

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2023

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

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://amesbury-school.vod.castus.tv/vod/?video=6ee3353c-de85-496e-910d-94f61528adbc>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:15)
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (3:30)
 - Amy Bogert, Monroe St - Ms. Bogert thanked the district and police for their response relating to the lockdown at AHS. She asked about what policies were in place to support the other schools.
 - Carrie Shea, Andrews Ln – Ms. Shea spoke about the time students had to eat lunch and asked the committee to explore ways to give students more time to eat.
- III. AMS Showcase (6:05) – Principal Haas gave a presentation to the committee highlighting various aspects of AMS including the School Improvement Plan, School Council, BEAK, and Project 351. Followed the presentation, Principal Haas invited several AMS students to share thoughts on their involvement in the AMS BEAK team. Ms. Paige Testa spoke of her work as Project 351 Ambassador. The committee discussed issues relating to attendance and state reporting.
- IV. Communications & Reports (37:20)
 - A. Superintendent Update – Superintendent McAndrews shared an update on the AMS heating boiler installation timeline and AHS fire panel. She also spoke about the day's events surrounding the lockdown at Amesbury High School. The committee discussed the report.
 - B. Student Services and Special Education Director's Update – Dr. Catarius shared a presentation with the committee highlighting programming at each of the schools, discussed enrollment data, placements, staffing, and student achievement. The committee discussed the report and asked questions of Dr. Catarius.
- V. Executive Session - 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;
Committee will adjourn from executive session and not return to open session
Ms. Currie moved to enter executive session, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: 7 Yes.