CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

City Council Chambers – City Hall
REGULAR MEETING – November 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.

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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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- September 28, 2026
- October 5, 2026

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
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V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent Remarks

SHS Athletics:

Staff and student athletes will join the Committee in celebration of their Boston Globe Scholastic Award, and in advance of the Thanksgiving Football game scheduled at Fenway Park on November 24.

B. District Report

- Student Services Dept. Presentation:
- Weather Preparedness Memo:
- 2027-2028 School Calendar (First Reading)

VI. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

A. School Committee Meeting for the Rule Management Subcommittee: October 19, 2026 (Rep. Biton)
Motion: to accept the report of the Rule Management Subcommittee for October 19, 2026

B. 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

C. 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

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

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MSBA
B. September & October Bill Rolls
C. Somerville Public School Policy Manual

The following Policy is being presented this evening for the third reading

- Policy Manual Section B

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY28 Budget Calendar: (recommended action: approval)
MOTION: To approve the SY27-28 (FY28) Budget Development Calendar

B. Unpaid Invoice: (recommended action: approval)
MOTION: To authorize payment to Bunker Hill Community College in the amount of $1,530.00 for outstanding invoices for services rendered during FY26, using FY27 funds.

C. Donation:(Recommended action: approval)
MOTION: To accept with gratitude the donations listed below.

Donation	Donor	City/State	Value	Program
Work Gear	Brunt Boots	Reading, MA	$30,000	SHS- CTE Dept.

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
Proficiency Outcomes in World Language	District Wide	$18,000	**New Grant -**Support districts to collect and analyze student proficiency and course participation data

IX. COMMUNITY OR CALENDAR ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **December 7, 2026**
  - SCALE Dept. Presentation
  - Communication Dept Presentation
  - 2027-2028 School Calendar (2nd Draft)

XI. CONDOLENCE

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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Español - Para Interpretación

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Kreyòl ayisyen - Pou entèpretasyon

Pou **gade** reyinyon regilye Komite Lekòl la, 16 Novanm a 7:00 PM 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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