

## Haverhill, Massachusetts

## SEPAC Special Education Parent Advisory Council

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## **Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 26, 2019

Location: Haverhill High School Library

Meeting began at 6:15 pm.

## **Agenda**

Anne Marie Rosa, 2018-19 SEPAC chairperson, introduced herself to attendees and introduced the presenter for the evening.

Ms. Amy Weinstock, the director of the Autism Insurance Resource Center at UMass Medical School in Worcester. Using a slide presentation, she explained navigating the Autism insurance world, including ARICA. She also provided a number of related handouts.

ARICA (An Act Relative to Insurance Coverage for Autism), is a Massachusetts law passed in 2010, requiring private health insurers to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Also, Mr. John Demanche, assistant director of special education of the Haverhill Public Schools, answered related questions on this topic.

Meeting ended at 8:00 pm.