

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2024

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair, Maryann Welch, Abigail Jurist Levy, 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 (3:30)
- II. Organizational Meeting (4:40)
 - A. Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Mr. Noyes nominated Mayor Gove for Chair, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Mayor Gove thanked the committee for electing her and opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Dr. Jurist Levy nominated Maryann Welch for Vice-Chair, second by Mr. Noyes. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Maryann Welch then moved to nominate Dr. Jurist Levy as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Noyes. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
 - B. Meeting Dates & Times – Mayor Gove summarized the proposed 2024 meeting schedule for the committee. The committee discussed the proposed dates as well as several proposed changes.
 - Dr. Jurist Levy moved that the schedule be approved as amended (Change Jan. 9th to 16th and Change April 15 to 22nd), second by Dr. Slater. Approved unanimously.*
 - Mr. Noyes inquired about recurring agenda items and the process for having items included on future agendas. Mayor Gove responded that requests should be sent to her.
 - C. Mayor Gove noted subcommittees would be changing this cycle and announced the following subcommittees: Finance & Facilities, Policy & Personnel, Curriculum & Inclusion, and 1C (Name change pending). Committee members were asked to share preferences with the Mayor prior to the next meeting.
 - Mr. Noyes asked that the committee add a Communications & Technology subcommittee to establish expectations for uniform communications online. The Mayor noted that it may cause the committee to overstep into operations of the district/superintendent.
 - D. Mayor Gove noted the liaisons positions that existed in previous year and the committee disused the need for filling each of them this cycle.

III. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (26:00)

- Steve Stanganelli – Amidon Ave – Mr. Stanganelli spoke to the committee about a bus pilot program that other area districts had employed. He also noted the city council would be attempting to bring back the joint ed committee.

IV. New Business (29:38)

- a. Field Trip Approval: AHS Student Council Overnight Trip – Superintendent McAndrews summarized the upcoming field trip on behalf of the Student Council. The committee suggested that the students appear before the committee at a future date to share experiences from the trip.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the field trip, second by Mr. Omohundro. Approved unanimously.

V. Communications & Reports (35:22)

- A. Educational Leadership – Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on return to school, current staffing opportunities/changes, including the AMS principal search. The Superintendent spoke about the search process to date and next steps in the hiring process. Finally, the Superintendent provided an update on the Cashman PA system. The PA system will be replaced instead of repaired in the coming weeks.
- B. Student Advisory Council – No Report
- C. Liaisons – Shay Memorial Building Project Update – Mayor Gove noted there has not been a meeting since the last report but shared several updates relating to punch list/closeout items. The Superintendent also addressed the repairs of several leaks that were discovered in the roof.
- D. Other Business - Mr. Noyes asked for paper copies of the recently settled contracts.

VI. Consent Agenda (51:30)

- A. Warrants – *Mr. Noyes moved to approve the following warrants:* Dec 1 - \$755,328.26, Dec 14 - \$1,221,314.02, Dec 15 - \$663,117.06, Dec 28 - \$136,387.58, Dec 29 - \$696,926.16. Mr. Omohundro seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Ms. Welch moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.