



Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Special Meeting

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
DESE, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA
Monday, March 26, 2018, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Competency-Based and Personalized Learning – **Discussion**

Regular Meeting

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
DESE, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA
Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Comments from the Chair
Comments from the Commissioner
Comments from the Secretary
Statements from the Public*

Routine Business:

Approval of the Minutes of the February 27, 2018 Regular Meeting

Agenda Items:

1. Level 5 Districts – **Discussion**

1. Lawrence Public Schools: Remarks from John Connolly, Chair of Lawrence Alliance for Education
2. Holyoke Public Schools: Progress Report by Supt./Receiver Steve Zrike

2. School Climate and Safety – **Discussion and Possible Vote**

3. English Learner Programs under the LOOK Act – Proposed Amendments to Regulations 603 CMR 4.00, 7.00, 14.00, 31.00, 44.00 – **Discussion and Vote to Solicit Public Comment**

4. Amendments to Special Education Regulations, 603 CMR 28.10, to Align with Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Foster Care Provisions – **Discussion and Vote to Adopt Final Regulation**

5. Proposed Amendments to Regulations on Accountability and Assistance for School Districts and Schools, 603 CMR 2.00 – **Discussion and Vote to Solicit Public Comment**

Charter Schools and Commonwealth Virtual Schools:

6. Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School's Request to Appeal Commissioner's Decision – **Discussion and Possible Vote**

7. Recommended Probationary Conditions for Greenfield Commonwealth of Massachusetts Virtual School – **Discussion and Vote**

Other Items for Information:

8. Report on Grants and Charter School Matters Approved by the Commissioner

Board Members

Mr. Paul Sagan, Chair, Cambridge
Mr. James Morton, Vice Chair, Boston
Ms. Katherine Craven, Brookline
Dr. Edward Doherty, Hyde Park
Ms. Amanda Fernandez, Belmont
Ms. Margaret McKenna, Boston
Ms. Hannah Trimarchi, Chair, Student Advisory Council, Marblehead
Mr. Michael Moriarty, Holyoke
Mr. James Peyser, Secretary of Education, Milton
Ms. Mary Ann Stewart, Lexington
Mr. Martin West, Newton

Jeff Wulfson, Acting Commissioner
Secretary to the Board

The Board welcomes public comment on matters within its purview. Accordingly, the Board will make available a period at its regular meeting for persons in the audience to address the Board for no longer than 3 minutes. Written material of any length may be submitted. Preference will be given to persons who seek to address the Board on specific agenda items for the upcoming Board meeting. Agendas for upcoming Board meetings are generally posted 5 days prior to the meeting on the [Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's website](#). Persons wishing to speak are strongly encouraged to submit their request before the day of the meeting; contact information is provided below. **Preference will be given to those who submit requests by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the regular Tuesday meeting.** If time permits, the chairman will allow members of the public who have not contacted the Department in advance to speak in the public comment period; those individuals must sign in prior to the start of the meeting. The chairman may limit the number of speakers due to time constraints and may increase or reduce the time allocated per speaker. While there is no requirement to submit written testimony, a speaker who elects to do so should submit 15 copies of the testimony prior to or at the meeting for distribution to Board members. Requests to address the Board, written testimony, and other inquiries may be transmitted by mail, e-mail, fax, or telephone to: Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148, Phone: 781-338-3112, Fax: 781-338-3770, E-mail: boe@doe.mass.edu.