

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET/FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

September 10, 2020

(Meeting conducted under the Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c.30A, Section 20, signed on March 12.2020)

Present were Mel Webster, Chair; Maryann Welch, Abigail Jurist Levy, Superintendent Fulgoni, and Joan Liporto, Director of Finance and Operations.

Mr. Webster called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

FY20 Budget Closeout – Ms. Liporto told the committee the district finished the year with a surplus of \$218,730 and that one half of that was transferred into the circuit breaker revolving fund, with the other half being placed in the school choice revolving fund.

Revolving Accounts – Ms. Liporto noted that there is concern about two revolving funds. First, the athletic revolving fund will not receive approximately \$50,000 anticipated from gate receipts, as a result of COVID-19 restrictions on game attendance. In addition, no freshmen sports, combined with some sports not being played, will reduce athletic fees. The other account that is worrisome is the preschool revolving account. It is expected that fewer parents will enroll their children, reducing the tuition we collect. She noted that the district has a salary assigned to this revolving account.

3. Transportation Contract – Ms. Liporto spoke with the owner of Salter Transportation who has offered to eliminate fuel costs and reduce the first 10 days of the contract at the rate of 50%. She also said Salter needs to continue to pay its drivers; otherwise, they will seek employment elsewhere and when we are ready to bring students back to school the company will not be able to provide us the service. It was also pointed out that the state continues to recommend districts pay their transportation providers to assure they can remain in business.

4. Furloughs –Ms. Liporto told the committee that employees holding the following positions - crossing guards, attendance officer, courier and any special education van drivers that are not currently driving – will be placed on furlough while the district is in remote mode. Savings will be approximately \$4,237 per pay period.

At 7:12 p.m. Ms. Welch made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Jurist Levy and approved
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