

AGENDA

1. Public Comment (3 Minutes):

1a. Public Hearing on State School Choice

2. Student School Committee Report:

3. Presentation of the Records for Approval:

- Special Meeting – March 25, 2014
- Regular Meeting – April 1, 2014

4. Reconsiderations: None

5. Awaiting Reports:

- ✓ Report by fall 2013 on AP program at CRLS (C13-133) (June 4, 2013)

6. Unfinished Business/Calendar:

#14-06, Joint Motion by Mr. Harding and Mr. Osborne, that the Superintendent consult with the high school principal and staff around making a change to college preparatory designation for all classes at CRLS. Further, that any potential change of the course name be implemented by the 2014/15 school year.

#13-213, Motion by Ms. Nolan that whereas research suggests that taking a college level course helps prepare students for college, and whereas the District allows students to take classes at local colleges when appropriate, that the policy on students who take college courses be clarified and written into the course catalog: that four classes is a full course load and that at most one of the four classes each semester may be at a local college/university/community college, including Harvard Extension. Students, who want to take more than four classes, counting any outside college class including Harvard Extension, need to petition their guidance counselor since a balanced student workload is encouraged. Students taking a college class outside the regular school day will work with their guidance counselors on assignment during that period, if not at the beginning or end of the day.

#13-122, Motion by Mr. Fantini and Mr. Harding, that each of the elementary and middle schools be provided with feedback in the form of a written report, provided by an expert consultant retained under the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, as to the progress each school is making towards meeting the data-driven, high-quality improvement strategies as noted in the School Improvement Plans, other guiding documents and other indicators as designated by the Superintendent, including parent satisfaction. Further, that the Superintendent shall provide copies of each report to the School Committee as part of its annual review of the School Improvement Plan as required by law. Further, the Superintendent shall provide analysis of the progress or lack thereof of student achievement.

7. Superintendent's Agenda:

#14-54 Recommendation: Contract Award: PJ Systems: Computer Hardware

#14-55 Recommendation: Contract Award: Whalley Computer Associates:
Laptop/Netbook Carts

#14-56 Recommendation: Contracts for Day & Residential Program
Services not Available from the Cambridge Schools Department

#14-57 Recommendation: Grant Awards (5)

8. School Committee Agenda (Policy Matters/Notifications/Requests for Information):

#14-58 Motion by Mr. Harding that the School Committee go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy for contract negotiations with non-union personnel as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the strategy and negotiation position of the School Committee.

#14-59 Joint Motion by Mr. Harding and Mr. Osborne that the School Committee direct the Superintendent to re-examine, clarify and/or update the policy on the use of personal electronic devices that are used to record Cambridge Public School students in or outside of the classroom setting during school related business. Further, that the Superintendent re-examine the policy relative to acceptable use of any or all personal devices when recording and/or sharing images of Cambridge Public School students.

#14-60 Joint Motion by Mr. Harding and Mr. Osborne that the Superintendent develop a policy that addresses the need for all images of students captured within the school day while engaged in school business to be stored in a secure manner by the appropriate Cambridge Public Schools staff.

#14-61 Motion by Mr. Fantini that the School Committee direct the Superintendent to remove Madison Park Technical Vocational School from a list of available options from the SOLVED Collaborative.

#14-62 Motion by Mr. Fantini that the Superintendent provide resources to continue the summer reading/math program held at five schools and previously funded with Title I funding.

#14-63 Joint Motion by Ms. Kelly and Ms. Cronin that prior to June 15, 2014, the Superintendent provide an update on the improvement strategies and practices taking place to elevate student achievement and school performance at the Level III schools, the Upper schools and CRLS.

#14-64 Joint Motion by Ms. Nolan and Ms. Kelly that the Superintendent develop and present to the School Committee for review an updated crisis communication and support policy for district personnel to use in the case of a crisis involving staff or student.

#14-65 Report of the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Community Relations, Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

9. Non-Consent Agenda:

10. Resolutions (letters of congratulations, letters of condolence):

11. Announcements:

12. Late Orders: