

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
January 19, 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 (2:00) – Offered by Dr. Jurist Levy
- II. Vote to Suspend Policy BEDB-E (2:45) – Ms. Bucher *moved to suspend the policy, second by Mr. Hoyt. Following a brief discussion a roll call was taken. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- III. Comments by Visitors and Delegations (6:40) – None
- IV. Executive Session (8:00)

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) for the purpose of discussing strategy as it relates to collective bargaining with the AFT-Amesbury, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee, as declared by the Chair.

*Ms. Bucher moved to enter executive session and reconvene in open session at its conclusion, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

- V. Superintendent Search Committee Update (9:20) – Ms. Welch, Dr. Jurist Levy and Dorothy Presser of MASC updated the committee on the ongoing superintendent search process. Discussion by the committee followed.

*Ms. Bucher moved to accept the screening committee composition as proposed with the addition of one recent Amesbury graduate, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

- VI. Enrollment Report (31:00) – Superintendent McAndrews gave an enrollment presentation to the committee. General question and discussion by the committee followed.
- VII. Elementary Report Card (58:50) – Principal Mascia and Principal Nolan gave a presentation on the elementary report card and Focus Skills. General discussion and comment by the committee followed.
- VIII. Cohort C Status Update (1:13:37) – Superintendent McAndrews and Dr. Lynn Catarius gave an update to the committee on the discussions taking place concerning implementing a “Cohort C”. Discussion by the committee took place.

*Ms. Currie moved to suspend policy BDD, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

- IX. Staffing Updates (1:26:49) – Joan Liporto updated the committee on current staffing levels. Several questions from the committee followed.

- X. COVID Response Planning –After a discussion, the committee decided to wait on having further discussion on this item until a later meeting.
- XI. Approval of SOA Plan (1:34:00) – Superintendent McAndrews and Dr. Catarius summarized the SOA plan for the committee.

*Mr. Hoyt moved to accept the SOA plan, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: yes, unanimous.*

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