travel to Red Gate Farm in Ashfield, MA. Travel via Bus cost to student \$400.00

June 12, 2026

50 Eighth grade students from the Argenziano School will visit Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH as an end of year celebration. Travel via school bus, cost to student \$29

D. Acceptance of FY26 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

Jae Lim Foundation- Somerville High- Math Student Awards- \$4,000

Federal

Title I- District wide grant increase- \$1,053

Title II- District wide grant increase- \$1,462

E. Donation: (Recommended action: approval)

The Superintendent recommends acceptance, with gratitude, of the following

Donation	Donor	City, State	Value	Program
Equipment	Colleen McKiernan	Somerville, MA	\$245	CTE Program

IX. COMMUNITY OR CALENDAR 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 16 de marzo 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>

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Kreyòl ayisyen - Pou entèpretasyon

Pou **gade** reyinyon regilye Komite Lekòl la, 16 mas 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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