

Revere School Committee Meeting Agenda
Executive Session
May 12, 2025

An Executive Session of the Revere School Committee will be held on **Monday, May 12, 2025, at 8:00 AM via Zoom Webinar.**

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AGENDA

1. Motion and vote to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a) for the following purposes:
 - a. Purpose (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA:

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The Committee will not return to Open Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne K. Kelly, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

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Note: The listed agenda items are those that are reasonably anticipated by the School Committee to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items, in fact, may be discussed, and other items not listed also may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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 Revere School Committee desires and encourages community members of the district to attend and/or participate its meetings so that they may become better acquainted with the operations and the programs of Revere Public Schools. In addition, the Committee would like the opportunity to hear from the public on issues that affect the school district and are within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities. These matters include the budget for the Revere Public Schools, the performance of the Superintendent, and the educational goals and policies of the Revere Public Schools. Therefore, the Committee has set aside a period of time at each regular School Committee meeting to hear from the public. This time shall be available at every School Committee meeting whether held in person, online, or hybrid (both in person and online).

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 consistent with state and federal free speech laws:

1. Members of the public can sign up for public comment starting 15 minutes before each regularly scheduled School Committee meeting and up until the end of the public comment period. Individuals or group representatives can sign up using the sign-in sheet provided by the School Committee and located in the back of the School Committee room. Members of the public who attend the meeting online/remotely can sign up by entering their name into the Zoom chat box. The sign-up sheet and/or online list will be provided to an officer of the Committee just prior to the meeting being called to order and any additional entries will be provided to the officer conducting the roll call for public comment on a rolling basis, until the end of the public comment period.
2. At the start of each regularly scheduled School Committee meeting, individuals or group representatives who have signed up to speak will be invited to address the Committee during its 15-minute public comment period, which shall be known as Public Speak. Public Speak shall occur prior to discussion of Agenda items, unless the Chair determines that there is a good reason for rearranging the order at a public meeting that is unrelated to deterring participation in Public Speak.

3. All speakers are encouraged to present their remarks in a respectful manner.
4. Speakers must 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. Public Speak 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, policies, or budget of the Revere Public Schools, or the performance of the Superintendent.
6. Assuming that four (4) or fewer speakers sign up to engage in public comment, each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes each to present their material. If five (5) or more speakers sign up to engage in public comment, then each speaker will be allowed two (2) minutes each to present their material.
7. Large groups addressing the same topic are encouraged to consolidate their remarks and/ or select a spokesperson to comment at Public Speak.
8. Copies of public comments shared during the public comment period may be presented in writing to the Committee before the meeting for Committee members to review and for inclusion in the meeting minutes.
9. Speakers may not assign their time to another speaker, and in general, extensions of time will not be permitted. However, speakers who require reasonable accommodations on the basis Revere Public Schools of a speech-related disability or who require language interpretation services may be allotted a total of five (5) minutes to present their material. Speakers must notify the School Committee by telephone or email at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting if they wish to request an extension of time for one of these reasons.
10. 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 true threats, incitement to imminent lawless conduct, comments that were found by a court of law to be defamatory, and/ or sexually explicit comments made to appeal to prurient interests. Verbal comments will also be curtailed once they exceed the time limits outlined in paragraphs 5 and 7 of this policy and/ or to the extent they exceed the scope of the School Committee's authority.

Public Comment During Remote or Online Meetings

Should the School Committee hold its public meetings remotely, the process for participating in public comment shall replicate the above as much as possible. The only difference will be the manner in which those wishing to speak sign up. Members of the public wishing to speak can sign up for public comment at the beginning of the meeting via the chat feature and up until the end of public comment.

Participating in Public Comment Remotely During In-Person Meetings

As the School Committee expands its capacity to utilize online meeting tools that facilitate remote participation in meetings, it aims to identify new ways to expand public participation via remote or online technology, even when a meeting is held in person. This would entail the opportunity to view meetings in a “live stream” mode and submit public comment electronically, to be read aloud during the public comment period, following the procedures outlined above.

State law also provides that: No person shall address a public meeting of a public body without permission of the chair of the meeting, 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.

Disclaimer: Public Speak is not a time for debate or response to comments by the School Committee. Comments made at Public Speak do not reflect the views or the positions of the School Committee. Because of constitutional free speech principles, the School Committee does not have the authority to prevent all speech that may be upsetting and/or offensive at Public Speak.

SOURCE: MASC

Amended by Revere School Committee: July 2024