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Regular Meeting
May 18, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Gala Meeting Room, Town Hall

7:00 p.m. Open Public Comment

7:05 p.m. Approval of Minutes

7:10 p.m. Teaching and Learning Highlight
Whole School Service Learning Project – Burrell Elementary School
Principal Michele McCarthy and Burrell Elementary Students

7:30 p.m. Superintendent's Update
Dr. Amy Berdos

7:40 p.m. Municipal Modernization Act (Warrant Signing Procedure)

7:50 p.m. MIIA (Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association) Rewards Program

8:00 p.m. 2021-2022 Appointment
- Liaison to the Recreation Department

8:05 p.m. Other Matters

During this public health crisis, to comply with current CDC guidelines the public is asked to participate remotely either electronically or via phone message. Live streaming options are available at video.fcatv.org

Questions and comments submitted by the public prior to the meeting will be acknowledged by the Chair during the Open Public Comment period. Questions and comments can be submitted via the Community Inbox at:

https://foxborough.k12.ma.us/school_committee/community_inbox

or via phone message at the FPS Central Office at 508-543-1660. When leaving a phone message you are required to provide your full name and street address.

All submissions need to be received by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the Foxborough 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 Foxborough School Committee desires citizens of the Foxborough Public Schools 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 the wishes and ideas of the Foxborough community on matters within the scope of the School Committee's authority. These matters include the budget for the Foxborough Public Schools, the performance of the Superintendent, and the educational goals and policies of the Foxborough Public Schools.

In order that all members of the Foxborough community who wish to be heard before the Committee have a chance and to ensure the ability of the Committee to conduct the Foxborough Public Schools business in an orderly manner, the following rules and procedures are adopted consistent with state and federal free speech laws:

1. At the start of each regularly scheduled Foxborough School Committee meeting, individuals or group representatives will be invited to address the Committee during the Open Public Comment period. The Open Public Comment period shall occur prior to discussion of Agenda items, unless the Chair determines that there is a good reason for rearranging the order at the public meeting that is unrelated to deterring participation in the Open Public Comment period. The Chair shall determine the overall length of the public participation segment.

2. During the Open Public Comment period, comments shall concern items that are not on the School Committee's agenda, but which are within the scope of the School Committee's authority. Therefore, any comments involving staff members or students must concern the educational goals and policies, the budget of the Foxborough Public Schools, or the performance of the Superintendent. Complaints against individual students or personnel not within the School Committee's direct responsibility are not allowed.

3. Speakers will be allowed up to five (5) minutes to present their material. The Chair may permit extension of this time limit. Speakers who require reasonable accommodations based on a speech-related disability or who require language interpretation services may be allotted additional time. Prepared written remarks must be presented to the Foxborough School Committee at the time of the presentation so that they may be attached to the minutes of the meeting at the Committee's discretion. Remarks or questions related to an agenda item shall be deferred until that specific agenda item has been taken up.

4. Speakers must first be recognized by the Chair. Speakers will then begin their remarks by stating their name, town or city of residence, and affiliation. All remarks will be addressed through the Chair of the meeting.

5. Large groups addressing the same topic are encouraged to consolidate their remarks and/or select a spokesperson to comment during the Open Public Comment period.

6. All speakers are encouraged to present their remarks in a respectful manner. The Chair of the meeting may not interrupt speakers who have been recognized to speak, except that the Chair reserves the right to terminate speech which is not constitutionally protected because it constitutes threats, comments likely to provoke a violent reaction, comments that were found by a court of law to be defamatory, and/or obscene speech. Verbal comments will also be curtailed once they exceed the time limits of this policy and/or to the extent they exceed the scope of the School Committee's authority.

7. All questions posed to the Foxborough School Committee during the Open Public Comment period that cannot be answered during the meeting will be answered subsequent to the meeting in a timely manner.

8. The Chair may allow questions from the audience after presentations or discussions on those items listed on the Foxborough School Committee meeting agenda for that evening.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 39:23B; 23C Policy adopted: 3-24-08 Policy Revised: 4-25-11 Policy Revised: 9-16-19