

**AGENDA**  
**SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**December 13, 2022**

**City Hall Chambers**

**7:00pm**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. COMMENTS BY VISITORS**
- 3. \*CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - Removal of items from the Consent Calendar
  - Approval of Consent Calendar
  - 3.1 Somersworth School Board Budget & Revenue Committee Minutes November 7, 2022
  - 3.2 Somersworth School Board Policy Committee Minutes November 9, 2022
  - 3.3 Somersworth School Board Meeting Minutes November 15, 2022
  - 3.4 Somersworth School Board Nonpublic Minutes November 15, 2022
  - 3.5 Somersworth School Board Policy Committee Minutes November 30, 2022
  - 3.6 Idlehurst School and Maple Wood Parent Newsletters
  - 3.7 Student Enrollment Numbers
- 4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - 5.1 Standing Committees:**
    - Budget & Revenue Committee
    - Buildings, Grounds & Transportation Committee
    - Educational Programs & Community Outreach Committee
    - Policy Committee
  - 5.2 City Council Update**
  - 5.3 Student Representative Report**
- 6. PRESENTATION:**
  - 6.1 HOPE Health Outcomes From Positive Experiences video
- 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
  - 7.1 School violence threats
- 8. FINANCIAL UPDATE:**
  - 8.1 2022-2023 Budget update
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
  - 9.1 Policies for First Reading:
    - BGAA Policy Development, Adoption and Review
    - BGC Policy Review (To Withdraw)
  - 9.2 22-23 School calendar discussion
- 10. OLD BUSINESS**
  - 10.1 Policies for Second Reading:
    - JICK Bullying
    - JH Attendance, Absenteeism and Truancy
  - 10.2 2023-2024 SAU Budget Approval
- 11. FUTURE MEETING DATES**
  - December 14, 2022 Policy Committee meeting 5:45pm
  - January 10, 2023 Somersworth School Board meeting 7pm
  - January 17, 2023 Budget & Revenue Committee meeting 5pm
  - January 18, 2023 Joint Commission City Council meeting 5:30pm
  - January 24, 2023 Somersworth School Board meeting 7pm
  - February 4, 2023 Somersworth School Board Budget Workshop 8am
  - February 6, 2023 Joint Commission of the City Council & School Board meeting 6:00pm
  - February 14, 2023 Somersworth Budget Presentation 6:30pm
  - February 14, 2023 Somersworth Budget Hearing 6:45pm
  - February 14, 2023 Somersworth School Board meeting 7pm
- 12. CLOSING COMMENTS**
  - 12.1 Visitors
  - 12.2 Board Members

**13. NON-PUBLIC** In accordance Chapter 91-A: 3, II sets grounds upon which school boards may enter non-public session: (a) dismissal, promotion, compensation or disciplining of any public employee, unless that employee has a right to an open meeting and requests the meeting be open; (b) personnel, hiring of a public employee; (c) matter which, if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, (d) consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property; (e) negotiation;(i) consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carry out of emergency functions; (j) consideration of confidential, commercial, or financial information that is exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV in an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to RSA 541 or RSA 541-A;(k) consideration by a school board of entering into a student or pupil tuition contract authorized by RSA 194 or RSA 195-A (*May be called at any time, pending roll call vote of the Board*).

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

\***CONSENT** items are approved without discussion through agenda item 3. Should a member of the Board wish discussion or comment, the item is removed. The **CONSENT** format is to expedite the business of the Board when adequate preliminary discussion has been held or satisfactorily printed "backup" material has been submitted. Approval of briefings and reports acknowledges receipt and not necessarily adoption of the report. Copies of reports are generally available upon request.

**SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD  
VISITOR ORIENTATION TO MEETING**

Welcome to this evening's meeting of the Somersworth School Board. If you wish to make comments to the Board, please note that there are "**COMMENTS BY VISITORS**" at the beginning and "**CLOSING COMMENTS**" at the end of the agenda. The section at the beginning is to accommodate visitors who wish to address the Board without staying for the business meeting. The section at the end provides an opportunity for those staying for the business meeting to comment on the work of the Board.

Public comment is just that; it is an opportunity to comment on Board business. There should be no expectation by the public that they are participating actively in the business of the Board.

Per Policy BEDH, each comments section of the agenda may not exceed 15 minutes unless extended by vote of the Board. Each speaker is asked to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. Occasionally, the Board may vote to "suspend its rules" to allow visitor comments at the time an issue of specific interest is being addressed.

Visitors should not expect a Board response to their comments or questions since the Board may not have discussed or taken a position on the matter. The Superintendent, without speaking for the Board, may offer clarification as appropriate. When the Board has taken a position, the Chairperson may state the Board's position.

The Board's goal for the conduct of its meeting is to accomplish its work within a qualitative time frame respecting the participation of visitors as well as all others who contribute to the effectiveness of its meetings. The Board agenda, therefore, is arranged to reserve adequate time for quality Board discussion of priority agenda items.

Any comments which do not adhere to the above, or which disrupt the official business of the Board may be ruled out of order by the Chair. Repeated disruption may result in the individual being asked to leave the meeting. Obscene speech, comments threatening bodily harm, or other unprotected speech will not be tolerated. 7. The Board Chair may terminate the speaker's privilege of address if the speaker does not follow the above rules of order

You will note several agenda items listed under item 3, "**CONSENT CALENDAR**". These items will not be discussed unless any one member of the Board requests their removal from the "**CONSENT CALENDAR**". The Board will previously have received information or reports on these topics.

Generally, visitors to the meeting will receive the posted agenda. These may be available at the entrance to the meeting room.

Future agenda items are cited under item 9, subject to Board approval. Please contact the secretary to the Superintendent for information surrounding future agendas.

The Somersworth School District will meet in regular session on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month with additional meetings scheduled as necessary. The public is encouraged to refer to the calendar on the sau56.org website to verify meeting dates.

The Board appreciates your attendance this evening and invites your continued interest in its work on behalf of the children and residents of the Somersworth School District.

**SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD**

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Kari Clark, Secretary	At Large	207-951-1491
Gerri Cannon	At Large	603-841-5410
Mark Richardson	At Large	603-692-5491
Marcia Brown	Ward 1	603-219-4911
Barbara Wentworth	Ward 2	603-507-0170
Susan Tierney	Ward 3	603-275-5323
Mandy Demers	Ward 5	603-834-1586

Lori Lane-Superintendent of Schools  
 Student Representatives- Sophia Day and Kezia Mawikere  
 Recording Secretary- TBD

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**Somersworth School Board Goals for 2022-2023**

1. The school district will review and modify the communication plan (i.e., strategies, formats) throughout the district to maximize consistency and increase effectiveness.
2. The school district will monitor student enrollment and report to the school board to understand fluctuations in order to optimize enrollment.
3. The school district will monitor staff retention and report to the school board in order to increase and support staff.
4. The school board will increase visibility and engagement throughout the community with respect to current policies and procedures.