

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ABRSC) MEETING
OPEN MINUTES (approved 6/8/17)

Library
R.J. Grey Junior High School

May 15, 2017
7:00 p.m. Executive Session
7:30 p.m. Open Business Meeting

Members Present: Diane Baum (7:03 p.m.), Brigid Bieber, Mary Brolin, Amy Krishnamurthy, Maya Minkin (7:08 pm.), Paul Murphy, Kathleen Neville, Maria Neyland, Deanne O’Sullivan, Kristina Rychlik, Eileen Zhang
Members Absent: none
Others: Marie Altieri, Glenn Brand, Beth Petr

1. The ABRSC was called to order by Chairperson Mary Brolin at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Enter Executive Session**

At 7:03 p.m., it was moved by Mary Brolin, seconded by Amy Krishnamurthy and unanimously, **VOTED** by roll call: that the **Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee** go into Executive Session for strategy with respect to collective bargaining sessions with representatives of the employees of the Acton Boxborough Regional School District (Acton-Boxborough Education Association, Office Support Association, and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) regarding health insurance benefits.

She stated that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board.

(**YES** – Bieber, Brolin, Krishnamurthy, Murphy, Neville, Neyland, O’Sullivan, Rychlik, Zhang)

Dr. Brolin stated that the Committee would return to open session at approximately 7:30 p.m.

3. **Return to Open Meeting**

The ABRSC returned to Open Session at 7:39 p.m.

4. **Negotiations Update**

Marie Altieri explained that this was the official meeting to ratify the Acton Boxborough Education Association (ABEA) contract. The Town of Acton has a vote on this contract but Steve Ledoux and his representative were both at a Board of Selectmen meeting and were unavailable. They were informed of the vote taking place. Marie noted that the School Committee was familiar with the details of the contract because they were included in executive sessions throughout the year. The School Committee reviewed and voted the Memorandum of Agreement at the executive session on 3/16/17. The ABEA ratified the contract on 5/4/17 and this meeting was scheduled for the School Committee to ratify.

The materials have been posted for the public since last Thursday on the website. Marie gave a power point presentation that reviewed cost of living, financial impact, schedule, calendar and language changes. With the new contract, the District is now in compliance with time on learning for the elementary schools, which was not the case in the past. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) only counts time that students are with certified teaching staff (not at lunch, recess, or library since we do not have certified elementary librarians). The School Committee Negotiations Subcommittee (Maria Neyland, Amy

Krishnamurthy and Paul Murphy) and Deputy Superintendent Marie Altieri were thanked for their efforts on this.

4.1. **Recommendation to Approve the Acton Boxborough Education Association (ABEA) Contract - VOTE – Marie Altieri**

4.1.1. Financial Summaries

4.1.2. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Paul Murphy moved, Brigid Bieber seconded and it was unanimously,

VOTED: to approve the proposed Acton Boxborough Education Association (ABEA) Contract for the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, as set forth in the memorandum of agreement between the bargaining committees for the ABEA and the School Committee.

The ABRSC adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Petr

List of Documents Used: Agenda, Memo from Marie Altieri dated 5/11/17, Memorandum of Agreement, Powerpoint slides

NEXT MEETINGS:

- May 18 - ABRSC Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr High Library (material posted May 12)
- June 8 – ABRSC Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr High Library (material posted June 2)
- June 22 – ABRSC Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr High Library (material posted June 16)