

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2024

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

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- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (3:55)
- II. Comment by Visitors and Delegations (5:35)
 - Jon Boles – 1st St Amesbury – Mr. Boles discussed what his first days would look like if he was hired as superintendent.
- III. Communications & Reports (10:52)
 - A. Director of Finance & Operations: Q3 Budget Report – Ms. Liporto updated the committee on the status of the FY24 budget including proposed transfers, costs of leaves, she also thanked the Mayor and City Council for the transfer of \$310,000 to cover the cost of negotiated contracts. Committee members asked questions of Ms. Liporto relating to the budget and her report.
 - B. Director of Technology – Tech Update: Mr. Steve Hare provided a tech update to the committee on ongoing projects within the schools including staff/organizational changes within the department, deployment of new laptops to teachers, movement of staff to a new domain, phone system migration, Shay buildout, Chromebook distribution, and Chromebook insurance implementation. The committee discussed the report and asked questions of Mr. Hare.
- IV. New Business (1:10:25)
 1. Approval of CREST Collaborative Capital Fund Limit Increase – Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on information she had gathered based on questions the committee had at the prior meeting.
Mr. Omohundro moved to approve, second by Dr. Slater. Approved unanimously.
 2. Conflict of Interest Notice and Exemption Request – Superintendent McAndrews summarized the request as well as the process she used to arrive at the request. The committee asked questions of the Superintendent relating to the request. The process that would be followed if the request was approved was also discussed.
Mayor Gove moved to approve the exemption request as presented with delegation authority to be granted to Ms. Liporto, second by Dr. Slater. Vote: 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Omohundro).

Dr. Slater moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Omohundro. Approved unanimously.