City of Somerville, Massachusetts

School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 **6:00 PM** **Virtual**

Joint Meeting with the School Committee's School Building Facilities and Maintenance Committee

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Davis and adjourned at 7:56 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait, Clingan and Davis), none against and none absent.

Others present:
Commissioner Jill Lathan – DPW, Director Rich Raiche – Infrastructure and Asset Management, SPS Personnel Laura Pitone, Leiran Biton, Dr. Sarah Phillips, Chief of Staff Amara Anosike, and Danielle Berry - Facilities Transportation and Safety Coordinator. Also present were Chief Fire Engineer Charles Breen, Yasmine Raddassi – Legislative Liaison, and Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

The Committee recessed from 6:02 – 6:03 PM to allow the SPS Committee to be called to order.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis, Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan and Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

1. Approval of the Minutes of the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee Meeting of April 14, 2025. **25-0780**

Accepted

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

2. That the Commissioner of Public Works install appropriate soundproofing materials in the Arthur D. Healey School cafetorium. **25-0604**

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance to discuss the recent break-in at the Winter Hill School building and the measures being taken to secure the building. **25-0989**

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott and Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on preventative maintenance plans for all school buildings, and progress on providing the public with tools to view preventative maintenance plans and actions. **25-0987**

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Administration work with the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and Commissioner of Public Works to accelerate maintenance schedules, invest in preventative repairs, and develop a clear contingency plan for school displacement. **25-0587**

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Administration work with Somerville Public Schools and the Commissioner of Public Works to effectively budget for and fund current equipment maintenance costs, including but not limited to air compressors and ovens, at the High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, and develop plans to include CTE equipment maintenance needs in future budgeting and funding cycles. **25-0933**

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed