

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, October 4, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting – Google Hangout Meet
Public can Join by Phone - 1 402-526-0453 PIN: 562 614 931#

THIS MEETING WILL BE RECORDED

AGENDA

- A. Call Meeting to Order – Please announce “This meeting is being recorded”
- B. Review of the Agenda
- C. Public Hearing
- D. Approval of Minutes:
 - September 13, 2021*
- E. Warrants and Gifts - Record in Minutes with Numbers
- F. Superintendent’s Report
- G. Director of Finance and Operations Report *
- H. Principal’s Report
- I. New Business
 - Annual School Committee Calendar
 - Amherst elementary 6th grade possible move to regional middle school
 - Home School Applications* - Discussion and Vote
 - Review Family Handbook* - Discussion and Vote
 - Negotiation Sub-Committee – Selection and Vote
- J. Old Business
 - FY21 Budget- review
 - FY22 Budget – review
- K. Amherst-Pelham Regional Representative Report
- L. Collaborative for Educational Services Report
- M. Select Board Report
- N. Budget and Personnel Committee Report – October 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- O. Union #28 Committee Report
 - Next meeting date: November 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- P. Policy Review and Update
 - First Reading on:
 - AD – Mission Statement*
 - BEDF – Voting Method*
 - ACAB – Harassment*
 - GBEC – Drug-Free Workplace*
 - IE – Organization of Instruction*
 - Final Vote on:
 - BEE – Special Procedures for Conducting Hearings*
 - BG – School Committee Policy Development*
 - CHCA – Approval of Handbooks and Procedures*
- Q. Future Business
 - LSC Meeting: Monday, November 1, 2021 – 5:30 p.m. Policy Committee
6:00 p.m. School Committee
- R. Executive Session
 - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining
- S. Adjournment

*Enclosures

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PUBLIC COMMENT AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the School Committee shall be open to the public. Executive sessions will be held only as prescribed by the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The School Committee desires individuals to attend its meetings so that they may become better acquainted with the operations and the programs of our local public schools. In addition, the Committee would like the opportunity to hear public comment.

Public comment is not a discussion, debate, or dialogue between individuals and the School Committee. It is an individual's opportunity to express an opinion on issues within the School Committee's authority.

To ensure the ability of the School Committee to conduct the District's business in an orderly manner, the following rules and procedures are adopted:

1. At the start of each regularly scheduled School Committee meeting, individuals will sign in for an opportunity to speak during public comment. All speakers are encouraged to present their remarks in a respectful manner. The Chairperson will determine the length of the Public Comment period given the urgency and relevancy of the items raised, the number of other speakers and the length of items on the agenda. The Chairperson, in conjunction with the Committee, will determine an appropriate time to revisit the concerns/issues raised by the public.
2. Speakers will be allowed up to three (3) minutes to present their material and must begin their comments by stating their name and city/town. The presiding Chair may permit extension of this time limit, in extenuating circumstances.
3. Topics for discussion should be limited to those items within the School Committee's scope of authority. The authority of the School Committee primarily concerns the review and approval of the budget of the district's public schools, the performance of the Superintendent, and the educational goals and policies of the district's public schools. Comments and complaints regarding school personnel (apart from the Superintendent) or students are generally prohibited unless those comments and complaints concern matters within the scope of School Committee authority.
4. The Chair of the meeting, after a warning, reserves the right to terminate speech which is not constitutionally protected because it constitutes true threats that are likely to provoke a violent reaction and cause a breach of the peace, or incitement to imminent lawless conduct, or contains obscenities.
5. Written comments longer than three (3) minutes may be presented to the presiding Chair before or after the meeting. All remarks will be addressed through the Chair of the meeting. Comments made during the public comment portion of the meeting do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of the Leverett School Committee.
6. Sign up instructions will be provided for those who wish to participate in Public Comment.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. c. 30A: 18-25
CROSS REFS: BE, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS
BEC, EXECUTIVE SESSIONS
BEDA, NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SOURCE:

MASC
Revised January 2020

Reviewed and Edited by Leverett Policy Committee: 1-4-21
First Reading by Leverett School Committee: 02-01-21
Second Reading, First Vote by Leverett School Committee: 03-01-21
Final Vote by Leverett School Committee: 04-05-21