



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Hybrid Regular Meeting Agenda of September 8, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. City Council Chambers
City Hall, Room 202, 4 Summer Street, Haverhill MA 01830**

An Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency was signed by Lt. Governor Polito and allows for remote meetings and hearings by public bodies through March, 2023.

In order to register to participate in **remote public comment only** during the school committee meeting, please register here at least 6 hours prior to meeting:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17Z87UgLqzMn_PwkqydLD1C5m3RmsLrLs75WqN9Qe1MU/edit. A link to the public comment session of the meeting will be emailed to you at the address you supply at least two hours before the meeting. There will also be in-person public comment. **This meeting will be broadcast over HCTV and WHAV. The full meeting recording will be posted on the HCTV website.**

- 1) Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Communications/Reports.
 - A. Public Comment (In-person & Remote).
 - B. Student Advisory Council Report ~ Sean Wynn.
 - C. Superintendent Comments/Reports.
 - 1) Introduction of new curriculum staff.
 - 2) Special Education Program Updates.
 - 3) Announcement September is Attendance Awareness Month (steps taken to encourage attendance now and throughout the school year).
 - 4) CTE Admissions and Application Approval
 - D. School Committee Reports/Communications.
 - 1) Attorney Rosa: Recognition of Children's Health Care for donating 660 L.L. Bean backpacks to HPS kindergarten students.
 - E. Subcommittee Reports.
 - 1) Maintenance Subcommittee Update: Attorney Magliocchetti & Mrs. Sapienza Donais.
- 3) New Business.
 - A. Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20220909A & EV20220909B, totaling \$1,037,650.03 as indicated in the agenda material.
- 4) Items by Consensus.
 - A. Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2022, as indicated in the agenda material.
- 5) Adjournment.

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File: BEDH - 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 citizens of the district 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 public.

In order that all citizens who wish to be heard before the Committee have a chance and to ensure the ability of the 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 or group representatives will be invited to address the Committee. The Chairperson shall determine the length of the public comment segment.
2. Speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes to present their material. The presiding Chairperson may permit extension of this time limit.
3. Topics for discussion must be limited to those items listed on the School Committee meeting agenda for that evening.
4. Improper conduct and remarks will not be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. If a speaker persists in improper conduct or remarks, the Chairperson may terminate that individual's privilege of address.
5. All remarks will be addressed through the Chairperson of the meeting.
6. Speakers may offer such objective criticisms of the school operations and programs as concern them, but in public session the Committee will not hear personal complaints of school personnel nor against any member of the school community. Under most circumstances, administrative channels are the proper means for disposition of legitimate complaints involving staff members.
7. Written comments longer than three (3) minutes may be presented to the Committee before or after the meeting for the Committee members' review and consideration at an appropriate time

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File: BEDH-E - GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A School Committee Meeting is a meeting of a government body at which members of the body deliberate over public business. We welcome the attendance of members of the school district community to view your School Committee as it conducts its regular business meeting.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter [30A Section 20](#)(f) governs public participation at open meetings covering all public bodies.

Chapter 30A:20 [Notice, Remote Participation, Public Participation, Certification]

(f) No person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the chair, and all persons shall, at the request of the chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting of a public body. If, after clear warning from the chair, a person continues to disrupt the proceedings, the chair may order the person to withdraw from the meeting and if the person does not withdraw, the chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person from the meeting.

The School Committee believes that the school district community should have an opportunity to comment to the Committee on issues that affect the school district and are within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities. Therefore, the Committee has set aside a period of time at each School Committee meeting to hear from the public. In addition, if the Committee believes that an issue requires a dialogue with the school district community, the Committee may schedule a separate public hearing on that issue.

Any citizen who wishes to make a presentation to the School Committee on an item which is of interest to him/her and within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities may request to be placed on the agenda for a particular meeting. Such request should be in writing and should be received by the Superintendent of Schools at least one week prior to the date of the meeting. Such request should contain background statements which would explain the scope and intent of the agenda item. The Chair of the Committee works with the Superintendent to formulate the meeting agendas. Together they will determine whether or not to place an item on the agenda and if the item is to be taken up, they will also determine when to place an item on the agenda and all parameters to be required of the presenter.

Here are the general rules for the Committee's public comment period:

1. Public Comment shall be for a period of 20 minutes and shall generally follow the opening of the meeting. The Committee reserves the right to rearrange its agenda to accommodate scheduled presenters.
2. Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify themselves by name and address and shall speak for no longer than 3 minutes. No citizen may speak more than once without permission of the Chair. All citizens shall speak to the full Committee through the Chair and shall not address individual members or administrators.
3. Individuals may address topics on the agenda, items specified for public comment, or items within the scope of responsibility of the School Committee. The Chair shall rule out of order any individual who fails to honor the guidelines or who addresses a matter inappropriate for public comment.
4. Any Committee member may direct questions to the speaker through the Chair in order to clarify comments of the speaker.

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