

May 19, 2003

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A public hearing** was held regarding the Massachusetts CHOICE Program. Chairman Mary Jo Rossetti opened the hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Albert F. Argenziano, read the definition of the School Choice Program as follows: *A certain number of children will be entitled to attend a public school in a town where they do not reside, if the school committee of the receiving town does not formally withdraw from its obligation to open its schools up to non-resident students. Students will be chosen at random if there are not enough spaces available at the receiving school, commencing in September 2003.*"

As there were no speakers from the audience, the Somerville School Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Cardoso and Mayor Gay to withdraw from its obligation to admit non-resident students during the 2003-04 school year on a unanimous roll call vote of: Yes—7—Ms. Cardoso, Mayor Gay, Ms. Bauer, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Murray, and Ms. Rossetti; Absent—2—Ms. Harris and Alderman O'Donovan.

**II. ADJOURNED**

The public hearing was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., by voice vote.

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano  
Secretary