

AMENDED METHUEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AMENDED
Central Administration Building
AGENDA
School Committee Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m.

via Remote Participation

“Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Methuen School Committee is being conducted via remote participation by the Methuen School Committee. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Governor’s Order.”

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call - Attendance

Acceptance of the Agenda

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2. Participation by Others

a. SOAR Award (Wellness Dept.)

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Individuals that would like to participate at this meeting may do so in writing before 3 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2020 via email to derunge@methuen.k12.ma.us which will be printed and given to the Chairperson of the meeting to read to the public.

3. Approval of Minutes

February 10, 2020 Business Meeting and February 24, 2020 Workshop

4. Staff Reports

a. Superintendent’s COVID 19 Update

5. Old Business and Other Pending Matters

NONE

6. New Business

- a. School Choice Program - Approval
- b. 2019-2020 Last Day of School – Approval
- c. Authority to Transfer Funds – Approval
- d. 2020-2021 School Calendar – Approval

7. Finance and Operations

- a. Expenditure Report – Monthly
 - 1. Transfer of Funds – Approvals
 - 1a – \$60,000.00 from Professional Salaries to Contracted Services
 - 1b – \$18,841.26 from Professional Salaries to Supplies
 - 1c – \$75,000.00 from Professional Salaries to Contracted Services
 - 2. Electronic Signature Discussion / Approval
- b. Revolving Funds Report – Monthly
- c. Grants Report – Monthly
- d. Student Activity Accounts – Monthly
- e. Food Services – Monthly
- g. Contract – Approval
 - 1. 2020-2021 Norther Essex Dual Enrollment Contract – Approval

8. Notification of Appointments and Other Personnel Matters

NONE

9. Business from the Committee

a. Other Business from the Committee

10. Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – All Units. We will NOT reconvene into open session at the conclusion of the executive session

11. Adjournment

FUTURE DATES

Monday	April 27, 2020	School Committee Budget Workshop 6:30 p.m., TBD
Monday	May 4, 2020	School Committee Budget Workshop TBD
Monday	May 11, 2020	School Committee Business Meeting 6:30 p.m., TBD
Monday	May 18, 2020	Public Hearing/TBD Budget Approval TBD

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Here are the general rules for the Committee’s Public Comment period:

1. Public Comment shall generally follow the opening of the meeting. The committee reserves the right to rearrange its agenda to accommodate scheduled presenters.
2. Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify him/herself by name and address and shall speak for no longer than 5 minutes (per S.C. Policy BEDH). . No citizen may speak more than once without permission of the Chair. All citizens shall speak to the full Committee through the Chair and shall not address individual members or administrators.
3. Individuals may address topics on the agenda, items specified for Public Comment, or items within the scope of responsibility of the School Committee. The Chair shall rule out of order any individual who fails to honor the guidelines or who addresses a matter inappropriate for Public Comment.
4. Any Committee member may direct questions to the speaker through the Chair in order to clarify comments of the speaker.
5. A group of citizens appearing at a meeting to express favor for or opposition to a particular agenda item should designate one member of the group as spokesperson to be heard on the topic. Other members of the group may be heard if they feel that they can contribute additional information regarding the topic.
6. Public Comment is not a discussion, debate, or dialogue between citizens and the Committee. It is a citizen’s opportunity to express his/her opinion on issues of School Committee business. The Committee and/or administrator’s may not be prepared to directly respond to citizen questions posed in this forum but the Chair may request that citizens put the question in writing to the appropriate person or body so that the matter is given the proper consideration.