

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 26, 2024 – 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 10, 2024
- June 17, 2024

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – In person or via Zoom

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IV. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**A. District Report**

- Summer Update

B. Personnel Report

- July/August 2024

V. Report of Subcommittees**A. School Committee Meeting for Joint School Building Committee:** May 29, 2024 (Mr. Biton)

MOTION: To accept the report of the Joint School Building Committee of May 29, 2024

B. School Committee Meeting for Finance and Facilities Subcommittee: June 18, 2024 (Ms. Phillips)

MOTION: To accept the report of the Finance and Facilities subcommittee meeting of June 18, 2024.

VI. NEW BUSINESS**A. Superintendent Summative Evaluation (Dr. Phillips)****B. Wellness Policy Procedure Update Memo (Ms. Barish)****C. Resolution in support of Question 2****D. Massachusetts Association of School Committees Contract**

MOTION: To Authorize the chair to sign the contract with MASC for policy Manual Development

E. Cummings School Renovation**F. Field Trips** (Recommended action: Approval)

October 2, 2024- October 4, 2024,

Sixty 6th grade students from the Argenziano School will visit Nature's Classroom in Great Barrington, MA. Travel via bus, student cost \$0. Funded by PTA

G. FY24 SCALE GOAL Student Diploma Request (Recommended action: approval)

Jose Bonilla Norwood, MA

H. FY24 Somerville High School Diploma Request (Recommended action: approval)

Arthur Moss Somerville, MA

I. Donation (Recommended action: approval)

Donation	Donor	City, State	Value	Program
Equipment	Parkway Toyota of Boston	West Roxbury, MA	\$1,600.00	CTE-Automotive Program
Car-2009 Nissan Sentra	Parkway Toyota of Boston	West Roxbury, MA	3850.00	CTE-Automotive Program

J. Acceptance of FY24 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:

Private

- **Boston University Consortium Grants-\$5,000.00**-Math Buddies: Building Bridges Through Game Design
- **Boston University Consortium Grants-\$5,000.00**-Creating Structures for Engaging Students in Primary Source Citizen Science & Making Spaces for Creative Youth Expression
- **Boston University Consortium Grants-\$4,398.00** -Project Based Learning for Multilingual Learners
- **Boston University Consortium Grants-\$5,000.00**- The Healey Families Initiative
- **Climate Change Program Grant-\$3,000.00**-Tufts Grant for WHICS
- **Climate Change Program Grant- \$3,000.00** Tufts Grant for ESCS

State

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- **Continuation Grant-\$358,320.00**-FY25 Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant
- **FC#199 Interpreter training course-\$35,000.00**-FY25 Interpreter in Education Training
- **Health related courses and language services for Nurses-\$95,000.00**-Comprehensive School Health Grant
- **MCC Serhacer El Sistema-\$17,600.00**-Afterschool music education program-
- **MCC Serhacer El Sistema-\$4,400.00** -Afterschool music education program Second Installment
- **High School Equivalency Test-\$6, 096.00**- SCALE Continuation Grant
- **Immigrant Children & Youth-\$20,167.00** – Enhanced Structural opportunities for Immigrants Children & Youth

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Somerville Public Schools Policy Manual

The following Policies are being presented this evening for a first reading

- File EBCFA- Face Covering

The following Policies are being presented this evening for a first reading to be removed from the policy manual.

- File JLCB-E MDPH School Immunization Regulations

VIII. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

IX. CONDOLENCES

X. ADJOURNMENT

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