CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

City Council Chambers – City Hall
REGULAR MEETING – November 2, 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
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IV. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. District Report

- WSNS Update
- MLE Dept Presentation

B. Personnel Report

- October

V. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

A. **School Committee Meeting for the Education Program and Instruction Subcommittee: October 20, 2026** (Rep. Pitone)
Motion: to accept the report of the Education Program and Instruction Subcommittee for October 20, 2026

B. **School Committee Meeting for the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee: October 21, 2026** (Rep. Green)
Motion: to accept the report of the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee meeting for October 21, 2026

C. **School Committee Meeting for the School Advisory Subcommittee: October 22, 2026** (Rep. Green)
Motion: to accept the report of the Student Advisory Subcommittee for October 22, 2026

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MSBA
B. MASC Conference Resolution
C. Long Range Planning
D. Somerville Public School Policy Manual
The following Policy is being presented this evening for the second reading

- Policy Manual Section B

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Revised SY27 Calendar-WSNS Noon Dismissal on January 4, 2027: (Recommended action: approval)
Motion: To approve the revised SY27 school calendar to include a noon dismissal for West Somerville Neighborhood School (WSNS) on January 4, 2027, as the makeup day for the October 13, 2026, school closure.

B. September Bill Roll

C. Donation:(Recommended action: approval)

Donation	Donor	City/State	Value	Program
Monetary	Waleed Hassanein	Andover, MA	$1,500	ESCS- To cover cost for upcoming 8th grade field trip

D. Acceptance of FY26 Grant 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:

Grant Name	School/ Program	Value	New Grant/ Operational Grant
Bristol Myers Squibb	District Wide	$15, 000	**New Grant -**Supporting Science Education Grds 5-8

Harvard Radcliff	SHS	$10,000	**New Grant-** Emerging Leaders Mentorship Yr. 3
Commonwealth Preschool Partnership	Early Childhood Dept.	$694,752	**Operational Grant:** Early Education Partnership
Metro North Workforce	SCALE Dept	284,606	**New Grant-** Youth Training
Metro North Workforce	SCALE Dept	35,990	**New Grant-** Follow-up Youth Training

VIII. COMMUNITY OR CALENDAR ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **November 16, 2026**
  - Student Services Dept. Presentation
  - Weather Preparedness Memo
  - 2027-2028 School Calendar (First Draft)

X. CONDOLENCE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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