

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ABRSC)
MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

Via zoom

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March 25, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Evelyn Abayaah-Issah, Ben Bloomenthal, Kyra Cook, Adam Klein, Ginny Kremer, Amy Krishnamurthy, John Petersen, Nora Shine, Andrew Schwartz
Members Absent: Tessa McKinley, Yebin Wang
Others: Marie Altieri, Peter Light, Beth Petr

1. Call to Order

The ABRSC was called to order by Chairperson Adam Klein at 6:36 p.m.

Adam noted that the meeting was being conducted remotely via zoom per Remote Participation policy, BEDJA. The following members were in attendance remotely: Evelyn Abayaah-Issah, Ben Bloomenthal, Kyra Cook, Amy Krishnamurthy, Ginny Kremer, John Petersen, Nora Shine, Andrew Schwartz, and Adam Klein. Yebin Wang and Tessa Mckinley were absent. It was stated that the meeting was being recorded.

Per the remote policy, all votes would be done by roll call.

2. Recommendation to Approve Superintendent's FY23 Final Budget and Assessments - VOTE - Peter Light, Adam Klein

It was brought to the Committee's attention that the requirement for voting the final budget is different from the Committee's standard voting process. The budget must pass by a 2/3rds vote of all of the school committee members. These votes are unweighted. A 2/3rds majority vote for this committee would require 8 or more members to vote in favor. Last night's vote did not meet that requirement and therefore the budget was not correctly approved.

Again, there have been no substantive changes to the budget since the Budget Hearing/final budget presentation. Last night's unchanged line item budget is included in tonight's posted material, along with the motion. The motion language provided included the addition of "in the packet of 3/25/22" to the first sentence, per last night's amendment. There was no further discussion of the budget by members.

John Petersen moved, Amy Krishnamurthy seconded and it was,

VOTED by roll call:

To adopt the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 as presented in the packet of 3/25/22 in the amount of **\$102,899,440**

Which is reduced by estimated receipts and available funds in the amounts of:

- Anticipated Chapter 70 Aid in the amount of **\$15,492,511**;
- Anticipated State Transportation Aid in the amount of **\$2,200,000**;
- Anticipated State Charter School Aid in the amount of **\$100,000**;
- Anticipated Medicaid Reimbursement of **\$200,000**;
- Anticipated Investment Earnings of **\$150,000**;
- Estimated Miscellaneous Revenues of **\$10,000**;

And transfers from the following District reserves:

- Excess & Deficiency Fund in the amount of **\$1,500,000**;
- Capital Stabilization Fund in the amount of **\$300,000**.

For a net amount to be assessed to member towns in accordance with the Education Reform Law and the terms of the Regional Agreement and amendments thereto as follows:

Acton \$69,689,255 (consisting of a Capital Assessment of **\$5,719,382** and an Operating Assessment of **\$63,969,873**); and

Boxborough \$13,257,674 (consisting of a Capital Assessment of **\$983,514** and an Operating Assessment of **\$12,274,160**).

With 8 yes votes, 1 no vote and 2 members absent, the motion passed.

(YES: Abayaah-Issah, Bloomenthal, Cook, Klein, Krishnamurthy, Petersen, Shine, Schwartz NO: Kremer)

Adam thanked everyone for attending. He explained that the zoom link had to be changed at the last minute due to a very concerning email that was sent to committee members at 6:00. Changing the link was necessary for security reasons. It was posted on the homepage calendar and the School Committee meeting page before the start of the meeting.

3. Adjourn

John Petersen moved, Ben Bloomenthal seconded and it was unanimously,

VOTED by roll call: to adjourn the ABRSC at 6:42 p.m.

(YES: Abayaah-Issah, Bloomenthal, Cook, Klein, Kremer, Krishnamurthy, Petersen, Shine, Schwartz)

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Petr

List of Documents Used:

- Agenda
- Final FY23 Budget Recommendation memo from P. Light, 3/24/22
- Recommendation for FY2023 ABRSD Budget and Assessments – Final Budget Vote from P. Light, 3/25/22
- ABRSD FY23 Preliminary Budget Line Item Detail Summary by Admin – Department Requests, 3/23/22
- ABRSD FY23 Preliminary Budget Line Item Detail, 3/23/22
- ABRSD FY22 Preliminary Budget Line Item Detail Summary by Character – Dept Requests, 3/23/22
- ABRSD Calculation of Regional Member Assessments, 3/4/22

NEXT MEETINGS:

ABRSC: April 7 and May 5 at 7:00 p.m.