

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2024

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair, Maryann Welch, Kurt Mansperger, Abigail Jurist Levy, Greg Noyes, Brock Omohundro, Kate Slater, and Elizabeth McAndrews.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/twKkC2CqXz/>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (2:11)
- II. Comment by Visitors and Delegations (5:35)
 - Jon Boles – 1st St Amesbury – Mr. Boles shared his thoughts on the upcoming Superintendent's review.
 - A letter from Ms. Kate Currie was read (attached)
 - A letter from Ms. Ursula Costigan was read (attached)
- III. Communications & Reports (10:15)
 - a. Educational Leadership – Superintendent's Report
Superintendent McAndrews shared a presentation with the committee concerning her summative review. The presentation focused on each of the Superintendent's four goals and presented progress and evidence towards completion of each. After a summary of each goal by the Superintendent the committee asked qualifying questions.
- IV. New Business (56:50)
 1. Acceptance of Gifts – *Mr. Mansperger moved to accept a gift of \$25,000 from Cashman PTO for CES Playground, second by Dr. Slater. Approved unanimously.*
 2. Acceptance of Grants – *Mr. Omohundro moved to accept a grant for \$75,000 for CES Playground from State of Massachusetts, second by Dr. Slater. The committee briefly discussed the history of the project as well as the process for accepting grants in general. Vote: Approved unanimously.*
 3. Superintendent Vacation Buyback – Mayor Gove summarized the request to the committee.
Mr. Noyes moved not to approve the buyback. No 2nd received.
Dr. Slater moved to approve the buyback, second by Mr. Omohundro.
The committee discussed the buyback request and the conditions that need to be met in order to approve it.
Vote: 4 Yes, 3 No (Noyes, Omohundro, Welch). Passes.
 4. Vote on Grade Reconfiguration: Move 8th Grade to Amesbury High School (SY 24-25) – Mayor Gove noted this vote was added to the agenda at the request of Mr. Noyes.
Mr. Noyes moved to approve, second by Mr. Omohundro.
The committee discussed the proposal with the Superintendent including the feasibility and timing of such a move as well as the findings of the Abrahams Report.
Vote: 1 Yes (Noyes), 6 No. Motion fails.

5. Policies for First Read

Dr. Jurist Levy presented the following policies to the committee for a first read and summarized the same:

- Wellness Policy
- ADDA - Criminal Record Information Policy
- AA - School District Legal Status
- AC – Nondiscrimination
- ACA - Nondiscrimination on the basis of gender
- AGA - Recognition for Accomplishment
- AGA-E - Recognition for Accomplishment - Submission Form

The committee discussed the proposed changes and were instructed to send feedback to Dr. Jurist Levy.

Dr. Slater moved to adjourn, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.

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