

## ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL/JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Library  
R.J. Grey Junior High School

December 2, 2010  
7:00 pm  
Joint Executive Session to follow

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### AGENDA with addendum

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 2.0 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION
- 3.0 APPROVAL of MINUTES and STATEMENT of WARRANT
  - 3.1 Draft Minutes of November 4, 2010 (*addendum*)
  - 3.2 Memo re Procedure for School Committee Members' Warrant Questions
- 4.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- 5.0 EDUCATION REPORT
  - 5.1 Professional Staff Support Around Student Stress- *Stephen Hitzrot (addendum)*
    - a. Adolescent Stress Presentation Slides
    - b. Promoting a Culture of Support at RJG
    - c. Promoting a Culture of Support at ABRHS
    - d. School Culture and Climate – Stress in Schools, *Sue Porter, Fall 2007*
    - e. ABRHS Time Management Worksheet (*brought to meeting*)
  - APS SC called to order - AB/APS JOINT MEETING begins*
  - 5.2 Update on School Enrollment and Enrollment Projections – *Peter Ashton (addendum)*
    - a. Presentation Slides
    - b. Revised Enrollment Projections – Acton, Boxborough and Region
    - c. October 1 Enrollment Report
- 6.0 JT UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - 6.1 Recommendation to Approve School Calendar, 2011-12 – **VOTE** - *Steve Mills*
    - a. 4 proposed Calendars – start before/after Labor Day, with/without Good Friday and Rosh Hashanah off
    - b. DESE list of holiday observances in MA
    - c. Superintendent's Recommendation
    - d. Parent/Staff Survey – ended 11/19/10
    - e. Survey results
      - i. Parents
      - ii. Staff
      - iii. Teachers only
  - 6.2 ALG/FinCom Report – *John Petersen/Xuan Kong*
    - a. Materials from 11-18-10 Meeting
      - i. Agenda
      - ii. Draft Budget Planning Calendars
      - iii. Draft Spreadsheet
      - iv. Draft Minutes (*revision #4 in addendum*)

- b. Acton FinCom POV
- c.. ALG Agenda for 12-3-10 Meeting (*addendum*)
- 6.3 BLF Report and Spreadsheet – *Maria Neyland (addendum)*
- 6.4 FY’ 11 and FY’ 12 Budget Update – *Steve Mills/ Don Aicardi*
  - a. FY’ 12 Operating Budget Assumptions/Key Decisions
  - b. FY’ 12 Revenue and Expenditures Assumptions
  - c. Revised Budget Timeline (*1/22 Saturday meeting and FinCom invited to attend regular 2/3/11 AB SC meeting*)
  - d. Powerpoint presentation – *Steve Mills (brought to meeting)*
  - e. Revote of Regional Assessment (*brought to meeting*)
- 6.5 Health Trust Report – *John Petersen (oral)*
- 6.6 Subcommittee Updates
  - a. Policy – *Brigid Bieber (oral)*
  - b. Class Size – *Terry Lindgren (brought to meeting)*
  - c. New Long Term Planning – *Xuan Kong (oral)*
- 6.7 Policy Revisions
  - a. Recommendation to Approve Revised School Committee Policy on Bullying Prevention and Intervention (File: JICFB), Exhibit (File: JICFB–E), Plan (File: JICFB–R) – **SECOND READING** – *Liza Huber (revision in addendum)*
  - b. Recommendation to Approve Revised School Committee Policy on the School Committee Annual Organizational Meeting (File: BDA) – **SECOND READING** – *Steve Mills*

***APS SC is suspended. AB SC continues.***

7.0 **AB NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Recommendation to Approve ABRHS Trip to Italy, April vacation, 2012 – **VOTE** – *Steve Mills*
- 7.2 Recommendation to Accept Gift from the ABRHS Friends of Drama to the Proscenium Circus – **VOTE** – *Steve Mills*
- 7.3 Recommendation to Accept Gift from the Acton Boxborough Regional PTSO to the ABRHS – **VOTE** – *Steve Mills*
- 7.4 Recommendation to Accept Gift from the Acton Boxborough Swimming Boosters Club – **VOTE** – *Steve Mills (addendum)*

8.0 **AB FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

- 8.1 ABRHS
  - a. Discipline Report, November 2010 (*addendum*)
- 8.2 RJ Grey Junior High
  - a. Discipline Report, November 2010 (*addendum*)
  - b. MCAS Update and Staff Letter (*addendum*)
- 8.3 Pupil Services
  - a. ABRSD ELL Student Population, November 2010 (*addendum*)
  - b. On Team – November 2010 (*addendum*)
- 8.4 Curriculum Update
  - a. Preliminary Teacher-to-Teacher Update
- 8.5 FY’ 11 Monthly ABRSD Financial Reports (*addendum*)
  - a. Budget Status Summary
  - b. Budget Status Summary – Special Education
- 8.6 Winter Coaches

8.7 Correspondence from the Community

- a. "District School Calendar", *Cassie Stewart*
- b. "Religious Holidays Should Not Be School Holidays", *Richard DeFuria*
- c. "Please Keep NO SCHOOL on Holidays!", *Igor Chernin*
- d. "Earmarked Federal Funds & Level Service Funding of our Schools in 2012", *group of 10 parents*
- e. "Districts May Drop Religious Holidays", *Jennifer Fenn Lefferts*,  
<http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2010/11/28> (addendum)
- f. "Religious Holidays", *Bettie Noble* (addendum)
- g. "Input on School Calendar", *Sally Edwards* (addendum)
- h. "Continued Observance of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Good Friday", *Jonathan Linden* (addendum)
- i. "Calendar", *Kristina Rychlik* (addendum)
- j. "Acton 2020 Inventory Data Collection", *Kristin Alexander, Acton Asst. Town Planner* (addendum)
- k. "Waterfall" presentation at Nov 18 meeting, *Amy Hedison* (addendum)

8.8 Enrollment Report/Class Size Numbers – November 1, 2010 (addendum)

8.9 Complaint regarding The Pledge of Allegiance (addendum)

***APS SC is reconvened. AB/APS JOINT MEETING continues.***

9.0 **JOINT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, AEA union

10.0 **NEXT MEETINGS:**

December 16 - 7:30 pm, APS SC Meeting at RJ Grey JH Library

January 6 – 7:30 pm, AB SC Meeting at RJ Grey JH Library

11.0 **ADJOURN**