

ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Cafetorium
Gates School

March 17, 2011
7:30 pm

AGENDA with addendum

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **CHAIRPERSON'S INTRODUCTION**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES and STATEMENT OF WARRANT**
 - 3.1. February 17, 2011 (*addendum*)
 - 3.2. March 8, 2011
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
5. **EDUCATION REPORT – Lynne Newman, Gates School Principal**
 - 5.1. DRA2 Reading Assessment Forms
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 6.1. ALG Report – *Xuan Kong/John Petersen*
 - 6.1.1. ALG Packet 3/9/11
 - 6.2. Acton Finance Committee Report – *Xuan Kong (oral)*
 - 6.3. BOS Update – *Herman Kabakoff (oral)*
 - 6.4. FY'11 and FY'12 Budget – *Steve Mills*
 - 6.4.1. Joint Task Force on Cost Savings Update – *Xuan Kong (oral)*
 - 6.4.2. State Aid – update (*oral*)
 - 6.4.3. FY11 capacity (estimate, schedule for determination of use) (*oral*)
 - 6.5. Acton Town Meeting Materials
 - 6.5.1. APS Budget Book (*oral*)
 - 6.5.2. Presentation: Enrollment, Budget, Challenges and Opportunities (*oral*)
 - 6.6. Health Insurance Trust Report – *none – reported at 3/3/11 meeting*
 - 6.7. Subcommittee Updates
 - 6.7.1. Class Size – *Amy Hedison (oral)*
 - 6.7.2. Long-Range Strategic Planning – *Steve Mills (oral)*
 - 6.7.3. Policy - *Sharon McManus*
 - 6.7.3.1 Recommendation to Approve Revised Policy on Nonresident Tuition Rate (File: JFABA) – **FIRST READING** – *Sharon McManus*
 - 6.7.3.2 Recommendation to Approve Revised Policy on Field Trips (File: IJOA) – **FIRST READING** – *Sharon McManus*
 - 6.8. Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy/Procedures Update – *Liza Huber (oral)*
 - 6.9. AEA Contract Update – *John Petersen*
 - 6.9.1. Memorandum of Understanding (*addendum*)
 - 6.9.2. Press Release (*addendum*)
 - 6.9.3. Financial Analysis (*addendum*)
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 7.1. Participation in School Choice, 2011-2012 (*Public Hearing moved to March 24th at 7:30 pm in the Jr High Library*)

- 7.2. Kindergarten Enrollment
 - 7.2.1. Update on FY11-12 Kindergarten Enrollment – *Steve Mills (brought to meeting - Kindergarten Registration was March 15 and 16)*
- 7.3. APS Personnel Needs – *Steve Mills*
 - 7.3.1. Historical Assistant Funding

8. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

- 8.1. Monthly APS Financial Reports
 - 8.1.1. Budget Status Summary (*addendum*)
 - 8.1.2. Budget Status Summary – SPED (*addendum*)
 - 8.1.3. Gates School (*addendum*)
- 8.2. March 1, 2011 Student Enrollment Numbers/Class Size Info
- 8.3. ELL Student Population Report, 3/1/11
- 8.4. M.A.S.C. *Day on the Hill*, March 29th, 9:00 – 2:00. www.masc.org
- 8.5. Youth Art Month, Worcester Art Museum
- 8.6. Correspondence from the Community
 - 8.6.1 “Teaching Assistants and School Committee Members’ Task”
 - 8.6.2 “Teacher Contract and Crossroads Settlement” (*addendum*)
 - 8.6.3 “Kindergarten Sections” (*addendum*)
 - 8.6.4 “Fundamentals for 21st Century Planning”, for Acton2020 (*addendum*)
 - 8.6.5 “Lack of Funding for Full-Time Assistants in Every Classroom” (*brought to meeting*)
 - 8.6.6 “Time Has Come to End Homework in Acton’s K-8 Classrooms” (*brought to meeting*)
 - 8.6.7 “Moving our Educational Philosophy into the 21st Century” (*brought to meeting*)
- 8.7. *MCAS Progress Acceptable for McCarthy-Towne School / A School and the Meaning of Progress*, The Beacon, 2/24/11
- 8.8. School Newsletters –
 - Acton Public School Preschool: <http://ab.mec.edu/Preschool/index.htm>
 - Conant Crier: <http://conant.ab.mec.edu/pto/newsletter.html>
 - Douglas Digest: <http://douglas.ab.mec.edu/index.html?pto/pto>
 - Gates Gazette: <http://gates.ab.mec.edu/gazette.html>
 - McCarthy-Towne Bulletin: <http://www.mctptso.org/bulletin/>
 - Merriam Community News: <http://merriam.ab.mec.edu/newsletters.html>

9. **NEXT MEETINGS**

- March 24 – JT, AB, APS SC meetings, Jr High Library (serves as April meetings)
 - 7:00 p.m. JT Exec Session, 7:30 APS Public Hearing re School Choice, followed by JT SC meeting, followed by AB SC, followed by APS SC
- March 31 – Acton Pre-Town Meeting Meeting, 7:00 pm, Public Safety Building
- March 29 – MASC Day on the Hill, 9AM – 2PM, State House in Boston
- April 4 – Acton Town Meeting begins
- May 19 - APS SC meeting at 7:30 pm, Conant School

10. **ADJOURN**

11. **SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING**

Participation in School Choice for 2011-2012, will be voted on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the RJG Junior High Library, prior to the Joint School Committee meeting