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AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCE & FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE-MEETING OF THE WHOLE AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2024, 6PM

Present: Maryann Welch (Chair), Abigail Jurist Levy, Greg Noyes, Brock Omohundro, Joan Liporto (Director of Finance and Operations), and Superintendent Elizabeth McAndrews.

Ms. Welch called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

I. FY24 Budget Transfers

The committee discussed the proposed transfers and asked questions. Mrs. Liporto stated that additional transfers will likely be presented in May and include electricity.

Dr. Jurist Levy moved to recommend the transfers as presented, in the amount of \$199,593. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous consent.

II. Vote to Surplus Amesbury Elementary School Building

Mrs. Welch identified AES facility concerns including room leaks, lack of ADA accessibility, lack of sprinklers, and water issues in the fields. She shared that the September 11th School Committee packet had a beautiful feasibility study comprising a remodel plan of AES including a recreation department, community center, district offices, and a \$33,362,791 cost. Mrs. Welch stated that the city doesn't have the money to rebuild it, and she doesn't see significant interest in citizens spending money (i.e. the Whittier vote). She reviewed that the building and grounds subcommittee recommended to surplus AES this past fall, but a vote was not held. She concluded by saying that AES is wasting school funds that have not supported our students by paying for maintenance and winterizing a building not in use.

Mrs. Liporto confirmed that everything of value has been removed from AES and if we surplus the building it will be reverted to the city.

Mr. Noyes moved to recommend surplus of Amesbury Elementary School, seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved by unanimous consent.

III. FY25 Budget Discussion

Dr. Jurist Levy reviewed a few strategies the IC subcommittee is exploring. The committee discussed what type of budgets they would like to review in the future. In the future, the Superintendent will present a recommended, 5% increase, and 3% increase budget.

Mr. Noyes moved to adjourn at 6:55pm, seconded by Mr. Omohundro. Approved by unanimous consent.