

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
City Council Chambers – City Hall
REGULAR MEETING – June 8, 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.

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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

- April 27, 2026
- May 4, 2026

V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. District Report

- Middle Grade Experience Working Group Update
- Out of School Time (OST) Presentation
- Homeless and Basic Needs Presentation
- School Climate and Safety Presentation

B. Personnel Report

- May Report

VI. 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 of April 2, 2026

B. School Committee Meeting for the Rules Management Subcommittee meeting: May 18, 2026 (Member Biton)

Motion: to accept the report of the Rules Management Subcommittee Meeting for May 18, 2026

C. School Committee Meeting for the Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole: May 20, 2026 (Member Green)

Motion: to accept the report for the Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole of May 20, 2026

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MSBA

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. SEU-Unit A – Accretion (recommended action: approval)

Motion: to authorize the chair to sign the 25-26 Accretion - OTs and PTs MOA

B. SEU- Unit A – Appendix B & D (recommended action: approval)

MOTION: to authorize the chair to sign the 2025-2026 - Appendix B & D MOA

C. SEU Unit A- Side Letter (recommended action: approval)

MOTION: to authorize the chair to sign the SEU Unit A side letter 2025-2026 - SEL Specialist Stipend MOA

D. 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.

E. FY27 Budget (recommended action: approval)

Motion: to approved the FY27 budget for the amount of *One hundred twenty-three million one hundred one thousand three hundred eighty-four dollars* \$123,101,384.00

F. Non- Union COLA Increase (recommended action: approval)

Motion: to authorize the superintendent to apply a 3.00% increase over base salary for the non-union personnel and to authorize the superintendent to review and adjust salaries for select positions to address compression, equity, and market issues within the FY27 proposed budget.

G. Somerville Public Schools Policy Manual

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

- File- JICJ-A District Cell Phone Policy

H. 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

BU Consortium- SHS- Think, Pair, Share Enhancing Engagement & learning through Students Collaboration in Physics - \$1,782.20

BU Consortium-Raising Awareness: Dyslexia Identification & Intervention- \$1,990.10

BU Consortium- WHCIS- Affirming Identities & Expanding Futures- \$2,000.00

BU Consortium- WSNS/Music- World Percussion in the Classroom-\$2,000.00

Springboard Tutoring Partnership- District Wide- DESE Tutoring Partnership - \$18,480.00

Dorothy Lally Estate- SHS – Estate Trust - \$32,400.00

Philanthropic Support- District Wide- Professional Development -\$13,700.00

I. Donation: (Recommended action: approval)

The Superintendent recommends acceptance, with gratitude, of the following

| Donation | Donor | City, State | Value | Program |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Monetary | Joanne Cassell | Somerville, MA | \$9,552.31 | CTE-SHS Automotive |

IX. UPCOMING MEETING TOPICS

• **June**

- Admin Retirements, SPS Strategic Plan Update

X. COMMUNITY OR CALENDAR ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

XI. CONDOLENCE

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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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

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