

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2023

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

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here:

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- I. Call to Order/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (2:28) – Mayor Gove called the meeting to order. Ms. Currie read the mission statement and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (3:30)
 - Steve Stanganelli - 12 Amidon Ave – Mr. Stanganelli raised concerns over bus safety, specifically cars passing busses even with lights flashing. He also spoke about the upcoming Whittier Tech building project vote.
- III. Communications & Reports (8:36)
 - A. Educational Leadership – Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on several topics including staffing, arts & athletics, facilities, and the rollout of a new elementary standards-based report card. The committee asked questions of the Superintendent relating to her reports.
 - B. Report from the Chair – Mayor Gove invited the committee and members of the public to attend an end of year reception prior to the final meeting of the year. The reception would honor Peter Hoyt for his eleven years of service to the school committee.
 - C. No report from SAC.
 - D. Liaisons - Mayor Gove noted the committee had not met since her last report.
 - E. Subcommittees
 1. Budget & Finance: Mr. Webster summarized the most recent meeting of the subcommittee including beginning talks surrounding the upcoming FY25 budget. Superintendent McAndrews added that the cost center managers have already begun preparing their budgets.
 2. Personnel – No recent meetings
 3. Buildings & Grounds - No recent meetings
 4. Policy - No recent meetings
 5. Teaching & Learning: Superintendent McAndrews read an update from Ms. Welch covering topics including student achievement, curriculum consistency, MTSS, improvement plans, and math pilots.
 6. 1C: Dr. Jurist Levy stated the subcommittee had recently received a presentation from the Abrahams Group concerning efficiencies within the district including building use and shared services.

IV. New Business (55:42)

- A. South Hampton Tuition Vote – Superintendent McAndrews summarized the proposal, which is a tuition increase equivalent to that of the annual school budget from FY24. This would bring the tuition to \$14,652.65. The committee discussed the number of students attending AHS and the other options available to South Hampton.

Mr. Noyes moved to approved the tuition rate of \$14,652.65, second by Mr. Webster. Approved unanimously.

- B. Approval of School Improvement Plans – Superintendent McAndrews summarized the revisions that had been made to the plans as the committee discussed. The committee discussed the plans relating to consistency of testing and data.

Mr. Noyes moved to approve the Shay School Improvement Plan, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Noyes moved to approve the Cashman School Improvement Plan, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Noyes moved to not approve the AMS School Improvement Plan. No second was received.

Mr. Webster moved to approve the AMS School Improvement Plan, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No (Noyes). Passes.

Mr. Noyes moved to approve the AHS School Improvement Plan, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Noyes moved to approve the AIHS School Improvement Plan, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda (1:07:36)

- A. *Mr. Webster moved to approve minutes from November 6th, second by Mr. Noyes. Approved unanimously.*

- B. *Mr. Webster moved to approve the following warrants: Nov 3 \$640,851.80 | Nov 9 \$416,841.79 | Nov 16 \$334,621.37 | Nov 17 \$635,691.81 | Nov 30 \$429,676.62, Dr. Jurist Levy seconded the motion. Mr. Noyes asked questions relating to several payments on the warrants and the committee discussed. Motion approved unanimously.*

Dr. Jurist Levy moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Noyes. Approved unanimously.