

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ABRSC) MEETING
Acton Three-board Meeting
Minutes (approved 11/5/15)

Room 204
Acton Town Hall

October 27, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Diane Baum, Brigid Bieber, Amy Krishnamurthy, Paul Murphy, Kathleen Neville, Kristina Rychlik, Mary Brolin, Michael Coppolino, Maria Neyland (7:07 p.m.)

Members Absent: Maya Minkin, Deanne O'Sullivan

Others: Glenn Brand, Clare Jeannotte, Marie Altieri, members of Acton Finance Committee, Acton Board of Selectman, Town Staff, Scott Smyers

1. The ABRSC was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Kristina Rychlik.

2. Three-Board Meeting

Kristina welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the purpose: to share each board's goals for the year and get a jumpstart on the budget planning process by sharing an overview of critical issues faced by the schools and the town.

Kristina introduced the schools section with an overview of Committee goals, and then introduced Glenn Brand. He shared his Superintendent goals and an overview of the FY '17 budget calendar. Lastly, Marie Altieri provided an overview of enrollment trends, including critical issues related to trends in the District's increasing high needs student populations.

Katie Green provided an overview of the Board of Selectmen's goals and issues facing the town, which showed many parallel trends to what the schools are facing. The town is challenged with increasing numbers of residents with mental health, drug and domestic abuse, poverty and other issues requiring increasing human services and improved coordination among existing staff and between the town and schools.

Lastly, after a short social break, Steve Noone presented the Finance Committee's draft Point of View. The Finance Committee believes that:

- the Town should begin a Capital Planning Committee with representation from the Board of Selectmen, town and schools
- reserves should be pegged at 5%
- future project prioritization should not be random. Projects should not be funded in the order that they are requested. Town leaders need to plan and prioritize so bonding decisions are made wisely.

The ABRSC adjourned at 8:55 p.m. at the meeting's conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Rychlik

List of Documents Used: Agenda, Slides from ABRSC, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee