

**ACTON PUBLIC and ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Library  
R.J. Grey Junior High School**

**March 3, 2011  
7:00 p.m. Joint Exec Session  
7:30 p.m. AB SC Meeting  
followed by APS SC Meeting**

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**AGENDA with addendum**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – Joint School Committee
  - JT EXECUTIVE SESSION – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, AEA, and to discuss strategy with respect to litigation
  
- 2.0 CHAIRMAN’S INTRODUCTION
  
- 3.0 EDUCATION REPORT – *Alix Callen, ABRHS Principal (7:35)*
  - 3.1 New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC) Report of the Visiting Committee for Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, October 3-6, 2010
  
- 4.0 APPROVAL of MINUTES and STATEMENT of WARRANT (7:50)
  - 4.1 Minutes of 1/6/11 Joint/AB SC meeting
  - 4.2 Minutes of 1/22/11 Joint SC Saturday Budget meeting (*addendum*)
  - 4.3 Minutes of 2/3/11 Joint/AB SC meeting with Finance Committees (*addendum*)
  - 4.4 Minutes of 2/9/11 Joint SC Executive Session (Open Meeting section) (*addendum*)
  
- 5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:55)
  
- 6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - 6.1 ALG Report – *John Petersen/Xuan Kong (8:00)*
    - 6.1.1 Meeting 1/31/11 Draft Minutes
    - 6.1.2 Meeting Agenda for 3/2/11
    - 6.1.3 Meeting Materials for 3/2/11 (*addendum*)
    - 6.1.4. Revised ALG Spreadsheet 3/3/11 (*addendum*)
  - 6.2 Acton FinCom Report – *Xuan Kong (oral) (8:20)*
  - 6.3 BLF Report – *Maria Neyland (oral) (8:25)*
  - 6.4 FY’11 and FY’12 Budget Update – *Steve Mills / Don Aicardi (8:30)*
    - 6.4.1 Recommendation to Approve Revised FY’12 ABRSD Budget and Assessments – **VOTE** - *Steve Mills (addendum)*
    - 6.4.2. Presentation Slides (*brought to meeting*)
  - 6.5 Health Trust Report – *John Petersen (8:40)*
    - 6.5.1. Meeting 2/10/11 (*addendum*)
    - 6.5.2. Meeting 2/24/11 (*addendum*)
  - 6.6 Subcommittee Updates (8:45)
    - 6.6.1. Policy – *Brigid Bieber (oral)*
      - 6.6.1.1 Recommendation to Approve New Policy on Admission of Exchange Students (File: JFABB) – **SECOND READING** – **VOTE** - *Maria Neyland*

- 6.6.1.2 Recommendation to Approve Revised Policy on Nonresident Tuition Rate (File: JFABA) – **FIRST READING** – Maria Neyland (addendum)
- 6.6.1.3 Recommendation to Approve Revised Policy on Field Trips (File: IJOA) – **FIRST READING** – Brigid Bieber (addendum)
- 6.6.1.4. Recommendation to Approve New Policy on Advertising in Schools/Corporate Sponsorship (File: NEW) – Sharon McManus (next meeting)
- 6.6.2. Class Size – Terry Lindgren (oral) (9:00)
- 6.6.3. Long-Range Strategic Planning – Steve Mills (oral)
- 6.6.4 Cost Savings Task Force – Xuan Kong (oral)
- 6.7 SMART Goals Progress Updates – Steve Mills (revised page 6 in addendum) (9:10)
- 6.8 July School Committee Workshop Review – Brigid Bieber (9:20)
  - 6.8.1. Attachment A.School Comm Assignments - July Workshop (addendum)
- 7.0 **NEW BUSINESS** (9:25)
  - 7.1 Recommendation to Approve ABRHS Varsity and JV Baseball teams’ overnight field trip to Easton, PA, 4/29/11 – 5/1/11 – **VOTE** – Steve Mills
  - 7.2 Change to ABRHS Student Handbook Policy re Captain’s Rule (page 35)– **VOTE** - Alixe Callen (9:30)
  - 7.3 Discussion with Acton Boxborough Youth Soccer (ABYS) regarding lower playing fields – Steve Mills (oral) (9:40)
  - 7.4 Acton Town Meeting Plan – Brigid Bieber (oral)
  - 7.5 Recommendation: ABRSD Participation in School Choice 2011-2012 – **VOTE** – Steve Mills, (9:45)
    - Proposed Motion:* To participate in the state’s School Choice program for 2011-12 by only accepting siblings of existing Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Choice students, and current 6<sup>th</sup> grade Choice students from the Blanchard School in Boxborough who will be entering R.J. Grey Junior High School in grade 7.
    - 7.5.1. School Choice data
  - 7.6 Recommendation to Accept Gift from The Madison Group – **VOTE** – Steve Mills (addendum)
- 8.0 **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** (9:50)
  - 8.1 ABRHS
    - 8.1.1. Discipline Report, February 2011
    - 8.1.2 Gift to Lazarus House from ABRHS Boys Varsity Basketball Team’s annual Youth Holiday Clinic, 12/10
    - 8.1.3 Spring Coaches (addendum)
    - 8.1.4 \$400 Gift from The Acton Lion’s Club for Alternative Program’s trip to Merrowvista (addendum)
  - 8.2 RJ Grey Junior High
    - 8.2.1. Discipline Report, February 2011 (addendum)
  - 8.3 Pupil Services
    - 8.3.1. ABRSD ELL Student Population, February 2011
    - 8.3.2 On Team newsletter (addendum)
  - 8.4 Curriculum Update
    - 8.4.1 Race To Nowhere Panel, March 15 at 7 p.m. in High School Auditorium <http://www.racetonowhere.com/home>
    - 8.4.2 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards

- 8.5 FY'11 Monthly ABRSD Financial Reports
  - 8.5.1. Budget Status Summary
  - 8.5.2. Budget Status Summary – Special Education
- 8.6 Correspondence from the Community
  - 8.6.1 Homework Pressures
  - 8.6.2. Budget Concerns (10 citizens' emails) (*addendum*)
  - 8.6.3. Where Can I View the Budgets? (*addendum*)
  - 8.6.4. School Budget Feedback (*addendum*)
  - 8.6.5. Concerns about School/Town Planning (*addendum*)
  - 8.6.6 Remember the Private Money and Time Donated to the Schools (*addendum*)
- 8.7 Enrollment Report/Class Size Numbers – February 1, 2011
- 8.8 RJGJHS Project Wellness, “Creating Connections” - March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Merrimack College
- 8.9 *Lamplighter*, December 2010, posted at [www.ab.mec.edu](http://www.ab.mec.edu)
- 9.0 AB SC ADJOURNS and APS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING BEGINS (10:00)
- 9.1 ALG Review and Possible Revote of APS FY'12 Budget – *John Petersen/Don Aicardi*
- 10.0 NEXT MEETINGS: (10:05)
  - March 17 at 7:30 pm, APS SC Meeting at Gates School
  - March 24 at 7:30 pm, Joint SC Meeting at RJ Grey JH Library (serves as April meetings)
  - March 29 at 9AM – 2PM, *MASC Day on the Hill* at the State House, Boston
- 11.0 ADJOURN (10:10)