

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN CHAMBERS
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 18, 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

- January 28, 2019
- February 4, 2019

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. District Report

- Powderhouse Studios Deliberations and Vote

B. Personnel Report

VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

A. School Committee Meeting for Education Programs and Instruction Committee of the Whole: January 28, 2019 (Ms. O'Sullivan)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Education Programs and Instruction Committee of the Whole of January 28, 2019.

B. School Committee Meeting for Finance and Facilities: January 30, 2019 (Mr. Futrell)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Finance and Facilities of January 30, 2019.

C. School Committee Meeting for Education Programs and Instruction Committee of the Whole: February 11, 2019 (Ms. O'Sullivan)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Education Programs and Instruction of the Whole of February 11, 2019.

D. School Committee Meeting for Education Programs and Instruction Committee of the Whole: February 25, 2019 (Ms. O'Sullivan)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Education Programs and Instruction Committee of the Whole of February 25, 2019.

E. School Committee Meeting for Education Programs and Instruction Committee of the Whole: March 6, 2019 (Ms. O'Sullivan)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Education Programs and Instruction Committee of the Whole of March 6, 2019.

F. School Committee Meeting for Finance and Facilities: March 6, 2019 (Mr. Futrell)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Education Programs and Instruction Committee of the Whole of March 6, 2019.

G. School Committee Meeting for Rules Management: March 11, 2019 (Ms. Palmer)

MOTION: To accept the report of the School Committee Meeting for Education Programs and Instruction Committee of the Whole of March 11, 2019.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Field Trips (Recommended action: approval)

June 3, 2019 – June 7, 2019

Healey School grade 5 students will visit Nature’s Classroom in Western Massachusetts. Transportation via bus. Student cost \$475.

April 12, 2019 – April 15, 2019

16 East Somerville Community School 8th grade students will visit Washington D.C. to attend the Urban Debate League National Tournament. Transportation via Amtrak. Student cost \$400-\$500.

April 16, 2020 – April 22, 2020

25 Somerville High School students from grades 9 through 12 will visit Puerto Rico to learn about the culture, history, politics and environment. Transportation via air plane, bus and boat. Student cost \$2700.

April 16, 2020 – April 23, 2020

A group of Somerville High School Juniors and Seniors will visit Southern California to explore STEM fields and increase student engagement in Science. Transportation via airplane and charter bus. Student cost may vary from \$0 - \$2000.

B. Acceptance of Donations (recommended action: approval)

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

Donation	Donor	City, State	Value	Program Donated to
Box of Crafting Materials/ Classroom Supplies	Daisy Sandoval	Cambridge, MA	\$100	CTE Child Development Program

C. Somerville High School Diploma: (recommended action: approval)

The following student has successfully completed all local and state requirements for a diploma from Somerville High school.

- Landy Valcourt

VIII. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

IX. CONDOLENCES

X. ADJOURNMENT