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**School Committee Agenda
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS (6:00 PM)

1a. Consent Agenda

1ai Past Records: February 6, 2025 School Committee Regular Meeting

1aii Past Records: February 10, 2025 School Committee Meeting with Legislators

1aiii Past Records: February 13, 2025 School Committee Regular Meeting

1aiv Past Records: February 26, 2025 School Committee Meeting

1av Pierce School Construction Project: Miller Dyer Spears, Architects, Change Order No. 14, \$33,572.00

1avi Approval of Gifts

1avii Approval of Grants

1b. Pierce School Construction Project: Contract with UTS of Massachusetts, Inc., Testing and Inspection Services, Not to Exceed \$250,000.00

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (6:05 PM)

2a. Members of the public may provide public comment either in person or remotely. If you would like to provide public comment, please email school_committee@psbma.org by 12:00 PM on Thursday, March 6, 2025. After signing up, speakers will receive an email with additional information on how to provide comment during the meeting. Speakers will be called on in the order in which they signed up. All speakers will be limited to 3

minutes per person. The Public Comment period will be limited to 30 minutes. If the Chair determines that the Public Comment period requires more than 30 minutes, the Chair may defer some comments until after all other scheduled business of the Committee concludes. Public comment is broadcast and recorded by Brookline Interactive Group. Alternatively, members of the public may send written public comment to school_committee@psbma.org Written comments will be shared with all School Committee members.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS OF CURRENT ISSUES (6:35 PM)

- 3a. FY2026 Budget: Continued discussion of strategies to increase revenues and contain costs
- 3b. FY2026 Budget: Possible vote on FY26 expense reductions and/or revenue increases

4. SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTIONS (8:35 PM)

- 4a. Discussion and Possible Vote: Competency Determination Standard for Brookline High School Class of 2025
- 4b. Discussion and Possible Vote to Issue a Statement Affirming a Safe and Inclusive School Environment, which may be a Joint Statement with the Brookline Educators Union
- 4c. Discussion and Possible Vote to Issue a Statement on the Upcoming Independent Review of PSB Budget and Management Processes

5. NEW BUSINESS (9:05 PM)

6. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (9:10 PM)

- 6a. Motion to meet in Executive Session, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 30A, section 21 (a) for the following purposes: to review a proposed response, drafted by the Office of Town Counsel, and possibly taking remedial action regarding an Open Meeting Law Complaint received on or about February 10, 2025, and filed by Kara Weiss, pursuant to purpose 1, an OML exception allowing discussion of complaints or charges brought against public officials; to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Deputy Superintendent for Administration and Finance), pursuant to purpose 2; and to review and approve executive session minutes from the February 6, 2025 and February 26, 2025 meetings, pursuant to purpose 7.

7. ADJOURNMENT (9:40 PM)

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