

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2022

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

A video recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/cDPPQaqX1p/>

- I. Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (1:50)
Mayor Gove congratulated the Girls Basketball team on their state championship and noted they would be invited to a future meeting.
- II. Comments by Visitors and Delegations (3:45)
 - Karina Ortiz 14 Tallowood Ln – Ms. Ortiz voiced her concern regarding the FY’ 23 proposed budget.
- III. Public Hearing – FY ’23 Budget (9:30)
 - Greg Noyes 8 Clarks Rd – Mr. Noyes complimented the budget and budget process. Mr. Noyes asked questions regarding circuit breaker funds, special education transportation costs, school council involvements, and data. Mr. Webster inquired as to availability of student performance data. Superintendent McAndrews commented on the data and involvement of school councils. Classroom sizes under the proposed budget were also clarified by the Superintendent and they are all within current guidelines.
- IV. Joint Meeting – Student Advisory Council (25:30) – Member of the Amesbury High School Student Advisory Council gave a presentation to the committee on topics of focus during the current year including homework, stress relief, and time management. SAC also highlighted the recent Winter Carnival that was hosted by SAC for the student body. Ongoing goals for SAC include starting student led workshops during WIN (whatever I need) Block and forming partnerships between high school and middle school students. The committee asked several questions of the SAC members.
- V. School Committee Spotlight – Barbara Leary (36:30) – Ms. Leary was nominated by Mr. Greg Noyes as a spotlight award recipient in recognition of her 50 years of service as Coach of the Math Team. Superintendent McAndrews and several committee members shared thanks for Ms. Leary’s continued service.
- VI. Early College Presentation (49:10) – Principal Ricci shared a presentation with the committee concerning Advanced Opportunities at Amesbury High School including Early College, Advanced Placement, and Senior PASS. High School Senior Zoe Glenn shared her experience participating in these advanced opportunities with the committee. Committee members thanked Ms. Glenn for her involvement and service to the Amesbury community. Questions surrounding the advanced opportunities offered were asked by the committee members.

Mr. Hoyt moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Smith. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

