

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 10, 2022**

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Present were Mayor Gove, Peter Hoyt, Mel Webster, Kate Currie, Abigail Jurist Levy, Maryann Welch, Gaye Smith, Anna Bailey, and Superintendent Elizabeth McAndrews.

A video recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://amesbury-school.vod.castus.tv/vod/?video=66c3d8d5-9cb8-4896-b2e2-f25354978563>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:10) - City Clerk  
Amanda Haggstrom called the meeting to order.
- II. Organizational Meeting (1:35)
  - a. Ms. Haggstrom called for nominations for Chair.  
*Mr. Webster nominated Mayor Gove to serve as Chair for the 2022 term, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*  
Mayor Gove then called for nomination for Vice Chair.  
*Dr. Jurist Levy nominated Ms. Currie, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*  
Mayor Gove called for nomination for Secretary.  
*Ms. Currie nominated Ms. Welch, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
  - b. The committee reviewed a schedule of proposed meeting dates for the upcoming year.  
Mr. Webster called for a second meeting in August. Ms. Currie recommended changing the August meeting dates to the first and third Monday in August.  
*Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the schedule as amended (meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in August), second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
  - c. The Mayor proposed the following subcommittee appointments:
    1. Budget and Finance – Webster (chair), Welch, Hoyt.  
*Ms. Currie moved to approve, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
    2. Personnel – Dr. Jurist Levy (chair), Webster, Smith  
*Mr. Hoyt moved to approve, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
    3. Policy – Ms. Currie (chair), Smith, Jurist Levy.  
*Ms. Currie moved to approve, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
    4. Buildings & Grounds – Ms. Currie (chair), Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Webster.  
Ms. Welch moved to approve, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
    5. Teaching & Learning – Ms. Welch (chair), Dr. Jurist Levy, Mr. Hoyt.  
*Mr. Hoyt moved to approve, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
    6. Joint Education Committee – Mr. Webster and Ms. Currie are appointed to this committee due to their positions as chairs of Budget and Finance, and Policy/Building and Grounds.  
*Ms. Welch moved to approve, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
    7. Legislative Liaison – Mr. Webster. *Ms. Welch moved to approve, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

8. Parliamentarian – Ms. Currie. *Mr. Hoyt moved to approve, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
9. Handbook Liaison - Ms. Currie. *Mr. Hoyt moved to approve, second by Mr. Webster.*
10. AES Building Committee – Mr. Hoyt. *Ms. Currie moved to approve, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
11. Implementation Committee – Mr. Hoyt. *Mr. Webster moved to approve, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

III. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (17:35)

- Greg Noyes, 8 Clark's Rd – Mr. Noyes encouraged the committee to include the student representative in roll call votes as well as commented that the current batch of minutes were detailed and easy to understand. Mr. Noyes also encouraged the committee to look into solar panels on the roof of the Middle School. Mr. Webster agreed this was a good idea.

IV. Executive Session (20:28) - Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

*Mr. Hoyt moved to enter executive session, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

V. Communications and Reports (21:25)

a. Liaisons

1. A report from the Amesbury SEPAC was read into the record.
2. Mr. Hoyt provided an update to the committee on behalf of the Amesbury Elementary School Building Committee including updates on change orders, sewage line options and the signing of the "topping beam" by students and staff.

b. Educational Leadership – Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on the extension of the mask mandate by DESE, the option to submit a mask waiver for the Amesbury High School, and additional guidance regarding quarantining. Superintendent McAndrews also talked about the challenges of returning to school after the winter break.

c. Student Advisory Council – Ms. Bailey provided an update to the committee on behalf of SAC including the current goal of identifying stressors that effected students at Amesbury High School. Ms. Bailey also inquired as to the status of choosing a new identifier. The committee also discussed holding a joint meeting with SAC.

*(49:50) Ms. Welch moved to suspend policy BDD. Second by Mr. Webster. Vote: unanimous.*

d. Other business not reasonably anticipated by the chair – Superintendent McAndrews provided a buildings and grounds update to the committee including results from the most recent asbestos and air quality tests, ongoing repairs of the AMS roof, and other various projects.

Mr. Webster inquired about receiving enrollment information from the district.

Ms. Welch inquired about tomorrow's cold temperatures and the possibility of a school closure.

VI. New Business (1:00:45)

1. District Goals – Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the goals, second by Ms. Currie.  
Vote: Yes, unanimous.

VII. Consent Agenda (1:02:20)

1. Minutes – Ms. Welch moved to approve the minutes from Oct 18 and Nov 8, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
2. Warrants – Mr. Webster moved to approve the following warrants: Dec 3 \$641,405.58 | Dec 16 \$228,738.62 | Dec 17 \$617,001.96 | Dec 30 \$647,686.61 | Dec 30 \$194,419.58. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

*Ms. Welch moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Hoyt. Approved unanimously.*