

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL
August 3, 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.

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I. Call to Order, Moment of Silence and Mission Statement (2:15)

Mr. Hoyt shared the passing and achievements of an Amesbury “Hockey Legend”, Leo Dupere. A Moment of Silence took place in his honor.

The Amesbury School District is unconditionally committed to every child, ensuring that all students experience success through the development of attitudes and skills necessary for lifelong learning by providing the highest quality staff, meaningful learning experiences, and a vitally involved community.

II. Comments by Visitors and Delegations (6:10)

There was no correspondence or public comment received.

III. FY21 September Continuing Appropriation Budget (7:40)

Joan Liporto provided an overview of the budget and answered questions by the committee concluding with the following motions and votes:

(18:30) Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the District Administration September budget in the amount of \$83,284, second by Ms. Welch. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Mr. Webster moved to approve the Transportation September budget in the amount of \$50,463, second by Ms. Welch. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Bucher moved to approve the Amesbury Elementary School September budget in the amount of \$298,530, second by Mr. Hoyt. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Bucher moved to approve the Cashman Elementary School September budget in the amount of \$352,878, second by Ms. Welch. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the Amesbury Middle School September budget in the amount of \$481,826, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove), 1 recusal (Hoyt). Passes.

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Amesbury High School September budget in the amount of \$421,870, second by Ms. Welch.

(29:00) Mr. Webster moved to amend the AHS budget by cutting \$6,154, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: 5 Yes, 1 No (Welch), 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the amended AHS budget in the amount of \$415,716, second by Mr. Webster: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Bucher moved to approve the September Technology budget in the amount of \$45,262, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the September Maintenance budget in the amount of \$134,692, second by Ms. Welch. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the September Curriculum & Professional Development budget in the amount of \$20,571, second by Mr. Hoyt. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the September Special Education budget in the amount of \$233,838, second by Mr. Webster. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Currie moved to approve the Employee Benefits budget for September in the amount of \$567,443, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Amesbury Innovation High School September budget in the amount of \$57,530, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the September District Budget in the amount of \$2,742,035, second by Mr. Webster. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

IV. Presentations and Administrative Reports (45:05)

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Superintendent Fulgoni provided a report to the committee on the districts COVID-19 response including savings & costs, a funding report, and fall planning. Lyn Jacques updated the committee on grants the district has applied for and received.
2. Tim Costello presented a report to the committee on district technology (54:30)

A discussion on the district's technology needs followed.

V. Communications (1:40:00)

- A. There was no student advisory committee report.
- B. Lindsay Pouliot provided a SEPAC update to the committee.

(1:42:00) Ms. Currie moved to suspend policy BDD, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

VI. Appointments (1:44:15)

1. Subcommittees

Mayor Gove proposed appointing Ms. Jurist Levy to the Personnel and Teaching & Learning subcommittees. Mr. Webster made the motion, second by Ms. Bucher. Passed without objection.

Mayor Gove proposed removing Ms. Currie from the Budget & Finance subcommittee. Mr. Webster made the motion, second by Mr. Hoyt. Passed without objection. No member volunteered to fill the open Budget & Finance subcommittee position.

Mayor Gove proposed the appointment of Ms. Currie to the Building & Grounds subcommittee. Motion by Mr. Hoyt, second by Mr. Webster. Passed without objection.

Mayor Gove proposed appointing Ms. Bucher to Chair of Buildings & Grounds. Mr. Webster made the motion, second by Ms. Currie. Passed without objection.

2. AES Implementation Committee (1:50:30)

Ms. Welch moved to appoint Mr. Webster to the AES Advisory Committee, second by Ms. Currie. Passed without objection.

Mayor Gove proposed appointing the Superintendent. Mr. Hoyt made the motion, second by Mr. Webster. Passed without objection.

Mayor Gove proposed appointing Lynn Catarius. Moved by Mr. Hoyt, second by Ms. Welch. Passed without objection.

Mayor Gove proposed appointing Matthew Bennett. Moved by Mr. Hoyt, second by Ms. Welch. Passed without objection.

Teachers and parents from AES, CES, and AMS will volunteer and be appointed to the AES Implementation Committee at a later date.

VII. School Use for Elections (2:01:45)

Elections will be held at AHS on 9/1 and 11/3.

VIII. Technology Discussion (2:02:22)

Refer to Mr. Costello's earlier presentation

IX. 2020-2021 School Calendar (2:02:49)

Superintendent Fulgoni asked the committee to amend the calendar to reflect the new first day of school as September 15. This is in light of the 10 additional Professional Development days.

Mr. Hoyt moved to accept the revised calendar, second by Ms. Bucher. Passed without objection.

X. Items for Approval (2:07:15)

1. *Ms. Welch moved to approve the minutes from 7/6/20, second by Mr. Webster. Passed without objection.*
2. *Mr. Webster moved to approve the 6/30/20 payroll warrant in the amount of \$475,088.52, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Jurist Levy), passes.*

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the 6/30/20 warrant in the amount of \$397,440.14, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Jurist Levy), passes.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the 7/23/20 warrant in the amount of \$42,197.84, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Jurist Levy), passes.

3. *Mr. Hoyt moved to approve policy JK, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
4. Principal Maguire shared an overview of the AIHS renewal application process. (2:16:00)
Ms. Welch moved to approve the AIHS renewal for 5 years, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
5. Ms. Liporto provided an overview of the proposed AIHS lease to the committee.
Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the AIHS lease as presented, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
6. No action was taken on the Superintendent's goals.

XI. Informational Items (2:38:00)

- A. Subcommittee Reports
 1. Mr. Webster provided an update to the committee on the Finance Subcommittee.
 2. Ms. Currie provided an update to the committee on the Personnel Committee.

3. Mayor Gove provided an update to the committee on the Buildings & Grounds subcommittee.
4. Ms. Currie provided an update to the committee on the Policy Subcommittee.
5. Ms. Welch provided an update to the committee on the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee.
- B. School Building Report – Mr. Hoyt provided an update to the committee on the AES School Building Project.

XII. Future Meetings (2:47:00)

The next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting will be held on September 8, 2020 at 7:00pm. Subcommittees and other meetings will be held on the following dates:

1. AES School Building Committee – August 27, 2020 at 6:00pm
2. Finance Subcommittee – September 8, 2020 at 6:00pm
3. Personnel Subcommittee – TBD
4. Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee – TBD
5. Policy Subcommittee – August 5, 2020 at 4:00pm
6. Teaching and Learning Subcommittee – August 24, 2020 at 5:00pm