

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
January 4, 2021**

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Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Mel Webster, Kate Currie, Abigail Jurist Levy, Maryann Welch, Elaine Bucher and Elizabeth McAndrews.

***This meeting was conducted under the 'Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c.30A, §20', signed on March 12, 2020.***

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- I. Call to order/Mission Statement (2:15) – Offered by Maryann Welch
- II. Vote to Suspend Policy BEDB-E (2:45) – *Mr. Hoyt moved to suspend the policy, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- III. *Organizational Meeting (4:10)*
  - a. *Election of Vice Chair & Secretary*

*Mr. Webster moved to re-appoint Peter Hoyt as vice-chair, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

*Ms. Jurist Levy moved to re-appoint Maryann Welch as secretary, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
  - b. *Meeting Days & Times*

*Mr. Webster moved to schedule School Committee meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month, with the exception of July and August (one meeting each month), second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
  - c. *Subcommittee Appointments*

*Mr. Webster moved to re-appoint all members to their current subcommittees, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
  - d. *Other Appointments*

*Mr. Hoyt moved that all other appointments remain in place, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- IV. *Executive Session (10:10)*

*Ms. Jurist Levy moved to enter executive session and return to open session at the conclusion, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- V. *Communications by Visitors & Delegations – None (12:20)*
- VI. *Communications & Reports (13:51)*
  - a. *Educational Leadership – Superintendent McAndrews gave a report to the committee on the new structured learning time standards from the state followed by discussion from the committee. The Superintendent was then joined by Glen Gearin and Ken*

Berkenbush for a report on winter sports followed by questions and discussion by the committee.

*Mr. Webster moved to allow AHS girls/boys basketball to resume practice but not play in competition until January 14<sup>th</sup>, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: 3 Yes (Hoyt, Gove, Webster), 4 no. Motion fails.*

- b. No SAC report.
- c. Liaisons
  - 1. Ms. Pouliot gave a report on behalf of the SEPAC.
  - 2. Mr. Hoyt gave a report to the committee on behalf of the School Building Committee.
- d. Subcommittees
  - 1. Budget & Finance – Mr. Webster provided an update on the subcommittee.
  - 2. Personnel – Ms. Currie provided an update on the subcommittee.
  - 3. Buildings & Grounds – Ms. Bucher provided an update on the subcommittee.
  - 4. Policy – Ms. Currie provided an update on the subcommittee.
  - 5. Teaching & Learning – Ms. Welch provided an update on the subcommittee.
  - 6. AES Implementation Committee– Mr. Webster provided an update.
- e. Other – Mr. Webster asked for an update on the status of Chromebooks and iPads. Ms. Liporto updated the committee on the status of each. Ms. Welch requested that future agendas include an update from the Superintendent Search Committee.

VII. Consent Agenda (1:21:44)

- a. Minutes – *Mr. Webster moved to approve the minutes from December 7 & 15, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- b. Warrants – *Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the warrants dated Dec. 4, 17(2), 18, and 31, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- c. Gifts/Donation – *Ms. Jurist Levy moved to approve a donation of \$2,000 for Windrush, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

VIII. New Business (1:26:00)

- a. Approval of MOU – Ms. Bucher moved to approve the Evaluation MOU between Amesbury Public Schools and AFT Amesbury, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- b. Policy DK-R – Ms. Currie moved to approve the policy and waive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- c. Superintendent Search Firm Selection – Ms. Welch and Ms. Jurist Levy provided an update to the committee on the three proposals received for search consultants. The subcommittee recommended selecting MASC. Discussion by the committee followed. *Ms. Currie moved to hire MASC as the search consultant, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*  
Ms. Jurist Levy updated the committee on next steps in the search.

*Mr. Webster moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*