

**YORK SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**York Public Library**

Agenda

- A. Call to Order
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance
  - C. Recognitions
  - D. Approval of the February 15, 2023 School Committee Meeting Minutes.
  - E. Communications
    - 1. School Committee
      - a. Upcoming Meetings/Events:  
Women's History Month  
March 9th, 2023 SCCC Meeting - York High School or Zoom  
March 10, 2023 Professional Development Day - No School for Students  
March 14, 2023 "Math Night" 6:00-7:30PM @ *York Middle School Wildcat Room &*  
March 15, 2023 School Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ York Public Library  
March 21, 2023 Last day to file petition at Town Hall for School Committee elected position
      - b. Update on Superintendent Search
    - 2. Superintendent's Report
      - a. Acceptance of Donations
      - b. 2023-24 School Calendar
      - c. YHS New Course Proposal - Lyric Writing
      - d. Set Executive Session date to review Building Security Assessments
  - F. Comments From the Public
- G. New Business
  - 1. Vote on Superintendent's Recommendations
  - 2. Consent Agenda
  - 3. First Read Policies: [ADC](#) (Tobacco-Free Schools: Use and Possession of Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices), [IMBB](#) (Exemption From Required Instruction), [IMB](#) (Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues)
- H. Administrators' Reports:
  - 1. Business Administrator Report:
    - a. Approval of Bills and Payrolls
    - b. Special Education Contract

I. Old and Unfinished Business

1. Second Read Policies: [Affirmative Action Plan](#), [IHBG](#) (Home Schooling); [IHBGC](#) (Private School Students Participation); [IIOC](#) (School Volunteers); [IJOA](#) (Field Trips and Other Student Travel); ACAA (aka [JB](#) (Transgender Students))
2. FY24 Budget Preference Votes

J. Adjournment

NEPN/NSBA Code: BEDH

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT YORK SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

School Committee meetings are conducted for the purpose of carrying on the official business of the school system. All regular, special and emergency meetings of the School Committee are open to the public. The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in School Committee meetings as provided in this policy. This policy applies only to meetings of the full Committee, not to meetings of Committee subcommittees.

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.

The Committee will designate a portion of its agenda as an opportunity for public participation. During the time allotted for public participation, members of the public may speak on any subject directly related to the operations of the schools, except for personal matters or complaints concerning specific employees or students, which shall be addressed through established policies and procedures.

Members of the public may address the School Committee within the guidelines provided in this policy. The Chair shall be responsible for maintaining proper order and compliance with these guidelines.

The following guidelines shall apply to public participation at School Committee meetings.

- A. Members of the public and York School Department employees are welcome to participate as provided in this policy. 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 sizeable 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.

An agenda shall be published in advance of each meeting in accordance with School Committee policy. Copies will be posted and/or available prior to regular meetings, at the Superintendent's Office and on the York School Department website. Anyone desiring additional information about an agenda item should direct such inquiries to the Office of the Superintendent.

Legal Reference: 1 MRSA § 401 et seq.  
20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§20

Cross Reference: [BEC – Executive Session](#)  
[BEDA – Notification of School Committee Meetings](#)  
[BEDB – School Committee Meeting Agenda](#)  
[BEDD – Rules of Order](#)  
[KE – General Communications and/or Concerns](#)

Adopted: 5/6/2020  
First Read 12/7/2022  
Second Read 12/21/2022

**Revised:**

**12/21/2022**