

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2023

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair, Kate Currie, Abigail Jurist Levy, Maryann Welch, Mel Webster, Greg Noyes, and Elizabeth McAndrews.

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

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (1:30)
- II. Comment by Visitors and Delegations (3:30) – No Comments
- III. Communications & Reports (4:50)
 1. Educational Leadership – Superintendent McAndrews. The Superintendent shared a staffing update with the committee highlighting open, recently filled, and recently vacated positions. The Superintendent also previewed the upcoming professional development day the district would be hosting with the Essex County Learning Community.
 2. Student Advisory Council – No report was given.
 3. Liaisons – No SEPAC report was given. Shay Memorial Building Project Update – Mayor Gove updated the committee on the recent building committee meetings including change orders relating to soil, invoices & credits, and a playground painting progress update. The committee briefly discussed the whiteboards in the building.
 4. Subcommittees
 - a. Mr. Webster noted the Budget and Finance subcommittee met to approve transfers and reviewed the end of term.
 - b. Dr. Jurist Levy stated the Personnel subcommittee had not met recently.
 - c. Ms. Currie stated Buildings & Grounds did not meet in October.
 - d. Ms. Currie would be speaking to the policies on the agenda for approval during new business.
 - e. Ms. Welch updated the committee on the most recent Teaching and Learning subcommittee meeting including curriculum review, MAP & MCAS reports, MTSS/Wayfinder assessments, and upcoming pilots. Superintendent McAndrews also discussed data surrounding the accelerated math class and the impact of the program. The committee also discussed the upcoming rollout of a new report card.
 - f. Dr. Jurist Levy gave a summary of the first meeting of the 1C subcommittee including a discussion on goals.
 - g. Other – Superintendent McAndrews requested the topic of marketing being added to a future agenda. Mr. Webster asked about the possibility of having a presentation from Whittier on the new building project, as well as the practice of providing Whittier tours for AMS students. The committee discussed both issues. The committee also discussed the proposed AMS 8th grade trip.
- IV. New Business (56:15)

1. Policies for Approval – Ms. Currie summarized the policies that were before the committee for approval.
Mr. Noyes moved to approve policy BIA, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Approved unanimously.
Mr. Noyes moved to approve policy BBF (APS)/BCA (MASC), second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Approved unanimously.
Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve policy BDD (MASC), second by Ms. Welch. Mr. Noyes asked for clarification on item 3 of the policy and the committee discussed. Vote: Approved unanimously.
Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve policy BG (APS)/BHC (MASC), second by Mr. Noyes. Mr. Noyes asked for clarification on the differences between the district and MASC policies and the committee discussed. Vote: Approved unanimously.
Mr. Webster moved to approve policy BCE, second by Ms. Currie. Mr. Noyes asked a question relating to subcommittees and the committee discussed. Vote: Approved unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda (1:05:18)

1. *Ms. Currie moved to approve the following minutes and was seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy: Sept 11, Oct 2, Oct 16. 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Webster). Passes.*
2. *Mr. Noyes moved to approve the following warrants and was seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy: Oct 5 \$300,209.61 – Oct 6 \$636,101.67 – Oct 19 \$479,268.10 – Oct 20 \$635,893.89. Approved unanimously.*
3. *Dr. Jurist Levy moved to accept the following gifts & donations with gratitude: \$6,000 from the Richard A. Eaton Charitable Foundation for AHS Athletics user fees and \$7,940 from various organizations & Individuals for the AMS Camp Bournedale Trip. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.*

VI. Executive Session (1:07:30)

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) for the purpose of discussing strategy as it relates to negotiations with non-union personnel, being the Superintendent of Schools. Committee will adjourn from executive session and not return to open session.

Mr. Noyes moved to enter executive session, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Roll call: 6 Yes. Passes.