

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE 1C – LONG-RANGE PLANNING
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: May 9, 2024

Time: 3:30

Location: Amesbury High School, Superintendent's office

3:38 call meeting to order

Present: Elizabeth McAndrews, Joan Liporto via (zoom), Greg Noyes (via zoom), Mayor Gove, Kurt Mansperger, Abigail Jurist Levy, David King from Abrahams Group

David King provided a detailed presentation of the full report, which covered alternative uses of Cashman such as administrative offices, early childhood learning space, potential site for AIHS; moving 7th and 8th grades to AHS; and moving upper elementary grades to AMS. The Committee discussed the following questions and issues:

- 1) The needed repairs to Cashman are too extensive to make it a cost-effective alternative space for the district.
- 2) Managing the use of specialized classrooms, e.g., science for grade-appropriate use; as well as creating a building-wide schedule so that commonly used classrooms, e.g., English, math, etc., can be shared
- 3) Planning for age-appropriate SPED programs
- 4) The need for early childhood space is critical. Before any changes in use of space for that age group can be made our agreement with MSBA must be reviewed.
- 5) The bubble (growth in enrollment) begins in our 3rd grade. We must be aware of the impact of that growth on our space needs as those children move up and into the 7th grade. NESDAC expects our birthrate to increase. Those annual predictions for the numbers of children entering kindergarten in 2024 – 2028.
- 6) What space will provide AIHS with the resources it needs that are consistent with the goals of the program and the needs of the students, could allow for its possible expansion, and will be a cost-effective use of funds? The likely costs of renovation and/or retrofitting space must be taken into account for all options being considered.
- 7) What would happen to ACTV if their office space had to be used?

The Committee is still waiting for the final version of the report to be approved. Once received, the 1C-Long-range Planning Committee members will review the document, in particular the floorplans and enrollment projections and consider possible scenarios that will provide us with the space we'll need over the next 10 years as well as enable us to fulfill the goals and vision we have for the district including the career pathways that are in planning.

5:20 - Motion to adjourn: Kurt Mansperger

Second: Abigail Jurist Levy
5:21 - Meeting adjourned