

Mission

Ipswich Public Schools aspires to empower ALL students to be global citizens who are effective communicators, analytical problem solvers and savvy consumers of information. We propose to do this through an emphasis on communication, critical thinking, creativity, self-management, perseverance and collaboration. Students will be active partners in authentic learning, offering voice and choice in demonstrating competency.

Ipswich School Committee

Thursday, April 16, 2026
MS/HS Ensemble Room
134 High Street, Ipswich, MA 01938
6:45 PM

AGENDA

6:45 PM	1. Call to Order 2. Citizen Queries¹ 3. Motion and vote to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a) for the following purpose: • Purpose (2) to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with nonunion personnel (School Business Administrator).		D. Freehan
7:00 PM	4. Return to Open Session 5. Reading of the District Mission Statement 6. Announcements and Special Acknowledgements 7. Community Presentations:		
7:15 PM	A. Overnight Field Trip Presentation: Grand Teton National Park	Action	L. LaFrance, J. Krieger
7:25 PM	8. Superintendent's Administrative Report 9. Subcommittee, Working Group and Liaison Reports 10. High School Student Representative Report 11. Finance Report 12. Presentations:		
7:55 PM	A. Field Trip Rubric Review/Discussion	Information	B.Blake
8:10 PM	B. Student Retention Data Review: Middle to High, Transfers	Information	B. Blake
8:20 PM	C. FY27 Budget Adjustment Discussion and Potential Vote	Action	S. Sopic
8:30 PM	D. Town Meeting Warrant Vote and Speaker Assignments	Action	D. Freehan
8:45 PM	E. Potential vote regarding employment contract with Director of Finance and Operations	Action	D. Freehan
8:50 PM	F. Review and Approval of 2027-2028 Academic Calendar	Action	B. Blake
8:55 PM	13. New Business* 14. Consent Agenda (Motion and Vote) 15. Adjournment		

¹ Citizen queries are 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. While the Committee and/or administrators will not typically respond during Citizen Queries, the Chair, as presiding officer of the meeting, may choose to if s/he seems it expeditious. Further, should the Chair believe that an issue falls outside the purview of the School Committee, s/he may request that citizens direct it to the appropriate person or body so that the matter is given proper consideration. Citizen queries are limited to three (3) minutes per person and a total of 15 minutes, overall.

**All business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.*

Agenda items may be taken out of order to fill time gaps and/or to accommodate presenters when necessary. All times are approximate.