



Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee Meeting

June 17, 2021

7:00 Open Meeting
8:15 p.m. Executive Session

Virtual Public Meeting

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ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ABRSC)
MEETING AGENDA

Administration Building Auditorium
15 Charter Road, Acton

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To make a public comment (two options):

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1. **Call to Order (7:00)**

- a. **Chairperson's Welcome** - *Tessa McKinley*
- b. **Public Participation** - in person or virtually (*virtual requires 24 hour preregistration*)
- c. **Superintendent's Update** – *Peter Light*
 - i. Thank You to Kirsten Nelson, Amy French, Jean Tibbetts (*ABRSD Food Services*) and Kathleen Surdan and Nora McMillan (*Neighbor Brigade*)
 - ii. Congratulations to our ABRSD Retirees!
 - iii. Thank You to ABRSC Members Diane Baum and Angie Tso
 - iv. Thank You to Tessa McKinley for 2 years of Service as ABRSC Chairperson

2. **ONGOING BUSINESS (7:30)**

- a. **Superintendent's Annual Summative Review** - *Tessa McKinley (brought to meeting)*
 - i. Motion: Move to Accept the Annual Summative Review for Superintendent Peter Light dated 6/17/20 as presented/amended - **VOTE**
- b. **FY22 ABRHS Handbook** - Second Read - **VOTE** - *Maurin O'Grady*
- c. **Town Meeting Updates** - *John Petersen, Adam Klein (Acton Town Meeting - June 21)*
- d. **Health Insurance Trust Update** - *John Petersen*
- e. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of 6/10/21** - **VOTE** - *Tessa McKinley*
- f. **Subcommittee and Member Reports**
 - i. Building Committee - *Adam Klein*
- b. **FYI**

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (8:15)**

To be convened under MGL Chapter 30A section 21(a) purpose 7, to comply with or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements - MGL Chapter 30A, section 22(f) to consider approval and possible release of executive session minutes from previous meetings on: May 21, 2020, June 18, 2020, August 5, 2020, October 1, 2020, November 5, 2020, December 3, 2020, January 21, 2021, February 11, 2021, March 11, 2021, April 1, 2021, May 20, 2021.

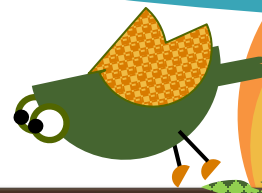
4. **Adjourn (8:45)**

Posted on 6/14/21 at 5:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 20 ABRSC Workshop at 6:00 p.m.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (FYI)

- a. 2020-2021 Update on STEAM Goals - *Deborah Bookis*



Please join the
Acton-Boxborough Regional School District
and the
Acton-Boxborough Education Association
in congratulating our

2021 Retirees

Blanchard School

Loretta Crumlish
Patricia Harrison
Susan Mannherz
Cheryl Palano

Carol Huebner

Early Childhood Program
Jennifer Weisberg

Conant School

Robyn Harding (RLP)

Douglas School

Nancy McGurl
Thais Savage

Gates School

Marion Beardsley

McCarthy-Towne

David Krane
Kathleen Cartier
Heidi Kupferman
Heather Wilson

Merriam School

Carolyn Benjamin
Trea Ellis
Mary Pat Gorham
Colm McDermott
Monica Scanlon (RLP)
Karen Sonner (RLP)
Fran Strohm

ABRHS

Larry Dorey
Anthony Ammendolia
Eileen Flannery
Marj Johnson
Judi Painter
Nancy Silva

R.J. Grey Junior High School

Florence Gilfix
Pat Loria

ABRSD Facilities and Transportation

Michael Bontempo
Nancy Durost
Yvonne Haynes-Colaianni
Daniel Kerr
Janis Nichols

ABRSD Community Education

Jennifer Benoit
Lisa Gravelle
Jennifer Gulliver

ABRSD Food Services

Kathie Clifford (Douglas)
Debra DiDuca (Conant)
Linda McCusker (Gates)

ABRSD Human Resources

Karen Coll
Sally Cunningham

ABRSD Student Services

Linda Blanco

TO: Superintendent Peter Light and ABRSD School Committee
FROM: Maurin O’Grady, ABRHS Associate Principal
RE: Proposed Changes/Edits to the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Student Handbook for the 2021-2022 School Year
DATE: First Reading at Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee meeting on 6/10/21 and VOTE at meeting on 6/17/21

Suggested changes, additions, and/or deletions are underlined, with page number noted. The handbook is found at <http://abrhs.abschools.org/students>.

1. Update to World Language Honor Society Requirements (pg. 28)

Students must be: in the sophomore, junior, or senior class; currently enrolled in Level III or higher in French, Spanish, Latin, or Chinese; enrolled in a language at Acton-Boxborough for the past six quarters; enrolled at the Honors Level; have an average grade of 90 or higher in the language for the past six quarters; and, have an overall current Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher. In addition to earning academic achievement in the language, each student must complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service each year. Students must complete an application form, available from language teachers, after the close of the second term. **Deadlines are firm.**

Reasoning:

The service hours extend your passion for learning the language/sharing your knowledge beyond the classroom and connect with the wider global world and by doing so will make being a part of the Language Honor Society more meaningful.

2. Writing Center (pg 12)

Library Writing Center

~~The Writing Center, located in the library, is open every day during school hours, and after school Mon-Thurs or as posted. Tutors are available to assist with writing assignments from any area of the curriculum, and at any stage in the writing process; from brainstorming to final revisions. Tutors will listen to students’ questions and concerns about their writing and work to target these areas. Students may schedule an appointment by signing up at the Writing Center, or dropping in if there is a tutor available. Students should come with a copy of the assignment and any work they have done on the assignment (notes, research, rough draft, etc.). If you are interested in becoming a student tutor, please contact Mrs. McDonald in the library.~~

Reasoning:

The Library Writing Center is no longer going to be available due to restructuring of the library staff. Increase in ASC opportunities will supplement Writing Center Services.

3. Remove Reference to SADD (pg 17)

~~—SADD reminds us to be safe and cautious drivers!~~

Reasoning:

SADD is no longer a program at ABRHS.

4. After Hours (pg 9)

The school does not provide supervision for students after school hours unless they are participating in a school-sponsored activity or event. Therefore, when the school day is over and after school obligations and activities are completed, students are not to loiter in the high school or on high school grounds. If a student needs to stay after school for a later activity we ask that they wait in ~~either the Student Center West or~~ the front lobby.

Reasoning:

Students are able to see if their ride is here to pick them up from the front lobby. It is also a centralized location.

5. Changing Clothes for Physical Education (pg 24)

All students are expected to be prepared for class, to be on time and participate to the best of their ability. All students ~~must~~ are encouraged to change into appropriate clothing (sneakers, shorts or sweatpants, tee-shirt or sweatshirt) for each Physical Education class.

Reasoning:

To accommodate students who are uncomfortable changing in locker rooms without a grade penalty. Proper footwear will be required.

6. Changes to the Format of Graduation Requirements

Graduation Requirements

~~In order to receive an Acton-Boxborough Regional High School diploma, students must:~~

- ~~● Earn 100 credits.~~
- ~~● Receive a “competency determination” by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education based on performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test.~~

~~In addition, students must earn passing grades in the following areas of study:~~

- ~~● Four years of English~~
- ~~● Three years of social studies (two of which must be U.S. History I and II)~~
- ~~● Two years of science (one of which must be biology) [Three years of science beginning with Class of 2025]~~
- ~~● Two years of mathematics [Three years of mathematics beginning with Class of~~

~~2025]~~

- ~~• [Two years of World Language beginning with Class of 2025]~~
- ~~• Fitness for Living (AB's integrated health and physical education course is taken by all 9th graders)~~
- ~~• Three semesters of physical education over the course of the next three years (grades 10, 11, 12)~~
- ~~• The equivalent of a one-semester daily course (2.5 credits) in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Communication Arts or Industrial Arts.~~
- ~~• One additional year of an academic elective—English, social studies, math, science, or a world language.~~

The Class of 2022, 2023, 2024

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In addition, students must earn passing grades in the following areas of study:

- Four years of English
- Three years of social studies (two of which must be U.S. History I and II)
- Two years of science (one of which must be biology)
- Two years of mathematics
- Fitness for Living (AB's integrated health and physical education course is taken by all 9th graders)
- Three semesters of physical education over the course of the next three years (grades 10, 11, 12)
- Arts Requirement: The equivalent of a one-semester daily course (2.5 credits) in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Communication Arts or Industrial Arts.
- One additional year of an ~~academic elective—English, social studies, math, science, or a world language.~~

The Class of 2025

In order to receive an Acton-Boxborough Regional High School diploma, students must:

- Earn 100 credits.
- Receive a “competency determination” by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education based on performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test.

In addition, students must earn passing grades in the following areas of study:

- Four years of English
- Three years of social studies (two of which must be U.S. History I and II)
- Three years of science (one of which must be biology)
- Three years of mathematics
- Two years of World Language
- Fitness for Living (AB's integrated health and physical education course is

taken by all 9th graders)

- Three semesters of physical education over the course of the next three years (grades 10, 11, 12)
- Arts Requirement: The equivalent of a one-semester daily course (2.5 credits) in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Communication Arts or Industrial Arts.
- One additional year of an ~~academic elective—English, social studies, math, science, or a world language.~~

Reasoning:

Beginning with the Class of 2025, students will be required to complete three years of science, three years of mathematics, and two years of a world language. This formatting change makes the requirements easier to read