

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
September 10, 2020**

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Mel Webster, Kate Currie, Abigail Jurist Levy, Maryann Welch, Elaine Bucher, 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. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement (2:25)

II. Executive Session (2:55)

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 Amesbury Federation of Teachers, Paraprofessionals and Tutors Unit, 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, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

III. Comments by Visitors and Delegations (5:30)

The following comments from the following residents were read into the record and are attached:

- Melissa DeLisle
- Stephen Cotrupi -15 Ash Street
- Deirdre Casey

IV. Presentations and Administrative Reports (11:00)

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Superintendent shared his recommendation to support fall athletics and the Newburyport Girls Ice Hockey Co-op.
2. Principal McAndrews and Glen Gearin gave a presentation to the committee on fall sports, followed by questions from the committee.

Mr. Webster moved to take items "VI - D&E" out of order, second by Mr. Hoyt. Passed without objection. (1:10:45)

Mr. Hoyt moved to proceed with fall sports, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Mr. Hoyt moved to participate in Newburyport Girls Ice Hockey Co-op, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Superintendent Fulgoni gave an overview of the report he submitted to the committee in advance of the meeting. (1:17:30) The committee asked questions about the calendar, language-based classrooms, and food pick up. The Mayor recommended the Superintendent provide reports on special education, staffing, and enrollment.

V. Communications (1:28:00)

1. There was no student advisory committee report
2. Ms. Welch and Ms. Pouliot presented the SEPAC annual report.
3. Mayor Gove and the committee stated their support for other enrichment programs at the schools

VI. Items for Approval (1:43:45)

A. Minutes

Ms. Welch moved to approve the minutes dated 7/22/20, 8/3/20, 8/7/20, 8/12/20, 8/13/20, second by Ms. Jurist Levy.

Ms. Currie noted a change that needed to be made in the 8/3/20 minutes.

Ms. Welch amended her motion to remove 7/22/20 approval, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Ms. Currie moved to suspend policy BDD, second by Mr. Hoyt. Passes without objection.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the minutes dated 7/22/20, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: 5 yes, 2 abstentions (Currie, Jurist Levy).

B. Warrants

Ms. Welch moved to approve the 7/23/20 - \$42,197.84 warrant, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Mr. Webster moved to approve the 7/31/20 - \$520,995.13 warrant, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the 8/13/20 - \$51,690.28 warrant, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the 8/14/20 - \$475,912.82 warrant, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Ms. Jurist Levy moved to approve the 9/1/20 - \$248,136.30 warrant, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

C. Policies

1. Ms. Currie gave an overview to the committee on the EBC Supplemental policy, followed by questions and comments by the committee.
2. Ms. Currie gave an overview of policy EBCFA, followed by questions and comments by the committee. The committee added a statement to the policy relating to style of mask required (covers nose, mouth, and abides by appropriate guidelines).

Ms. Welch moved to approve EBCFA with changes, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

3. Ms. Currie gave an overview of policy AGA followed by comments from the committee.

F. Ms. Currie moved to ratify the agreement between the Amesbury School Committee and the Amesbury Federation of Teachers, Paraprofessionals and Tutors Unit for the period of September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

VII. Information Items (2:13:45)

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Mr. Webster gave a report to the committee from the finance subcommittee.
2. Ms. Currie gave a report to the committee on the Personnel subcommittee.
3. Ms. Bucher updated the committee on the planned building and grounds meetings. Mayor Gove provided an update on capital requests.
4. Ms. Currie updated the committee on the Policy subcommittee.
5. Ms. Welch updated the committee on the Teaching and Learning subcommittee.

- B. Mr. Hoyt updated the committee on the AES School Building Committee. Mayor Gove spoke about the upcoming abutters meeting.

VIII. Future Meetings (2:45:30)

The next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting will be held on October 5, 2020 at 7:00pm. Subcommittees and other meetings will be held on the following dates:

1. AES School Building Committee – September 17, 2020 at 6:00pm
2. Finance Subcommittee – October 5, 2020 at 6:00pm
3. Personnel Subcommittee – TBD
4. Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee – September 17, 2020 at 4:00pm
5. Policy Subcommittee – September 10, 2020 at 4pm
6. Teaching and Learning Subcommittee – October 19, 2020 at 5:00pm

The committee discussed planning MASC trainings on the afternoon of Oct. 3rd and the mornings of Nov. 7th and Nov. 14th.