

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
City Council Chambers – City Hall  
REGULAR MEETING – June 15, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

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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. Retirees Celebrations**

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Andrea Pease</i>          | <i>Cheryl McGovern</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth Doncaster</i>   | <i>Isabella Justin</i> |
| <i>Jacquelyn Lawrence</i>    | <i>Jane Gardner</i>    |
| <i>Jerri Fullerton</i>       | <i>Joel Villegas</i>   |
| <i>Kimberly Murphy Baker</i> | <i>Kristi Savage</i>   |
| <i>Linda Walsh</i>           | <i>Marie Foreman</i>   |
| <i>Maura Goodwin</i>         | <i>Maureen Corso</i>   |

*Nancy McWeeny  
Roxane Scrima  
Sharon Levesque  
William Verbits*

*Regina Bertholdo  
Sabrina Caprigno  
Theresa Francis  
Joanne Taddeo*

**III. SCHOOL COMMITTEE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

- Student Council End of Year Recap

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – In person**

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**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- May 18, 2026

**VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. District Report**

- SPS Strategic Plan Update
- SEU Update-Partnership with the City to maintain safe and healthy facilities memo

**VII. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES**

**A. School Committee Meeting for the Educational Programs and Instruction Subcommittee: May 29, 2026** (Member Pitone)

**Motion:** to accept the report of the Educational Programs and Instruction Subcommittee of May 29, 2026

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. MSBA**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Director of Special Education Contract Agreement** (recommended action: approval)

**MOTION:** to authorize the chair and the Superintendent to sign the contract agreement with the Director of Special Education

**B. Somerville Public School Policy Manual**

The following policy is being presented this evening for the second reading

- File- JICJ-A Interim District Cell Phone Policy
- SHS Student Handbook

**C. Transfer of Fund** (recommended action: approval)

**Motion:** the superintendent respectfully request the School Committee the approval of a transfer of \$150,000 from our salary/personnel account to our OM/non-personnel account. These "surplus" dollars will be reallocated to our OM/non-personnel budget to prepay out of district tuitions for students with IEPs Draft Revision of the Superintendent Goals

**D. Superintendent Draft Goals**

**E. School Committee Long Range Planning Process**

**F. Participation in National School Lunch and Breakfast Program** (Recommended Action: Approval)

**MOTION:** The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the School Committee vote to participate in the national School Lunch and Breakfast Program, and the Commodity Food Distribution Program, in conformity with requirements of the State Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services for the 2026-2027 school year, as in previous years.

**G. Student Accident Insurance** (Recommended Action: Receive and Place on file)

**MOTION:** The Superintendent advising that the contract for Student Accident Insurance for the 2026-2027 school year has been renewed with Moran Insurance Agency, 23 Spruce St., Suite B, Malden MA 02148, below are the rates, which are the same as last year:

Student Insurance Plan – Gold  
 Premium: School Time \$7.50 0020  
 Premium: 24-Hour Coverage \$49.00  
 Dental: Extended \$10.00  
 Plan B – ALL-SPORTS, ROCK WALL, SHOP AND LAB COVERAGE  
 Premium: Gold Plan \$6,419.00  
 Catastrophic Cash Benefit \$1,039.00

**H. Authorization for Summer Months** (Recommended Action: Approval)

**MOTION:** to Authorize the Superintendent to act on the School Committee's behalf to:

**a.** Pay bills on school department accounts for which commitments have been made by bid or purchase order before the close of schools, said bills to be ratified by the committee at the first meeting in September.

**b.** Expend from FY2027 Salaries Account funds for payment of salaries of personnel under all federal grants beginning in September.

**c.** Expend from the FY27 Salaries Account funds for payment of salaries of personnel as detailed in the FY26 Budget.

**d.** Use Salaries Account and School Operations Account funds to pay encumbrances and salaries for summer programs.

**e.** Authorize and/or reauthorize school department revolving accounts. To accept all monies received by the School Committee in connection with the conduct of said revolving accounts according to the purposes of the program or programs from which receipts in each account were derived.

**f.** Accept all state and federal grant monies awarded through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Department of Early Education and care and to authorize the establishment of separate grant accounts that may be expended by the School Committee without further appropriation for the purposes designated in each grant proposal.

**X. UPCOMING MEETING TOPICS**

- MSBA

**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**

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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

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**Kreyòl ayisyen - Pou entèpretasyon**

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