

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2022

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Mel Webster, 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/dtXQHrc5Ji/>

- I. Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (1:40)
- II. Comments by Visitors and Delegations (3:00) – No comments
- III. Communications & Reports (4:55)
 - a. Liaisons
 1. Ms. Pouliot provided an update to the Committee on behalf of the Amesbury SEPAC including information on the SEPAC survey, the upcoming visit of Dr. Hogan to the district, and the recent Flatbread fundraiser. The committee briefly discussed the SEPAC survey results.
 2. Mr. Hoyt updated the committee on the progress made on the Sgt. Jordan Shay Elementary School building project including recent change order #6, approval of commitments, and general construction progress.
 - b. Educational Leadership – Superintendent McAndrews was joined by Acting Chief Bailey, Tiffany Nigro, and Caitlin Thayer for a presentation on the Amesbury School Support & Empowerment Team (ASSET). The team members highlighted the first of its kind partnership between the city, the schools, and the Pettengill social service agency. They shared how students, families, and staff would benefit from ASSET.
The Mayor and Superintendent then led a discussion on proposed changes to the FY 23 budget that the committee had previously approved due to the desire to preserve excess levy capacity.
The Superintendent then continued her update by sharing her decision to appoint Danielle Ricci as High School Principal, and the implementation of a Title IX self-assessment.
 - c. Student Advisory Council – Ms. Anna Bailey provided an update to the committee on behalf of the SAC including the success of the Junior Prom, planning of underclassman workshops, and the upcoming Alliance Park clean up sponsored by the Interact club.
 - d. Subcommittees
 1. Mr. Webster stated there would be a budget and finance meeting on May 16.
 2. Ms. Jurist Levy stated the subcommittee met to discuss the Superintendent evaluation process. Recommendations would follow later in the agenda.

3. In Ms. Currie's absence, Mr. Webster provided an update for Buildings & Grounds including that invitations for bids were posted for the AMS roof repair and CES HVAC units, the planned AMS envelope study, and field maintenance.
 4. No report from Policy subcommittee.
 5. Ms. Welch informed the committee that the subcommittee would be meeting the following week.
 6. Mr. Hoyt stated that there was no planned meeting of the AESIC.
- e. Mr. Hoyt reminded the community about the upcoming Hall of Honor event at AHS.

IV. New Business (1:45:45)

Ms. Welch moved to suspend policy BDD, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

1. Dr. Jurist Levy provided an overview of the MASC Superintendent Evaluation process to the committee. Superintendent McAndrews provided a brief summary of the data she will be sharing with the committee in support of her evaluation. The committee discussed the evaluation process.
2. Appointment of Additional Member to Joint Education Committee – No action taken.

V. Consent Agenda (2:10:20)

1. Minutes – *Mr. Webster moved to approve the following minutes: Feb 18 | Mar 7 | Mar 21, second by Ms. Smith. Approved unanimously.*
2. Warrants – *Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the following warrants: April 7 \$285,633.67|April 12 \$618,552.43|April 22 \$594,714.88| April 28 \$349,977.19|. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. Approved unanimous.*

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