

LEVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, March 4, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting – Google Hangout Meet
Public can Join by Phone – 1 573-401-1265 PIN: 879 889 462#

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:
 - February 5, 2024*
 - E. Warrants and Gifts - Record in Minutes with Numbers
 - Gifts: Acceptance Vote
 - Grants: Acceptance Vote
 - F. Superintendent’s Report
 - G. Director of Finance and Operations Report *
 - H. Principal’s Report
 - I. New Business
 - Hypothetical large enrollment increase – discussion
 - Identification of School Choice Seats
 - J. Old Business
 - FY25 Budget – Discussion and Possible Vote on Final Adoption
 - K. Legislative Updates
 - L. Amherst-Pelham Regional Representative Report
 - M. Collaborative for Educational Services Report
 - N. Select Board Report
 - O. Budget and Personnel Committee Report
 - P. Union #28 Committee Report
 - Next meeting date: March 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Q. Policy Review and Update
 - First Reading on:
 - LGBTQIA+/Identity Affirming Safe and Supportive Schools Policy*
 - BA – School Committee Operational Goals*
 - Final Vote on:
 - AA – School District Legal Status*
 - CHA/CHC – Development and Dissemination of Procedures*
 - R. Future Business
 - LSC Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. School Committee
 - LPC Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. Policy Committee
 - 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