

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL  
August 13, 2020**

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Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Mel Webster, Maryann Welch, Elaine Bucher, Kate Currie, Abigail Jurist Levy, Jared Fulgoni, and Joan Liporto

***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

(7:35) Ms. Currie moved to enter executive session and reconvene in open session at the conclusion of said executive session. Second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

II. FY 21 Annual Budget

(11:50) Superintendent Fulgoni and Business Manager Joan Liporto gave an overview of the proposed level funded FY 21 budget. General questions and discussion by the committee followed.

(27:15) Ms. Liporto began discussing proposed cuts using the FY21 Level Funded Workbook followed by Ms. Nolan, who discussed cuts proposed at Amesbury Elementary. Questions and discussion by the committee followed.

(41:10) Ms. Mascia-Falys provided an overview to the committee on proposed cuts to the Cashman Elementary School. Discussion by committee members followed.

(47:00) The committee expressed concern with fact that employees effected by potential cuts had not been notified. A discussion on next steps followed.

(1:03:38) The committee discussed adding back money to the budget in light of the committee's mission of being "unconditionally committed to every child."

(1:15:30) Ms. Currie asked what savings the district may realize from the remote start to the school year. Superintendent Fulgoni and Ms. Liporto highlighted possible savings.

*(1:35:30) Mr. Webster moved to add \$1,050,000 to the proposed level funded budget for personnel costs, second by Ms. Currie. Discussion followed.*

*(1:40:30) Ms. Currie rescinded her second to Mr. Webster's motion. Mr. Webster then amended his motion to add \$906,806 to restore personnel cuts in the level funded budget bringing the budget total to \$33,682,363, seconded by Ms. Currie. Vote: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Motion passes.*

III. Capital expense - AES Roof & Moisture Analysis

*(1:43:45) Mr. Bennett provided an overview to the committee on AES roof repair proposals as well as building moisture analysis. Questions and discussion followed.*

*(1:49:00) Mr. Webster moved to expend \$17,500 for repairs on the AES roof, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

*(1:50:15) Mr. Hoyt moved to expend \$9,850 for building moisture analysis, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

IV. Approval of the Interim Assistant Principal MOA with the AFT and authorization of the Chair of Personnel Subcommittee to sign on behalf of the School Committee

*(1:51:05) Ms. Welch moved to approve the MOA, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: 6 Yes, 1 recusal (Hoyt). Motions passes.*

V. Re-opening Plans

*(1:53:00) Superintendent Fulgoni provided an overview to the committee on the 2 proposed scenarios for checkpoints in the reopening plan. Discussion by the committee followed.*

*(2:13:05) Ms. Bucher moved to approve checkpoints for September 24, November 5, and December 17, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: 3 Yes (Bucher, Gove, Welch), 4 No. Motion fails.*

*(2:14:40) Mr. Webster moved to accept the original proposed checkpoints with the first being October 2, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: 5 Yes, 2 No (Bucher, Gove). Motion passes.*

*(2:18:30) Ms. Welch moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Currie. Passed without objection.*