

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 7, 2022**

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

A video recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/cyorVws3tR/>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (1:00)
- II. Comments by Visitors and Delegations (2:00)
  - Greg Noyes, 8 Clark's Rd - Mr. Noyes spoke about the proposed budget and his desire to see more help hired to assist the Director of Student Services.
- III. FY 23' Budget Presentation (6:00) – Superintendent McAndrews and Ms. Liporto presented the FY '23 recommended budget to the committee. The committee made comments and asked questions regarding the proposed budget including transportation fees, sharing of positions among schools, and the addition of a social worker.
- IV. Communications & Reports (26:00)
  - a. Liaisons
    1. Ms. Pouliot provided an update to the Committee on behalf of the Amesbury SEPAC including past workshops that were held as well as upcoming events.
    2. Mr. Hoyt updated the committee on the progress made on the Sgt. Jordan Shay Elementary School building project including recent change orders, the recent Kick-off meeting with the MSBA, and upcoming meetings.
  - b. Educational Leadership – Superintendent McAndrews provided an update to the committee on the district transitioning to the mask optional policy in school and on school transportation, as well as the submittal of the SOI to the MSBA for the Middle School roof.
  - c. Student Advisory Council – Ms. Anna Bailey provided an update to the committee on behalf of the SAC including the success of the recent Winter Carnival sponsored by SAC at the High School, planning of workshops surrounding stress and time management, and the positive step of the new mask optional policy. Additionally, she shared that she and another SAC member had participated in the MASC conference for student liaisons.
  - d. Subcommittees
    1. Budget & Finance – Mr. Webster updated the committee on recent meetings of the subcommittee including recent budget workshops and upcoming meetings.
    2. Dr. Jurist Levy stated the subcommittee was meeting the next day

3. Ms. Currie updated the committee on the recent discussion items by the subcommittee including middle school roof repairs, Cashman HVAC roof units, handicap entrance study, completion of the server room at AMS, and replacement of the AHS track. The committee discussed replacement of the track and addition/improvements of fields.
4. Ms. Currie updated the committee on the policy subcommittee including policies CN and BCE.
5. Ms. Welch updated the committee on the recent meeting of the Teaching & Learning subcommittee including updates on the MTSS, progress monitoring, the ECLE grant surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion, and the AEFI Grant for the AHS library.
6. Mr. Hoyt stated the next meeting of the Implementation Committee would be held on the 23rd of March.

V. New Business (1:20:00)

1. Policy BCE (first read) – The Mayor instructed members to share feedback to Ms. Currie. Ms. Welch asked about who would create a list of functions and duties.
2. Policy CN – The committee discussed the policy including timeline for implementation.  
*Mr. Webster moved to approve policy CN with the word “of” in the second to last line revised to “after”, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
3. Declaration of Vacancy - Whittier School Committee – One of the current representatives has moved out of district.  
*Mr. Hoyt moved to declare a vacancy, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

Dr. Jurist Levy raised the topic of holding meeting at different locations across the district. Conversations are ongoing surrounding feasibility of this.

VI. Consent Agenda (1:27:40)

1. Warrants – *Ms. Currie moved to approve the following warrants: Feb 10 \$246,376.02 | Feb 11 \$605,343.04 | Feb 24 \$240,898.70. Dr. Jurist Levy seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.*
2. Acceptance of Gifts & Donations – *Mr. Hoyt moved to accept the following donation: 18 Hardwood Office Chairs (Value: \$4,500) donated to the Amesbury Middle School by Associates in Dental Health, Haverhill, MA. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Approved unanimously.*

*Dr. Jurist Levy moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Smith. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*