

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN CHAMBERS
REGULAR MEETING – March 24, 2003 - 8:00 P.M.**

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

A high school diploma will be presented to the family of Mr. Daniel W. Foley, Jr., World War II Veteran and Ward 1 resident.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes to be approved for printing:

February 3, 2003:

- Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting

February 24, 2003:

- Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Regular Meeting

March 3, 2003

- Regular Meeting

March 5, 2003

- Long Range Planning Committee of the Whole Meeting

March 10, 2003

- Rules Management Committee of the Whole Meeting

IV. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

V. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

A. ***Long Range Planning Committee of the Whole:*** (Ms. Rossetti) Mar. 5

Subject discussed:

- ✓ Space Issues/Follow-Up to NESDEC Report

VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES (cont.)**A. Long Range Planning Committee of the Whole**

Motions from Committee of the Whole:

- to move the current Unidos Program to the Powder House Community School, effective September 1, 2003.
- to have the Somerville School Committee declare the Conwell School surplus for educational purposes, whereas, it is always difficult to remove buildings from educational use, we do this under budgetary constraints. Therefore, the school department expects to receive a proportional share of the proceeds of the sale.
- to allow the Choice Program to remain at the Healey School for the 2003-2004 school year with the addition of one more classroom.

B. Rules Management Committee of the Whole: (Ms. Cardoso) Mar. 10

Subjects discussed:

- ✓ GPA – Somerville High School
- ✓ Sex Offender Notification

Motions from Committee of the Whole:

- that the high school staff write a clear explanation of how GPA is currently computed when it applies to classes of 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 and should be no more than two pages.
- to table discussion of recommendations for establishing a new GPA policy, beginning with the Class of 2006, until the next Rules Management Committee meeting.

C. Ed. Programs and Instruction Subcommittee: (Ms. Bauer) Mar. 12

Subjects discussed:

- ✓ Three-year Math Plan
- ✓ AP Courses
- ✓ Grades 6, 7, 8 Health Survey
- ✓ String Camp Approval
- ✓ Approval of In-Service Courses

Motions from Subcommittee:

- to endorse use of the Somerville Health Survey for grades 6, 7, and 8
- to approve the String Camp
- to approve in-service courses Schoolhouse Safety in the Millennium Recorder

VI. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES (cont.)**D. *Ed. Programs and Instruction Subcommittee:*** (Ms. Bauer) Mar. 19

Subjects discussed:

- ✓ Bilingual Services (Question 2, Unidos, Immersion)
- ✓ Discussion of Services by Directors of English, Social Studies and Science
- ✓ Approval of In-service Courses

E. *Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole:* (Ms. Murray) Mar. 24

Subjects discussed:

- ✓ FY04 Budget Presentation
- ✓ Child Molestation Insurance Coverage

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**VIII. NEW BUSINESS****A. Field Trips** – (Recommended Action: Approval)

April 4, 2003: Ms. Riordan, Mr. Roscoe, Mr. Barros, Ms. Ranfa, Gr.10, Somerville High School, to New York City, NY. Transportation by bus, \$7.00 cost to students.

May 1 & 2, 2003: Ms. Ranucci, Ms. Beachell, SHS Orchester group, to Concord, NH and Burlington, VT. Transportation by bus, \$20.00 cost to students.

May 29, 2003 Ms. Murphy, Mr. Beebe, Gr. 6, West Somerville Neighborhood School, to New York City, NY. Transportation by coach bus, \$20.00 cost to students.

B. FY2003 SCALE/ADP Graduates – (Recommended Action: Approval)

Ms. Susan L. Barnard, SCALE Supervisor, recommending that the following students, who have successfully completed the requirements for graduation from SCALE, be granted their diplomas:

Margarida Lima	73 Perkins Street	Somerville	02145
Michael Vocas	24C North Street	Somerville	02144
Mohamed A. Yakine	9 Fairmount Street, #3	Everett	02149

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

XI. PERSONNEL

Complete report submitted to members. Recommended Actions: Receive and place on file.

A. Resignation

1. Evelyn Rodrigues, 487 Beech St., Revere, MA 02151, (Paraprofessional @ SKIP, Kennedy School) as of 3/28/03.

B. Maternity Leave of Absence

1. Caterina Angelou, 324 Cambridge St., Winchester, MA 01890, (English Teacher @ SHS) beginning 3/10/03.

C. Family Medical Leave of Absence

1. Maria Carvalho, 89 Albion St., Somerville, MA 02144 (Utility Aide @ Edgerly) from 5/5/03 to 5/30/03.

D. Unpaid Leave of Absence

1. Denise O'Donnell, 26 High St., Somerville, MA 02144 (Cafeteria Helper) from 3/2/03 to 6/30/03.
2. Ann Ragucci, 30 Gordon St., Somerville, MA 02144, (Lead Cafeteria Worker) from 3/10/03 to 3/14/04.
3. Lisa Splaine, 144 Exchange Ave., Medford, MA 02155 (Cafeteria Helper) from 2/10/03 to 6/30/03

E. Career Exploration Leave of Absence

1. Kelly Demers, 6 Jerome St., Somerville, MA 02143 (6th grade Teacher currently on leave @ ESCS) for the 2003-2004 school year.

XII. ADJOURNMENT