1. School Committee Meeting Materials

Documents:

AUGUST 5, 2020 SC AGENDA.PDF
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the need to engage in social distancing, public attendance at tonight’s meeting is not permitted. Public participation through Agenda Items F and J, Public Comment, is desired with methods described below.

As allowed by emergency legislation signed into law by Governor Mills on 17 March (LD 2167, “An Act to Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency”), the meeting will be streamed live via the internet, with some participants joining from remote sites. Public participation for questions and comments will be via two methods: 1) e-mail before the meeting; and, 2) phone in real time during the public comments section of the agenda. Guidelines from School Committee Policy BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings (excerpted on page 2) apply.

AGENDA

A. Call to Order
B. Recognitions
C. Pledge of Allegiance
D. Approval of July 15, 2020 Business Meeting Minutes
E. Communications
   1. School Committee
      a. Upcoming Meetings/Events:
         August 6: Question/Answer Forum on School Reopening, 7-8 p.m.
         August 10: Remote Forum on Equity, Inclusion and Diversity
         August 12: Joint School Committee/Administrative Goal Setting Meeting
         August 19: School Committee, 7 p.m.
         Other Schools’ Events Indeterminate—Please Visit www.yorkschools.org For Details
   2. Superintendent
      a. Acceptance of Donations
      b. Kindergarten Screening
      c. 2020-2021 School Calendar Revision
      d. School Reopening Plan
      e. Athletic and Activity Update
F. Comments From the Public on Agenda Items (Please See Included Guidelines Following Agenda)
G. New Business:
   1. Feedback on Inclusion Advisory Group Recommendations
H. Administrators’ Reports:
   1. Business Administrator Report:
      a. Approval of Bills and Payrolls
      b. Federal Grants Update
I. Old and Unfinished Business:
   1. Policies - 2nd Reading: AC - Nondiscrimination, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
      ACAA - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
      ACAB - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
J. Public Comments
K. Adjournment
Public Viewing and Participation Details:

1. To view this meeting live via the internet, Available on Town Hall Streams
   https://townhallstreams.com/towns/york_meetings

2. Participation methods:
   a. E-Mail: Before 5:00 PM on the day of the meeting, send your comments on agenda items to balexander@yorkschools.org
   b. Real time phone call input for Agenda Items F and J: Call Assistant Superintendent Anita Bernhardt - 207-363-3403, Ext 10016

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(Excerpted from York School Committee Policy BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings)

Although School Committee meetings are not public forums, the School Committee will provide appropriate opportunities for citizens to express opinions and concerns related to matters concerning education and the York School Department schools. The intent is to allow a fair and adequate opportunity for the public to be heard and to provide adequate time for the School Committee to obtain information and opinion on subjects before it, while ensuring that the time allowed for public discussion does not interfere with the fulfillment of the scheduled agenda.

A. York citizens and employees of the York School Department are welcome to participate as provided in this policy. Others may be recognized to speak at the Chair’s discretion. Individual employees and/or employee groups will not be permitted to discuss matters for which complaint or grievance procedures are provided.

B. The Chair may limit the time allotted for comments on a particular topic as well as the time each individual may speak.

C. In the event of a sizable audience, the Chair may require persons interested in speaking to sign up so they may be called on in a fair and efficient manner.

D. During the time set aside for public participation, the Chair will be responsible for recognizing all speakers, who must identify themselves as they begin talking.

E. Speakers are not permitted to share gossip, make defamatory comments, or use abusive or vulgar language.

F. All speakers are to address the Chair and direct questions or comments to particular School Committee members or the Superintendent only with approval of the Chair. Requests for information or concerns that require further research may be referred to the Superintendent to be addressed at a later time.

G. Members of the School Committee and the Superintendent may ask questions of any person who addresses the School Committee but are expected to refrain from arguing or debating issues. Questions must be addressed through the Chair.

H. No complaints or allegations will be allowed at School Committee meetings concerning any person employed by the school system or against particular students. Personal matters or complaints concerning student or staff issues will not be considered in a public meeting but will be referred through established policies and procedures.

I. In order to make efficient use of meeting time, the School Committee discourages duplication or repetition of comments to the School Committee. The School Committee requests that groups or organizations be represented by designated spokespersons.

J. The Chair has the authority to stop any presentation that violates these guidelines or the privacy rights of others.

K. Persons who disrupt the meeting may be asked to leave, and the Chair may request law enforcement assistance as necessary to restore order.