

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2023

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

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: https://fb.watch/kLgYM8r_we/

I. FY 24 Budget Public Hearing

(The following is a list of people who spoke and/or submitted comment to the committee as well as a description of the topic discussed)

- Emi Burrell - language - Seal of Biliteracy
- Courtney Lovett - Convince to fund the schools - injuries sustained on the job
- Abby Murphy - World language
- Ashley LaValley - Funding of the schools
- Kaitlin MacCall - World language
- Julie O'Neill - Repeated cuts, EL, 13 this year - working devices
- Alexis LeBlanc - The diversity of language choice in school (Daniel read)
- Anna Dussault - Moved here from Arlington, supports world language. (Daniel read)
- Sarah Chace - Read in Spanish, supports world language.
- Tia Costello - Well rounded education
- Allison Berg - World language honor society
- Hope Abramson - Fair contract and a fully funded school - infrastructure, technology, unhealthy classrooms
- Anna Tessmer - World language
- Lindsay Foustoukas - Special education - 6-7,000 increase in pay - cameras
- Lidya Belanger - World language choice
- Connor Olsen - Protect and make the school better - Losing teachers and bus drivers
- Casey Kuhla - What if French had been offered to me earlier?
- Andrew Goodwin - Immoral and wrong - mental health - bond rating - what does Amesbury stand for?
- Loghan Busch - World language
- Mo O'Mullaine - Budget cuts - statement of priorities - moral documents
- Kelly Fowle - Mental health provider - well-being of the school environments (Facebook)
- Katelyn Brannelly - Arts (Facebook)
- Meg McAndrews - World language
- Mark Rinaldi - Middle school bias- reduction in departments - better match the salaries
- Avery Oliva - World language - music
- Cindy Yetman - Technology in the district
- Elise Litwin - Teachers
- Becky Reese - Fully funded budget - class sizes

- Ally Tanzella - Fully funded school budget - kindergarten curriculum
- Katlyn Santosuosso - Might leave the district - because of pay - wage proposal
- Joanna Dodier - Schedules - not being asked to participate in schedule development, recess and lunch - early childhood education - fully fund our schools
- Brittany Pratt - Salaries paras
- Lauren Snay - Para salaries, criticized administration, supplies
- Bri-Shannon Campbell - Failing intensive needs students - 11 students 4 students with one to one and only 3 paras
- Sarah Luz - Para salary and teacher salary
- Kevin Tierney - Teacher salaries - budget
- April Rivers - More to do and less time to do it. Salary
- Kerin Byrne - Choice student into K, salaries and funding
- Dara McGonagle - Salary
- Adrienne Lennon - Remind about last year - shorting the school budget - always give the city council two numbers.
- Sarah Bixby - for Lauretta Bailin - fully fund our schools, salary
- Patricia Blanchard - Paras and fully fund the budget
- Dawn Pelletier - Lack of training for paras, pay for paras
- Becky Bailey - Budget cuts collaborative with special education charts
- Kristen Bilodeau - Lack of time for input into schedule and curriculum implementation
- Zach Rinaldi - Para pay, turnover rate
- Karen Brannelly - Fully funding our schools, loss of common prep time
- Alex Naughton - Para - pay and working conditions
- Kat Watson - ASD - reduction of staff - salary increases
- Amy Sherwood - Budget and taxation - not going to be solved by SC or City Council - task force to upend education - lawsuit against the state
- Pia, Eliza and Braeden Froncki - booklet
- Lauren Dufner - Recess and lunch - not the year to make cuts with transitions
- Kathie Scott - Necessity of the mental health at the middle school - 60% increase in Whittier Tech and Essex Tech- other schools are experiencing the same things
- Jim Sweeney - Moved here last year - want our kids to thrive - pull from somewhere else that is not as important.
- Steve Stanganelli - Challenge you to come to City Council. Systemic problem. State not funding - Regionalize our school system and consolidate our schools
- Elin Pothier - World language
- David Michael - Money
- Emily Chiemelewski - AHS grad and inclusion paras pay
- Solace Yee - Funding
- Jolyn Pray - Budget
- Olivia Thorpe - World language
- Shannon Kennedy Blanchet - Time spent on technology - told what they need to do - speech - less money