

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ABRSC) MEETING

Library  
R.J. Grey Junior High School

March 3, 2016  
7:00 p.m.  
Followed by Executive Session

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**AGENDA**

1. **Chairman's Introduction** – Annual Spring Town Elections (7:00)
2. **Statement of Warrant & Approval of Minutes**
  - 2.1. ABRSC Meetings of 2/11/16 and 11/5/15
3. **Public Participation**
4. **Kelley's Corner Improvement Plan Presentation** – *Andrew Brockway, Chair, Acton 2020 and Kelley's Corner Improvement Steering Committee (7:05)*
5. **Change to 2016 ABRSD Summer School Course Preview Practice** – *Deborah Bookis (7:20)*
6. **Minuteman Technical High School (MMT) Update** – *Glenn Brand (oral)*
  - 6.1. Results of Boxborough Special Town Meeting on 2/24/16
7. **Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Search Decision** – *Glenn Brand*
  - 7.1. Recommendation to Appoint Dr. Dawn G. Bentley, Ed.D. as Assistant Superintendent of Student Services – **VOTE** – *Glenn Brand*
  - 7.2. Director of Special Education Update (*oral*)
8. **ABRSD Capital Study Update** – *Glenn Brand*
  - 8.1. Link to posted materials: <http://www.abschools.org/district/school-capital-and-space-planning>
  - 8.2. Memo and 2016 Existing Conditions Study Capital Improvement Plan
  - 8.3. Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statement of Interest – **First Read** - *Glenn Brand*
  - 8.4. Request for School Committee members for the Visioning Team Workshops
  - 8.5. Invitation for Non-School Community members to Join Visioning Team Workshops
9. **Comparative Communities Study Proposal** – *Michael Coppolino*
10. **Response to Citizen's Request for School Committee Position re Testing** – *Kristina Rychlik*
  - 10.1. Memo from K Rychlik re Committee's Possible Response, 2/26/16
  - 10.2. ABRSC Statement Read at Acton Special Town Meeting on 11/10/15
  - 10.3. Comments from ABRSC Chairwoman at Acton Special Town Meeting on 11/10/15
  - 10.4. Excerpt from 11/19/15 ABRSC Meeting Draft Minutes
  - 10.5. Email Regarding MCAS Participation for Spring 2016, *Deborah Bookis, 2/12/16*
  - 10.6. ABRSD Administrative Statement on Standardized Testing, *September 2015*
  - 10.7. Emails from Citizen re "Non-binding Resolution Official Response", 2/4/16
11. **Subcommittee Reports**
  - 11.1. Budget – *Maria Neyland (oral)*
    - 11.1.1. Meeting on 3/2/16

- 11.2. Regional Financial Oversight (RFOC) – *Michael Coppolino (oral)*
  - 11.2.1. Meeting on 3/3/16
- 11.3. Policy –
  - 11.3.1. **Physical Restraint of Students**, File: JKAA – Second Read - **VOTE** – *Bonnie Bisbicos*
    - 11.3.1.1. Procedures and Current Policy
  - 11.3.2. **Public’s Right to Know**, File: KDB – First Reading – *Brigid Bieber*
  - 11.3.3. **School Committee Legal Status**, File: BB – First Reading – *Brigid Bieber*
- 11.4. Outreach – *Kathleen Neville (oral)*
- 11.5. Legislative – *Kathleen Neville*
  - 11.5.1. Discussion of Suburban Coalition’s Resolution dated 2/1/16
    - 11.5.1.1. Updated Resolution and List of Communities in Support (3/1/16)
  - 11.5.2. Proposed Letter Rep. Jennifer Benson re Governor’s Budget, *Paul Murphy*

**12. School Committee Member Reports**

- 12.1. Acton Leadership Group (ALG) – *Kristina Rychlik, Paul Murphy*
  - 12.1.1. Minutes of meeting on 2/9/16
  - 12.1.2. Materials from meeting on 2/25/16
  - 12.1.3. Charge of the Town of Acton Capital Improvement Planning Committee, 1/28/16
- 12.2. Boxborough Leadership Forum (BLF) – *Maria Neyland*
- 12.3. Health Insurance Trust (HIT)– *Mary Brolin*
- 12.4. Acton Finance Committee – *Kristina Rychlik, Deanne O’Sullivan*
- 12.5. Acton Board of Selectmen – *Mike Coppolino*
- 12.6. Boxborough Finance Committee- *Mary Brolin*
- 12.7. Boxborough Board of Selectmen – *Maria Neyland, Brigid Bieber*
- 12.8. PTO/PTSO/PTF Co-Chairs– *Deanne O’Sullivan*

**13. Superintendent’s Report/Updates – Glenn Brand (oral)**

**14. FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

- 14.1. Youth Risk Behavior Survey Parent/Guardian Letter
- 14.2. Family Learning Series: “*Celebrating Aha Moments*”, Melissa Stewart on 3/23/15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr High School
- 14.3. ABRSD Financial Reports as of 1/31/16
  - 14.3.1. Revenue vs Budget
  - 14.3.2. Expenses vs Budget
  - 14.3.3. Special Revenue
  - 14.3.4. Grants
- 14.4. At The Table, USDA Nutrition Assistance Newsletter, 2015 Wrap Up – “Acton in Action for School Breakfast”, *Kirsten Nelson*
- 14.5. 2016 Chair Ceremony Honoring Staff with 20 Years of Service to the District
- 14.6. 2015 Education Report (distributed at the April/May Town Meetings)
- 14.7. “*Building Schools for Tomorrow*”, Boston Globe, 2/27/16, page 1
- 14.8. Acton Candidates’ Night, Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Acton Town Hall

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*For strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Office Support Association (OSA), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and Acton-Boxborough Education Association (ABEA)*

**16. Adjourn**

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Mar 17            ABRSC Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Jr High Library (*School Choice Public Hearing*)  
Mar 29            Acton Local Elections  
April 4            Acton Town Meeting begins, 7:00 p.m. in the ABRHS Auditorium  
April 28          ABRSC Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Jr High Library  
May 9             Boxborough Town Meeting begins, 7:00 p.m. in the Blanchard Gym  
May 16            Boxborough Local Elections  
May 19            ABRSC Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Jr High Library