

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ABRSC) MEETING

Auditorium
ABRSD Administration Building
15 Charter Road, Acton, MA

March 21, 2019
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **ABRSC Call to Order** – *Diane Baum* (7:00)
2. **Chairman’s Introduction**
 - 2.1. Annual Spring Town Elections
 - Acton Election is March 26 – Contested race for School Committee
 - Boxborough deadline to submit papers is April 2 for Election on May 21
3. **Public Participation**

Per policy BEDH, members of the public may speak for up to 2 minutes on items not included on this agenda. Comments regarding items on the agenda should be made during that part of the meeting. Typically, the Committee/Administration will not respond to comments during public participation.
4. **Student Rep Update** (7:05)
5. **Statement of Warrant & Approval of Minutes** (7:10)
 - 5.1. Meeting Minutes of 2/13/19 and 3/7/19
6. **Superintendent’s Update** – *Peter Light* (brought to meeting) (7:15)
7. **Presentations: School Improvement Plan Updates** (7:20)
 - 7.1. Luther Conant School, *Principal Damian Sugrue*
8. **Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Annual Year End Report** – *Dave Verdolino* (7:40)
9. **Kindergarten Registration Update** – *Marie Altieri* (7:50)
10. **Massachusetts School Foundation Budgeting** (8:05)
 - 10.1. History and Legal Aspects – *Ginny Kremer*
 - 10.2. Understanding the Foundation Budget & Review Commission Recommendations – *Peter Light, Dave Verdolino* (8:15)
 - 10.2.1. Demystifying the Chapter 70 Formula — How the Massachusetts Education Funding System Works, *MA Budget and Policy Center*
<http://www.massbudget.org/multimedia.php?ref=PcqrXF0mdwY&type=video>
 - 10.2.2. Cutting Class: Underfunding The Foundation Budget Core Education Program, *MA Budget and Policy Center* <http://www.massbudget.org/multimedia.php?ref=7vysDhLSfpc&type=video>
 - 10.2.3. Full Foundation Budget Review Commission Report, *October 30, 2015*
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/39nmwhpst21hdhb/Foundation%20Budget%20Review%20Commission%20Report.docx?dl=0>
 - 10.2.4. Recommendations from the Foundation Budget Review Commission
 - 10.2.5. Memo from the Finance Director (*addendum*)
 - 10.3. Discussion: (8:30)
 - 10.3.1. A Tale of Two Sisters <https://www.massupt.org/2018/11/09/a-tale-of-two-sisters/>

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- 10.4. State Representative Jennifer Benson (8:40)
- 10.5. Mike Balulescu, Acton-Boxborough Education Association President (8:50)
 - 10.5.1. Fund our Future Campaign Flyer and list of supporters
- 10.6. Wrap Up and Next Steps (9:00)
 - 10.6.1. Proposed Resolution from the ABEA for the ABRSC to Consider Passing - **VOTE**
11. **School Building Project Update – Mary Brolin (9:10)**
 - 11.1. Meeting Minutes of Feb 27
 - 11.2. New ABRSC Subcommittee for Bonding
12. **Proposal to Extend ABOSA and AFSCME Contracts One Year – Marie Altieri (9:15)**
*Motion: To extend the Acton Boxborough Office Support Association (ABOSA) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Contracts to expire on June 30, 2020 with a 1.75% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase – **VOTE***
13. **Annual Town Meeting Preparations – Diane Baum (9:20)**
(Acton Town Meeting begins April 1 - Boxborough Town Meeting begins May 13)
 - 13.1. Acton Town Meeting Warrant: <http://www.acton-ma.gov/599/Town-Meeting>
 - 13.2. Acton Town Meeting Budget Book (*addendum*)
 - 13.3. Babysitting Service for the Town Meetings
14. **Subcommittee and Member Reports (9:25)**
 - 14.1. Policy – *Amy Krishnamurthy*
 - 14.1.1. Nonresident Tuition Charges, File: JFABA – Second Read – **VOTE**
 - 14.2. Budget – *Amy Krishnamurthy*
 - 14.3. Capital Improvement - *Adam Klein*
 - 14.4. Acton Leadership Group Update (ALG) – *Paul Murphy*
 - 14.5. Boxborough Leadership Forum Update (BLF) – *Tessa McKinley*
 - 14.6. Others
15. **FYI**
 - 15.1. Acton and Boxborough 2019 Election Calendars
 - 15.2. Thank you to the AB PTSO for a \$400 grant for World Language Week at the High School
 - 15.3. ABRSC Statement in Support of Kelley’s Corner Infrastructure Project
 - 15.4. 2019-2020 School Calendar with Junior High and High School Early Release Days
 - 15.5. The New Look of Nicotine Addiction, *Mary Cole, MPH, CHES, April 30 at 7pm, JH Auditorium*
16. **Adjourn (9:30)**

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Monday, March 25 – ABRSC Workshop at 7:00 p.m. in Superintendent’s Conference Room 13 in the Administration Building
- Acton Town Meeting begins on Monday, April 1
- April 11 – ABRSC Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr High Library
- Boxborough Town Meeting begins on Monday, May 13 and may continue: May 14, May 16, May 20, May 22 and May 23

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