



Acton-Boxborough Regional School District

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Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee Meeting

March 7, 2024

Executive Session at 6:45 p.m./ Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Budget Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Return to Business Meeting at 7:20 p.m. (approximately)

Administration Building Auditorium To view only: <https://www.youtube.com/actontv1>

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (6:45)
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** To be convened under MGL Ch 30A, sec. 21 (A) Purpose 3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Acton-Boxborough Education Association, the Acton-Boxborough Office Support Association, and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local#1703 if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

3. **CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME** - *Adam Klein*

FY25 BUDGET HEARING (see separate agenda)

- Call to order (7:05)
- Adjourn (approximately 7:20)

RETURN TO BUSINESS MEETING (approximately 7:20)

4. Discussion of ABRSD FY25 Preliminary Budget - *Adam Klein*
(FY25 Final Budget and Assessments Vote to be taken at next meeting on March 21, 2024)
5. **CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME** (7:30) - *Adam Klein*
 - a. ABRHS Student Representative Update - Molly Norris '25, Julia Zhou '26, Diksha Mhatre '26, Nikhil Nomula '26, Jadon Yang '26
 - b. Public Participation
 - c. Superintendent's Update - *Peter Light*
6. **GUESTS & PRESENTATIONS** (8:00)
 - a. [Culturally Responsive Practices](#) - *Jennifer Faber*
 - i. Curriculum Update
 - ii. Teacher Leaders
 - iii. [AB Resource Center](#) - *Katie Neville*
 - b. [Student Opportunity Act Plan](#) - Initial Discussion - *Dr. Deborah Bookis*
7. **ONGOING BUSINESS** (8:30)
 - a. [VOTE to withdraw from the Acton Health Insurance Trust](#) effective July 1, 2024 and transition to MIIA Health Benefits Insurance Trust - *Adam Klein*
 - i. Health Trust - *Andrew Schwartz, March 1*
 - b. **VOTE** to approve [Memorandum of Agreement](#) with ABEA, AFSCME and OSA regarding transition to MIIA Health Insurance Trust - *Adam Klein*
 - c. School Committee Communication Goal Update - *Adam Klein*
 - d. Subcommittee and Member Reports
 - i. Budget Subcommittee - *Rebecca Wilson, March 4*
 - ii. Acton Leadership Group - *Tori Campbell, Rebecca Wilson, March 4*

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- e. Consent Agenda/Action Items - **VOTE** - *Adam Klein*
- i. Approval of ABRSC Meeting Minutes of [2-29-24](#)
- f. Statement of Warrants and Recommendation to Approve [3-7-24](#) - **VOTE** - *Adam Klein*

8. ADJOURN (9:00)

FYI-

Student Enrollment - [3-1-24](#)
Community Coffee 3-15-24 8:30 a.m. (virtual)
[Acton](#) and [Boxborough](#) Town Election Calendars

Posted on March 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS: March 21, 2024 and April 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium

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Meeting Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	3.
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	Chairperson's Welcome
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PRESENTER(S)	Adam Klein
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	<p>The Chair welcomes members and the public to the meeting. The Chair is also required to state if the meeting is being taped. Acton TV tapes and broadcasts most School Committee meetings.</p> <p>Individuals who wish to view the meeting, but do not wish to speak may do so by using the YouTube Link posted on the agenda.</p>
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APPROX AGENDA TIME	5 min
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FOLLOW-UP	
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Meeting Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	5.a
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	ABRHS Student Representative Update
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PRESENTER(S)	Molly Norris '25, Diksha Mhatre '26, Julia Zhou '26, Nikhil Nomula '26, Jadon Yang '26
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	Our reps report at the first meeting each month and share some student perspectives on current events at the High School.
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SUGGESTED MOTION	
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FOLLOW-UP	
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APPROX. TIME FOR THE AGENDA ITEM (MIN.)	5 min.
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ATTACHMENTS	none
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MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	5.b
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	Public Participation
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PRESENTER(S)	Adam Klein, Chairperson
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	Policy BEDH , permits members of the public to speak for up to 3 minutes on items not included on the agenda. Comments regarding items on the agenda would be made during that part of the meeting. The Committee/Administration typically does not respond to comments during public participation.
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SUGGESTED MOTION	
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APPROX. AGENDA TIME	20 min.
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ATTACHMENTS	none
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MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	5.c
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	Superintendent's Update
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PRESENTER(S)	Peter Light
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	Bi-weekly Superintendent's Update. This is brought to the meeting and posted to our website for families and the community the following day.
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SUGGESTED MOTION	
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FOLLOW-UP	
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APPROX. TIME FOR THE AGENDA ITEM (MIN.)	5 min.
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ATTACHMENTS	Brought to meeting
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MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	6.a
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	GUESTS & PRESENTATIONS
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PRESENTER(S)	Jennifer Faber, Katie Neville
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	Culturally Responsive Practices
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APPROX AGENDA TIME	30 mins.
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FOLLOW-UP	
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ATTACHMENTS	Memo
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MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	6.b
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	GUESTS & PRESENTATIONS
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PRESENTER(S)	Dr. Deborah Bookis
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	Student Opportunity Act Plan
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APPROX AGENDA TIME	10 mins.
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ATTACHMENTS	Memo
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MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	7.a
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	ONGOING BUSINESS
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PRESENTER(S)	Peter Light
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	MIIA Health Benefits Insurance Trust
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SUGGESTED MOTION	<i>“Move to approve the withdrawal from the Acton Health Insurance Trust and to join the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) for the purposes of offering employees and retirees health insurance coverage effective July 1, 2024, pending approval of the Insurance Advisory Committee and the collective bargaining units.”</i>
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FOLLOW-UP	
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APPROX. TIME FOR THE AGENDA ITEM (MIN.)	10 min.
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MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	7.b
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	ONGOING BUSINESS
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PRESENTER(S)	Peter Light
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	Memorandum of Agreement with ABEA, AFSCME, and OSA
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SUGGESTED MOTION	<i>“Move to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the ABEA, ABOSA, and AFSCME to implement changes to health insurance as presented.”</i>
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FOLLOW-UP	
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APPROX. TIME FOR THE AGENDA ITEM (MIN.)	10 min.
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MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	7.c
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	School Committee Communication Goal Update
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PRESENTER(S)	Adam Klein
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	The school committee set a communication goal for the 2023-24 school year. This is a standing agenda item for ongoing discussion of actions in support of the goal.
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APPROX AGENDA TIME	5 mins.
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FOLLOW-UP	
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MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	7.d
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	Subcommittee and Members' Report
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PRESENTER(S)	School Committee Liaisons
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	School Committee members provide the committee with updates from various subcommittees.
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APPROX AGENDA TIME	15 mins.
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Meeting Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	7.e
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of Donations, Annual Authorization
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PRESENTER(S)	Chairperson
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	Items on the Consent Agenda do not usually require discussion and are approved with one vote. After members are asked if any items should be held out for individual consideration, a motion to approve the consent agenda is made, seconded, and voted on. Any items held from the consent agenda are then discussed and voted on separately.
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SUGGESTED MOTION	"Move that the ABRSC approve the consent agenda as proposed/amended."
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FOLLOW-UP	
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APPROX. TIME FOR THE AGENDA ITEM (MIN.)	5 min.
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ATTACHMENTS	Minutes
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MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	7.f
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	Statement of Warrants and Recommendation to Approve
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PRESENTER(S)	Chairperson
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	Warrants are the listing of all payments made by the school district for the period, including payroll, vendors and others. The School Committee approves these at every meeting.
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SUGGESTED MOTION	See motion in memo in the packet from S. Matthews
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FOLLOW-UP	
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APPROX. TIME FOR THE AGENDA ITEM (MIN.)	2 min
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ATTACHMENTS	Summary memo from S. Matthews and posted folder of individual warrants.
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MEETING DATE	3-07-24	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	FYI
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AGENDA ITEM TITLE	For Your Information (FYI)
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PRESENTER(S)	The Chairperson and/or Superintendent may highlight individual items
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SUMMARY OF TOPIC	A variety of items may be found in the FYI: announcements, awards, publicity, reference materials, etc. that do not need discussion.
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SUGGESTED MOTION	
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FOLLOW-UP	
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APPROX. TIME FOR THE AGENDA ITEM (MIN.)	
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ATTACHMENTS	various
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