

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**February 6, 2023**

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Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Mel Webster, Kate Currie, Maryann Welch, Gaye Smith, Greg Noyes (arrived at 7:38pm), and Elizabeth McAndrews.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/jxsjDxUwH4/>.

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (2:20)
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (3:30) – No comments
- III. Communications & Reports (5:40)
  - A. Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent McAndrews shared a facility update with the committee covering topics including Board of Health review of policies, AHS Fire Panel, and AMS boiler repair timeline, the committee discussed the ongoing projects.
  - B. Student Advisory Council – Ms. Yee updated the committee on ongoing SAC projects including planning for Winter Carnival.
  - C. Liaisons
    1. Shay Memorial Building Project – Mayor Gove and the Superintendent updated the committee on the building project including change orders, contingency budget, and other construction updates.
  - D. Subcommittees
    1. Budget & Finance – Mr. Webster reported on two recent finance meetings. The subcommittee meeting reviewed transfers and discussed a new special education tuition fund. The budget of the whole meeting gave a “big picture” view of the FY24 budget.
    2. Personnel – Superintendent McAndrews shared that the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting was canceled due to weather and reported on upcoming negotiation sessions.
    3. Buildings & Grounds – Ms. Currie noted the next meeting is February 28<sup>th</sup>
    4. Policy – Policy had not met but their next meeting will be in March.
    5. Teaching & Learning – Ms. Welch updated the committee on a recent meeting of the subcommittee including an update on the AMS Student in Good Standing policy, learning walks, cross-curricular instruction, and Title 1 funding.
- IV. New Business (31:55)
  1. Whittier Tech School Committee Seat: Reappointment of Sandi Coppinger – Ms. Coppinger gave a brief update on the tech and expressed her desire to continue serving in the position.  
*Mr. Webster moved to appoint Ms. Coppinger to a term on the Whittier Tech School Committee to expire March 31, 2026, second by Ms. Smith. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
  2. Approval of District Strategy – *Ms. Currie moved to approve as presented, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

3. Policy ADA – The policy was being revised to reflect the new mission statement from the approved Strategic Plan. Mayor Gove read the proposed change. *Mr. Webster moved to approve, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*  
*Mr. Noyes joined the Committee at 7:38pm*
4. Vote to Open School Choice for the 23/24 School Year – The Superintendent recommended opening school choice to all grades. *Mr. Noyes moved to open school choice for all grades, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
5. *Vote to Amend School Year 22/23 Calendar* – Superintendent noted no action needed to be taken yet.
6. Vote to Approve School Calendar (SY 23/24) - Superintendent McAndrews shared a summary of the proposed calendar for the upcoming school year. The committee discussed the proposed calendar, including adding several make-up days.  
*Ms. Currie moved to approve the proposed calendar with the addition of June 24/25<sup>th</sup> as make-up days, second by Ms. Smith. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
7. Approval of Transfers – Ms. Liporto summarized the transfers. Mr. Webster noted the budget & finance subcommittee had voted to recommend them.  
*Mr. Webster moved to approve \$296, 127 in transfers, second by Ms. Smith. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
8. Establish Special Education Revolving Account – Ms. Liporto summarized the need for the establishment of the revolving account. Mr. Webster noted the subcommittee had recommended this request as well.  
*Mr. Webster moved to approve the creation of the account, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
9. Subcommittee Appointments – Mayor Gove announced the following subcommittee appointments:

<i>Budget &amp; Finance</i>	<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Buildings &amp; Grounds</i>	<i>Policy</i>	<i>Teaching, Learning, &amp; Equity</i>
<i>Webster (Chair) Welch Noyes</i>	<i>Jurist Levy (Chair) Smith</i>	<i>Currie (Chair) Webster</i>	<i>Smith (Chair) Currie Jurist Levy</i>	<i>Welch (Chair) Jurist Levy Noyes</i>

*Ms. Currie moved to approve the appointments, second by Ms. Smith.*

Mr. Noyes asked for clarification on membership of Personnel and Mayor Gove stated it would remain at two members for the time being. *Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

V. Consent Agenda (59:10)

1. *Ms. Currie moved to approve the following warrants: Jan 12, 2023 - \$456,921.70, Jan 13, 2023 - \$616,826.03, Jan 26, 2023 - \$386,621.33. Second by Ms. Welch. Approved unanimously.*

*Ms. Welch moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

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