

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2023

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

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/k2fAOpX35W/>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (4:15)
- II. Comment by Visitors and Delegations (5:22)
 - Steve Stanganelli 12 Amidon Ave – Mr. Stanganelli noted he was a city councilor in Amesbury, speaking in his own capacity. Mr. Stanganelli encouraged review of legal liabilities within the district and procedures for Medicaid reimbursement.
 - (Facebook Comment) Public comment Cynthia Collins pearl street. How is the Federal case worked into the budget and what did that cost? Including attorney cost and reimbursement to the family. Thank you Cindy.
- III. Communications & Reports (10:35)
 1. Educational Leadership – Superintendent McAndrews. The Superintendent shared a facilities update stating that the AHS fire panel is currently being repaired. The Superintendent also shared the findings from the district's Title IX self-audit. The committee discussed the findings from the audit and next steps.
 2. Student Advisory Council – Ms. Yee updated the committee on current SAC projects including an update on the success of the recent winter carnival and planning for an end of year event.
 3. Liaisons
 - a. Mayor Gove updated the committee on the Shay Memorial project including updates on construction, ongoing technology and furniture installations, and the neighborhood meeting schedule. Superintendent McAndrews stated there is a high level of excitement to move into the building.
 - b. A letter from SEPAC was read into the record. The letter introduced the new SEPAC leaders and shared information on the Parents Night Out event.
 4. Subcommittees (26:00)
 - a. Mayor Gove stated the Budget and Finance subcommittee would be scheduling another meeting of the whole.
 - b. Dr. Jurist Levy shared the upcoming meeting schedule for negotiations.
 - c. Ms. Currie stated Buildings & Grounds subcommittee would be meeting on the 28th of the month.
 - d. Superintendent McAndrews stated Policy had not met recently.
 - e. Ms. Welch announced the next meeting date of the Teaching & Learning subcommittee will be March 20th.

- f. Other - Superintendent McAndrews announced there would be an early release the following day due to weather.

IV. New Business (29:15)

1. FY 24 Budget Presentation – Superintendent McAndrews presented the FY 24 proposed budget to the committee. The presentation included review of goals, the budget process, challenges, reallocations, right-sizing, and proposed reductions. The committee asked questions of the Superintendent relating to the proposed budget.

V. Consent Agenda (1:30:00)

1. *Mr. Noyes moved to approve the following minutes and was seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy: Jan 9th & 30th. Approved unanimously.*
2. *Ms. Welch moved to approve the following warrants and was seconded by Mr. Noyes: Jan 27 \$632,599.08|Feb 9 \$334,688.63| Feb 10 \$632,184.72| Feb 24 \$631,472.87| Mar 9 \$499,248.78|Mar 9 \$11,254.06. Approved unanimously.*
3. *Dr. Jurist Levy moved to accept a gift of \$371.20 from the Akelian Family for CES recorder purchase, second by Mr. Noyes. Approved unanimously.*

Mr. Noyes moved to suspend policy BDD, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.

VI. Executive Session (1:32:40)

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) for the purpose of discussing strategy as it relates to collective bargaining with the AFT Amesbury Teachers/Nurses Unit, the AFT Amesbury Multi-Purpose Facilities Technicians/Maintenance Unit, and the AFT Amesbury Paraprofessionals/Tutors Unit as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee, as declared by the Chair; and

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Sections 21 (a) (2), (3), and (7) for the purpose of approving and reviewing minutes of past executive session(s).

Committee will adjourn from executive session and not return to open session.

Dr. Jurist Levy moved to enter executive session, second by Mr. Noyes. Roll call: 5 Yes. Passes.