



York School Committee Meeting

A regular meeting for the York School Committee will be held at the:

York Public Library

on

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

6:00 p.m.

1.0 Meeting Call to Order:

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Land Acknowledgment.

York is located on the land of the Pennacook and Abenaki Peoples of the Wabanaki Confederacy, who have ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to this land. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land and the people who have stewarded it through the generations, and we recognize York's responsibility to maintain and protect these homelands for future generations.

1.3 Adjustments to the agenda

2.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda:

[December 17, 2025 Consent Agenda](#)

3.0 Communications

3.1 Upcoming Meetings and Events

January 8th, 2025 - Budget Committee: School Budget Presentation

January 14th, 2025 - Early Release Day for Students

January 19th, 2025 - No School: MLK Jr. Day

4.0 Correspondence, Presentations, or Recognition

5.0 Approval of the Financials

5.1 Business Administrator's Report

5.1.1 Approval of Bills and Payroll

5.2.2 Acceptance of Donations

6.0 Reports

6.1 Chair

6.1.1 York School Department Reorganization Plan

Discuss and formalize dates and schedule for 2-3 public information sessions.

- 6.2 Superintendent
 - 6.2.1 Resignations
 - 6.2.2 Retirements
 - 6.2.3 Transfers
 - 6.2.4 New Hires
- 6.3 Assistant Superintendent
- 6.4 Student Representatives

7.0 Current Openings

Posting:	Location:
Library/Media Ed Tech (Temporary)	CRES
Substitute Van Drivers	Facilities
Substitute School Nurses K-12	YSD
Substitute Teachers K-12	YSD
Custodian	Facilities

Public Comment

(If a public comment is needed, the Chair reads the following statement)
The York School Committee values public input and encourages community members to share their thoughts. To allow for a diverse range of perspectives and maintain a timely meeting, we ask that each public comment be limited to three (3) minutes.

The York School Committee recognizes the value of public comment and participation in school and educational matters. The York School Department’s policy, BEDH Public Participation at York School Committee Meetings, is attached to this agenda and can be found on the York School Department website.

[YSD Policy BEDH](#)

8.0 New Business

9.0 Unfinished Business

- 9.1 Consideration and approval for the 2nd reading of policy BDD - School Committee-Superintendent Relationship
- 9.2 Consideration and approval for the 2nd reading of policy policy BDF - School Committee Advisory Committees
- 9.3 Consideration and approval for the 2nd reading of policy policy BDF-E - School Committee Advisory Committees Establishment and Instruction Form
- 9.4 Consideration and approval for the 2nd reading of policy policy - BE School Committee Meetings

10.0 Other Matters

11.0 Executive Session

12.0 Adjournment

Sub-Committee	2025-2026 Time Commitment	SC Member(s)
Accounts Payable Review	25-page voucher reviews every two weeks.	Evans, Kelly, Clarke
Budget Liaison	Once a month for two hours (?), during business hours	Evans, Martinson, Clarke
Capital Planning		Kelly, Clarke, Kelbert
Curriculum (formerly PEPG Steering)	TBD	Martinson, Clarke
Negotiations		Inactive
Policy	Twice a month for two hours. Includes admins and others, usually during working hours.	Martinson, Clarke, Kelly
Phone Policy Review Committee	TBD	Clarke/Evans
School Calendar	TBD	Kelbert, Evans
Stipend Committee	Once a year and as needed	Kelly, Evans
<u>School Building Liaisons</u>		
VES	As needed	Evans
CRES	Four times per year	Martinson
YMS	??	Clarke
YHS	Once a month, on the second Thursday, at 9:30 am	Kelly
Adult Education Advisory / Sanford RTC	TBD	Kelbert, Clarke
Reorganization Committee	TBD	Kelly, Kelbert, Clarke
<i>Advisory Committee to the YSC, pending formal creation:</i>		
Communication Committee	Promote information on school topics	Kelbert, Kelly, Clarke, Evans

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.

- Members of the public and York School Department employees are welcome to participate as provided
- A. 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 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.
- All speakers are to address the Chair and direct questions or comments to particular School Committee
- F. 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.
- Members of the School Committee and the Superintendent may ask questions of any person who
- G. addresses the School Committee but are expected to refrain from arguing or debating issues. Questions must be addressed through the Chair.
- No complaints or allegations will be allowed at School Committee meetings concerning any person
- H. 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.

In order to make efficient use of meeting time, the School Committee discourages duplication or
I. 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](#)

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