

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN CHAMBERS
REGULAR MEETING – April 24, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.**

Somerville Public Schools - School Committee Goals/District Improvement Plan - 2005-2006

- Goal #1: To improve instruction by implementing the Somerville Standards district-wide across all populations and through the block schedule, and utilize concrete data related to specific areas of need, all tied to increasing MCAS Proficiency scores and meeting AYP.
- Goal #2: To maintain the comprehensive Professional Development needs of the district, aligned with Goal 1, and to accommodate the new Salary Lane of M+45 that begins in September 2006.
- Goal #3: To establish coordination regarding compliance and equity for MCAS progress and AYP requirements in each school and department.
- Goal #4: To produce a comprehensive plan for the Somerville Public Schools with articulated educational and organizational goals, and a comprehensive facility plan.
- Goal #5: Continue to promote open lines of communication among the stake holder groups in Somerville.
- Goal #6: To efficiently and effectively use School Department funds for operating the district and the schools and providing staff, programs and services to benefit children and learning.
- Goal #7: To maintain facilities for children and staff that provide positive environments conducive to learning, working, and community activity.
- Goal #8: To Continue to Support School and City Technology Coordination.
- Goal #9: To Continue to Diversify Staff.
- Goal #10: To improve Service Delivery by reconfiguring staffing and administration.

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. AWARDS AND CITATIONS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes to be approved for printing:

March 20, 2006

- Regular Meeting

March 21, 2006

- Personnel Committee of the Whole Meeting

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (cont.)

March 21, 2006

- Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting

April 3, 2006

- Regular Meeting

IV. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT****VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES****A. *Rules Management Committee of the Whole:* Ms. Cardoso (Apr. 6)**

Motion(s) from Committee of the Whole:

- ✓ SPS District Parent Involvement Policy
 - To refer the Somerville Public Schools District Parent Involvement Policy to the full committee, as amended, for the first reading and consideration of approval.
- ✓ McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act
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- ✓ Policy on Bullying
 - To refer the Draft Revised Policy on Bullying to the full committee, as amended, for the first reading and consideration of approval.
- ✓ Hiring Process/Policies
 - That the Rules Committee recommends to the full board that the Superintendent, staff, and School Committee be empowered to interview candidates, with pending Massachusetts licensure, for staff positions.
 - To delete the second paragraph under Selection Process of the Application Process – (File: GCE-E)
- ✓ Assignments of Students
 - To refer File: JF School Admissions, as amended, *Placement for Students Whose Parents Seek to Enroll them in Kindergarten at Age 6* to the full committee for the first reading and consideration of approval.

VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES (cont.)

B. *Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole:* Ms. Bauer (Apr. 10)

- ✓ 311 System Presentation and School Building Maintenance Review
- ✓ FY2007 Proposed Budget
- ✓ Billrolls

Motion from Committee of the Whole:

- To approve the FY2006 billrolls.
- ✓ Summer Programs
- ✓ Review Amended Capital Improvement Plan 2006-2010 Draft

Motion(s) from Committee of the Whole:

- To take out the "Winter Hill Community School - Construct a Theater Arts Performing area" from the Capital Improvement Plan.
- To reprioritize the renovation of the Somerville High School Auditorium Seating – from priority #1 to priority #5.
- ✓ Boys' and Girls' Club Lease Renewal Terms
- To approve the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middlesex County and the Somerville School Department lease through April 2007.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. SCALE – Walk-A-Thon - (Recommended Action: Approval)

The Superintendent of Schools recommending approval of SCALE's Student Services Division request to hold a Walk-A-Thon to raise money for SCALE's Scholarship/Emergency fund for needy students. Date: Thursday, May 11, 2006, 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 5:00-6:00 p.m. (rain date Tuesday, May 16).

B. SHS School Graduate – (Recommended Action: Approval)

Mr. Thomas F. Galligani, SHS Headmaster, recommending that the following student, who has successfully completed high school and earned the required credits, be granted a SHS diploma:

Steven Pratt

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

- C. **Field Trip(s)** – (Recommended Action: Approval)

April 29 - 30, 2006: Somerville High School, Mr. Guilmartin's class, Grade 9, to Stanford, CT. Transportation by bus at a cost of \$92.00 per student.

- D. **Audit of the 2005 End of Year Pupil and Financial Report** – Superintendent Pierantozzi

A copy of Powers & Sullivan's 2005 End-of-Year audit report - submitted to School Committee members.

- E. **\$500 Grant from Somerville Mathematics Fund** – (Recommended Action: Approval)

The Superintendent of Schools recommending approval of acceptance of a \$500 grant received for the East Somerville Community School from the Somerville Mathematics Fund to support math literacy materials, library books and family enrichment activities for the UNIDOS program.

- F. **SPS District Parent Involvement Policy** (File: KB) – First Reading and consideration of approval.

- G. **Policy for McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act** (File: JFABD) – First Reading and consideration of approval.

- H. **Policy on Bullying** (File: JIC-A) – First Reading and consideration of approval.

- I. **School Admissions** (File: JF) – First Reading and consideration of approval.

IX. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

X. COMMUNICATIONS

XI. PERSONNEL

There was no personnel report submitted for this evening's meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

