

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
City Council Chambers – City Hall
REGULAR MEETING – May 18, 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.

To **watch** this Regular School Committee meeting live from home please visit the following link:
somervillema.gov/GovTVLive

Somerville Public Schools provides **simultaneous interpretation** of this meeting in Spanish, Portuguese, or Haitian Creole. **You must register 48 hours in advance and indicate your preferred language:**

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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 Schools Superintendent Award

- Valedictorian- Tommy Vandewege
- Salutatorian- Lucas Oliver

III. SCHOOL COMMITTEE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

- Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Presentation

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – In person

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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 6, 2026

VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. District Report

- MTSS Presentation
- Special Education Review

B. PERSONNEL REPORT

- April 2026

VII. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

A. School Committee Meeting for the Educational Programs and Instruction Subcommittee: April 2, 2026 (Member Pitone)

Motion: to accept the report of the Educational Programs and Instruction Subcommittee for April 2, 2026

B. School Committee Meeting for the Rules Management Subcommittee meeting: April 27, 2026 (Member Biton)

Motion: to accept the report of the Rules Management Subcommittee Meeting for April 27, 2026

C. School Committee Meeting for the Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole: April 29, 2026 (Member Green)

Motion: to accept the meeting for the Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole for April 29, 2026

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MSBA

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Field Trips:(Recommended action: approval)

June 5, 2026

15 students from the SHS Auto Tech will travel to New England Dragway in Epping, NH. Travel via bus, cost to student \$0

June 17, 2026,

83 eighth-grade students from East Somerville Community School will visit Canobie Lake Park as an end-of-year celebration. Travel via school bus, student cost \$30

B. FY26 SCALE Diploma Request (Recommended action: approval)

Maria Eduarda Bitencort	Somerville, MA
Daniela Celidieu	Somerville, MA
Evelyn Chivalan	Somerville, MA
Cosme Cisneros	Somerville, MA
Miguel Angel Huevo	Somerville, MA
Mirna Lopez	Somerville, MA
Leidy Mauricio Isidro	Somerville, MA
Rodenaelle Mecharles	Somerville, MA
Wilken Pineda	Revere, MA
Alison Pleitez Quinonez	Somerville, MA
Kener Ramirez Velasquez	Somerville, MA
Arnulfo Reyes	Somerville, MA
Lidia Pineda	Chelsea, MA

X. UPCOMING MEETING TOPICS• **June**

- OST Presentation, District Budget, MSBA Plans
- Admin Retirements, SPS Strategic Plan Update

XI. COMMUNITY OR CALENDAR ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**XII. CONDOLENCE****XIII. ADJOURNMENT****For Simultaneous Interpretation in Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole See below:****Español - Para Interpretación**

Para **ver** la reunión regular del Comité Escolar el 18 de mayo 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>

Para poder **escuchar en vivo la interpretación en simultáneo de esta reunión en español, portugués o criollo haitiano**, debe registrarse y solicitar el servicio con 48 horas de anticipación e indicar su idioma de preferencia. Para registrarse haga clic en el enlace a continuación

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Kreyòl ayisyen - Pou entèpretasyon

Pou **gade** reyinyon regilye Komite Lekòl la, 18 Me 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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