

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 29, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2024, 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

- January 22, 2024
- February 5, 2024
- February 26, 2024

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – In person or via Zoom

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V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. District Report

- SFLC Update (Ms. Santos)
- SCALE Presentation (Ms. Marte)

B. Personnel Report

- April 2024

VI. Report of Subcommittees

A. School Committee meeting for Educational Programs and Instruction Subcommittee: April 4, 2024 (Dr. Ackman)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Educational Programs and Instruction Subcommittee of April 4, 2024

B. School Committee Meeting for Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole: April 10, 2024 (Dr. Phillips)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole Meeting: of April 10, 2024.

C. School Committee Meeting for Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole: April 24, 2024 (Dr. Phillips)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Finance and Facilities Meeting of the Whole Meeting: of April 24, 2024.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MSBA Update

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report Out of Coordinated Office Hours

B. Reorganization (Dr. Carmona)

MOTION: to accept the Superintendent's reorganization plan and to eliminate the position of Assistant Superintendent for Operations upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

C. Field Trips (Recommended action: approval)

May 15, 2024-May 17, 2024

Forty-four 6th grade students from Argenziano School will visit Nature's Classroom in Yarmouth, MA. Travel via bus, student cost \$0

May 18, 2024-May 19, 2024

Eighteen students from SHS will travel to Pioneer Valley Invitational in North Hampton, MA to compete in a 2 day Boys and Girls Ultimate Frisbee competition. Travel via bus, student cost \$0

May 25, 2024-May 26, 2024

Twenty students from SHS will travel to Pioneer Valley Invitational in North Hampton, MA to compete in a 2 day Boys and Girls Ultimate Frisbee competition. Travel via bus, student cost \$0

May 28, 2024-May 30, 2024

Thirty-six 8th grade students from West Somerville Neighborhood School will travel to Washington DC. Travel via Motor Coach Transportation, student Cost \$350

May 31, 2024

Twelve students from SHS Automotive will travel to New England Dragway in Epping, NH. Travel via School bus, student cost \$0

June 6, 2024

Ten Students from Next Wave will travel to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH. Travel via School Van, student cost \$25

June 7, 2024

Forty 8th grade students from Healey School will travel to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH. Travel via private bus, student cost \$40

June 13, 2024,

Fifty- Seven 8th grade Students from the Kennedy School will travel to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH. Travel via bus, student cost \$0

D. 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:

State

- **MyCap – Development and Implementation Grant for School Sites** - \$1,992.00
- **SCALE Adult Education & Family Literacy** \$13,000.00
- **Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Grant** – Early Education \$103,000.00.
- **FY24 FC126 Computer Science Engage Grant:** additional allotment of \$9,717 to cover additional staff interest in our program.

E. Donations (Recommended action: Approval)

The Superintendent recommends acceptance, with gratitude, of the following donations:

Donation	Donor	City, State	Value	Program
Workshop Tools	Robert Bosh Tools Corporation	Mt. Prospect, IL	\$7,204.06	CTE- Carpentry Program
Equipment	Total Air Supply- Allan Veleman	Manchester, NH	\$7,400.00	CTE-HVAC Program

IX. FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**X. CONDOLENCES****XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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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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