



# Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council (AB SpEd PAC)

Business Meeting

Wednesday, December 16th, 2015, at 8:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

*Please note our annual holiday party will precede this meeting.*

## Agenda

### I. Call to Order

### II. Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of November 18, 2015, meeting minutes

### III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Welcome to Superintendent Glenn Brand
- B. Preliminary Budget Items
  - Proposed Pathways Program for K-3 Students with Autism
  - Bringing Down Learning Center Caseloads
  - Increased Psychologist Support
- C. Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Search Update
- D. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Special Education Director
- E. Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Decision RE: Public Review of Private Settlement Agreements (Michael Champa vs. Weston Public Schools & Others)
- F. Parenting Support Hour Schedule for 2016
- G. Expanding Extracurricular Opportunities and Access to Community Ed
  - Volunteers Sought for Subcommittee to Research Existing Resources

### IV. New Business – Other topics on people's minds

### V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA performance for students with disabilities is weak
- B. Futures Education findings RE: student to assistant ratios high by peer standards
- C. Concerns about the process for combining outside specialists' recommendations with district evaluations/recommendations and appropriately incorporating those recommendations into the IEP
- D. Mandatory special education training/professional development for regular and special education staff – hiring dual-certified staff
- E. Enhanced summer school and after school/extracurricular programming
- F. Increased use of technology in IEP development/revision process

### VI. Adjournment

*All AB SpEd PAC meetings are open to the public. We encourage parents of children with special needs and others interested in special education to attend. Please check our website ([www.abspedpac.org](http://www.abspedpac.org)) for information regarding upcoming events.*

### VII. Next Meeting

Business meeting Wednesday, January 13th, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library