

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING  
December 15, 2020**

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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. Executive Session (2:25)**

1. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, being the Acting Superintendent of Schools

*Mr. Hoyt moved to enter executive session and reconvene in open session at the conclusion, seconded by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

**II. Action on a contract for the Acting Superintendent of Schools (3:42)**

*Mr. Hoyt moved to approve Ms. McAndrews contract amendment as was presented, second by Ms. Bucher. Brief discussion by the committee took place. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

**III. Reopening Update (6:00)**

Superintendent McAndrews provided an update to the committee on the schools ongoing reopening plans. She stated that the substitute teacher pool is limited and schools are having difficulties covering classrooms. Ms. McAndrews recommendation that the middle school and elementary schools should return to remote learning beginning on December 17<sup>th</sup>. General discussion and questions by the committee followed.

*Mr. Webster moved that all schools return to remote learning beginning on Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> with the exception of Tier 1 students who would remain in person on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and that schools would return to hybrid on January 4<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Mr. Hoyt. Discussion followed. Vote: 6 yes, 1 no (Currie). Motion passes.*

*Mr. Webster moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous. Motion passes.*

