

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL
August 12, 2020**

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.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here:

<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/d11ad2ab1449c80264da9ac2711f665c33f422ce4244a69c148d04e28f7b4b20>

I. Discussion of petition submitted to School Committee: "We, the undersigned, urge our elected officials to reconsider using the existing Amesbury Elementary School location at 24 South Hampton Rd for the new/renovated AES."

(4:35) Angel Wills joined the meeting to answer questions from the committee on the finances of the new school project.

(13:00) Donna Dinisco from Dinisco Design presented a PowerPoint overview of the evolution of the AES building project and answered questions from the committee.

(56:00) *Mr. Webster moved to deny the petition, and continue with the project as approved, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Jurist Levy). Motion passes.*

II. Superintendent's Goals

(1:03:00) Chair of the Personnel Subcommittee, Ms. Currie, provided an overview of the proposed Superintendent's goals.

(1:06:00) The committee requested that the stakeholder survey be completed in September with a report and communications schedule presented to the committee in October.

(1:08:30) The committee discussed the student learning goal and requested that curriculum maps be shared with the committee by June 2021 with progress reports to the committee mid-year.

(1:15:20) The committee discussed the first district improvement goal.

(1:21:15) The committee discussed the second district improvement goal. The committee requested a report on this goal in December 2020. District goals will need to be determined before the reorganization plan is complete.

(1:34:20) The committee discussed the third district improvement goal concerning the AES building project. The committee requested updates on all goals in October, December, March and June.

The Superintendent and Chair of the Personnel Subcommittee shared why they chose not to add the Superintendent mentorship program into the Superintendent goals.

(1:43:00) *Ms. Bucher moved to approve the superintendent's goals with the changes discussed, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

III. Re-opening plans

(1:44:00) The committee continued their discussion of the district reopening plan and the changes that were made to the plan. Ms. Bucher stressed the need to have clear metrics to move between modes of instruction and increases in in-person opportunities.

(1:51:00) Mayor Gove made a series of comments on different aspects of the plan, including the possibility of adding an early check-in to the schedule to reassess the mode of instruction. General discussion on the plan continued. Matt Bennett shared update on ventilation and air quality.

(2:04:30) Ms. Jacques responded to several questions and comments the committee had raised.

(2:25:00) The committee discussed the new metrics released by the state for reopening and how it should relate to the district's reopening schedule, as well as, the need for additional guidance from the state.

(2:54:00) *Mr. Webster moved to accept the plan with the exception of the checkpoint schedule on page 33, and with the understanding the Superintendent would work with principals to address inconsistencies, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

(2:57:25) *Ms. Welch moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*