

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ABRSC) MEETING

Library
R.J. Grey Junior High School

February 4, 2016
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** (7:00)
2. **Chairman's Introduction** – Annual Spring Town Elections
3. **Statement of Warrant & Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.1. ABRSC Meetings of 1/23/16 and 1/14/16
4. **Public Participation** (7:05)
5. **ABRSD Capital Study Report** – Glenn Brand, Dore & Whittier (7:10)
 - 5.1. Phase I: Existing Conditions Study Final Report Slides (*Report to be brought to meeting*)
 - 5.1.1. Executive Summary & Introduction and Background
 - 5.2. District Capital Study Phase II Memo
 - 5.3. School Capital and Space Planning Committee Memo (*from 1/14/16 meeting*)
 - 5.4. <http://www.abschools.org/district/school-capital-and-space-planning>
6. **FY17 Final Budget Recommendation** – Glenn Brand, Clare Jeannotte (8:10)

See material posted for meeting on 1/23/16: <http://www.abschools.org/school-committee/meetings-agendas-packets-and-minutes>

 - 6.1. Memo re Release of the Governor's Budget and Expenditure Changes – Clare Jeannotte
 - 6.3.2 MASC Legislative Bulletin from Stephen J. Finnegan, 1/28/16
 - 6.2. Questions, Comments, Input from Budget Saturday Presentations (*oral*)
 - 6.2.1. Financial Community Comparables Study Suggestion – Michael Coppolino
 - 6.3. FY17 ABRSD Budget and Assessments voted on 1/23/16
7. **FY16 Second Quarter Report** – Clare Jeannotte (8:40)
 - 7.1. Questions/Comments from the Acton and Boxborough Finance Committee members (*oral*)
8. **Recommendation to Revise FY17 School Calendar - Possible No School on Tuesday 10/11/16 and Addition of Early Dismissal Days** – First Reading – Glenn Brand (due to no school scheduled for 10/10/16 and 10/12/16) (8:45)
9. **MCAS 2016 Testing Changes** – Deborah Bookis (8:55)
10. **Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Search Update** – Marie Altieri (9:05)
 - 10.1. Announcement of Finalists
 - 10.2. Schedule/Community Forum on Monday, Feb 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr High Library
11. **Kindergarten Registration Update** – Marie Altieri (9:10)
12. **Subcommittee Reports** (9:15)
 - 12.1. Budget – Maria Neyland (*oral*)
 - 12.2. Policy –
 - 12.2.1. **Minutes**, File: BEDG – Second Reading – **VOTE** - Brigid Bieber
 - 12.2.2. **Physical Restraint of Students**, File: JKAA – to 3/3/16 SC meeting - Bonnie Bisbicos
 - 12.3. School Liaison Updates (*oral*)

13. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Glenn Brand (9:25)*

- 13.1. Recommendation to Accept Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Math & Science Grant of \$500 from the West Acton Mobil Mart to the Gates School – **VOTE**
- 13.2. Recommendation to Accept Alliance Energy LLC Grant of \$500 from the East Acton Mobil to the R.J. Grey Junior High School - **VOTE**
- 13.3. Recommendation to Accept Gift from Target Field Trips/Scholarship America of \$700 to the Conant School – **VOTE**
- 13.4. Recommendation to Accept Acton Boxborough Cultural Council Grant of \$500 and the MA Cultural Council STARS Residency Grant of \$2,500 to the Gates School – **VOTE**
- 13.5. Recommendation to Accept Gift from the Patterson Family Foundation/Scholastic Reading Club of \$3,000 to the Blanchard School - **VOTE**

14. **School Committee Member Reports** (9:30)

- 14.1. Acton Leadership Group (ALG) – *Kristina Rychlik, Paul Murphy*
 - 14.1.1. Minutes of meeting on 1/7/16 (revised 1/25/16)
 - 14.1.2. Materials from meeting on 1/28/16
 - 14.1.2.1. Charge of the Town of Acton Capital Improvement Planning Committee
- 14.2. Boxborough Leadership Forum (BLF) – *Maria Neyland*
- 14.3. Health Insurance Trust (HIT)– *Mary Brolin*
 - 14.3.1. Independent Auditor’s Final Report: Financial Statements & Management’s Discussion and Analysis for Years ended 6/30/15 and 6/30/14 (replaces Draft in Binder Tab 20)
- 14.4. Acton Finance Committee – *Kristina Rychlik, Deanne O’Sullivan*
- 14.5. Acton Board of Selectmen – *Mike Coppolino, Paul Murphy*
- 14.6. Boxborough Finance Committee- *Mary Brolin*
- 14.7. Boxborough Board of Selectmen – *Maria Neyland, Brigid Bieber*
- 14.8. Minuteman Technical Vocational School (MMT) Update – *Diane Baum*
 - 14.8.1. Acton Special Town Meeting - February 2
See warrant: <http://www.acton-ma.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7619>
Minuteman Regional Agreement Info Page: <http://minuteman.org/Page/196>
Flyer from Acton MMT School Committee rep Pam Nourse
 - 14.8.2. Boxborough Special Town Meeting – February 24
See warrant: <http://www.boxborough-ma.gov/home/urgent-alerts/special-town-meeting-wednesday-feb-24-2016>
Informational Meeting: Tues, **Feb 9 at 7 p.m.** in Sargent Library, Boxborough
- 14.9. PTO/PTSO/PTF Co-Chairs– *Deanne O’Sullivan*

15. **Superintendent’s Report/Updates** – *Glenn Brand (9:45)*

- 15.1. Interschool Council
- 15.2. Superintendent’s Wellness Committee (*oral*)
- 15.3. Superintendent’s Safety Task Force (*oral*)

16. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** (9:55)

- 16.1. FY15 Independent Auditor Reports by Borgatti Harrison & Co. – Revised Basic Financial Statements & Student Activity Funds (page 3), see posting for 1/14/16 meeting at <http://www.abschools.org/school-committee/meetings-agendas-packets-and-minutes>
- 16.2. Concord Area Special Education Collaborative (CASE) Annual Financial Statements for the Year ended June 30, 2015 and Annual Report 2015
- 16.3. Acton Senior Center Study Committee Public Forum, Feb 26th at 11:00 am at the Center
- 16.4. Community Correspondence – *Non-binding Resolution Official Response re Standardized Testing, S. Smyers on 2/4/16*

17. **Adjourn** (10:00)

NEXT MEETINGS:

Feb 11 ABRSC FY17 Budget Hearing followed by Business Meeting 7:00 pm in the JH Library
Feb 24 Boxborough Special Town Meeting re Minuteman Tech School
Mar 3 ABRSC Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Jr High Library

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNITY MEETING:

- Tuesday, Feb 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Acton Memorial Library

Dr. Brand welcomes any and all members of our Acton-Boxborough community to the second of his evening forums. Topics will include the FY17 School Budget, the extensive Capital Study being done for the School District, the revision of the District's Strategic Plan and anything else that people would like to discuss.