

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN CHAMBERS  
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Somerville Public Schools - School Committee Vision Statement/Goals**

*We believe in developing the whole child - the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical potential of all students - by providing students with the skills, opportunities, and resources that will nurture innovative ideas, foster pride in diversity, inspire students to become lifelong learners and empower them to enrich their communities.*

- Goal #1: Increase achievement and access for all students. Reduce all performance gaps by half.
- Goal #2: Develop and implement a comprehensive PreK-12 social-emotional learning framework that provides students with the skills they need for social and academic success.
- Goal #3: Increase engagement with the community to reflect the community in which we live.
- Goal #4: Continue to develop and implement innovative ways of measuring student academic performance and school quality such as formative assessment, performance-based tasks, and whole quality indicators.
- Goal #5: Develop a comprehensive plan for Universal Kindergarten Readiness that supports intellectual, physical, and social/emotional growth from birth to Pre-K.
- Goal #6: Develop and implement a strategy to recruit, develop, and retain a diverse and talented staff.

**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. REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- December 3, 2018
- December 17, 2018

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. District Report**

- Powderhouse Studios Presentation
- School Committee Calendar

**B. Personnel Report**

**VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

**A. School Committee Meeting for Rules Management:** December 3, 2018 (Ms. Pitone)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Rules Management of December 3, 2018.

**B. School Committee Meeting for Finance and Facilities:** December 4, 2018 (Mr. Futrell)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Finance and Facilities of December 4, 2018.

**C. School Committee Meeting for Educational Programs and Instruction:** December 17, 2018 (Ms. O'Sullivan)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Educational Programs and Instruction of December 17, 2018.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Somerville Public Schools Policy Manual**

The following policies are being presented this evening for second reading:

- Homework Policy

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS****A. Recognizing the outgoing Chair****B. Master Building Planning Report****C. Field Trips (Recommended action: approval)  
February 2, 2019**

Somerville High school Outdoors Club will visit Crotched Mountain in New Hampshire. Transportation via school van. Student cost for ticket, lesson and equipment may vary from \$45 - \$85.

**March 8, 2019 – March 10, 2019**

Boys and Girls Indoor Track will visit the New Balance Facility at the Armory in New York. Transportation via school mini bus. Student cost is \$20.

**May 10, 2019 – May 11, 2019**

Boys and Girls Spring Track Teams will visit White Plains High School in New York. Transportation via school mini bus. Student cost is \$20.

**D. Acceptance of Donations (recommended action: approval)**

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

<b>Donation</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>City, State</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Program donated to</b>
Monetary	Meredith Jones and Luc Schuster	Somerville, MA	\$200	SFLC Parent Support and Playgroups
Monetary	Macaela Vandermost	Somerville, MA	\$1,500	SFLC Basic Needs/ Clothing Closet
Monetary	Renna Family in honor of Richard Garrity	Lowell, MA	\$100	SHS Art Department
Monetary	Jad Chahine	Somerville, MA	\$1,061	El Sistema Somerville
Monetary	Rodolfo Archbold	Somerville, MA	\$300	El Sistema Somerville
Grant	The Reebok Foundation	Boston, MA	\$4,400	BOKS Program at Kennedy School
Grant	Center for Collaborative Education	Boston, MA	\$5,7000	Redesign Planning Efforts at Next Wave/ Full Circle
Grant	Center for Collaborative Education	Boston, MA	\$5,000	Healey School
Grant	Center for Collaborative Education	Boston, MA	\$5,000	SHS English and Social Studies Departments

**IX. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS****X. ADJOURNMENT**