

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES  
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL  
July 6, 2020**

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Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Mel Webster, Maryann Welch, Elaine Bucher, Kate Currie, 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.**

***The School Committee meeting was held remotely, and was broadcast on ACTV Channel 18, the ACTV website and on their Facebook page:  
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**I. Comments by Visitors and Delegations**

1. **(3:00)** Superintendent Fulgoni, Senator Dizoglio, Representative Kelcourse, and members of the School Committee recognized this year's retirees from the Amesbury Public Schools.
2. **(13:35)** Caitlin Thayer read letters that were submitted for public comment via email and on the Facebook livestream (Full text attached).

**II. Executive Session**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 301A, s. 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, being the Superintendent of Schools or to conduct contract negotiations with such nonunion personnel.

*(20:15) Ms. Currie moved to enter executive session, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

*(25:55) Ms. Currie moved to suspend policy BDD to allow the committee to meet past 9pm, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

**III. FY21 August Continuing Appropriation Budget**

**(27:30)** The committee held a general discussion on the FY21 August budget prior to voting to approve.

**(36:24)** The Committee held a series of votes to approve the August continuing appropriation budget

*Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the District Administration August budget in the amount of \$45,581, second by Mr. Webster. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

*Ms. Welch moved to approve the Transportation August budget in the amount of \$0, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

*Ms. Welch moved to approve the Amesbury Elementary School August budget in the amount of \$165,413, second by Mr. Hoyt. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

*Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Cashman Elementary School August budget in the amount of \$184,956, second by Mr. Webster.*

**(40:10)** *Ms. Welch moved to amend the Cashman Elementary School August budget by adding \$4,777, second by Ms. Bucher. The Committee then discussed the amendment. Vote: 2 yes (Welch, Bucher), 3 No (Currie, Hoyt, Webster), 1 Abstention (Gove). Motion fails.*

*Roll call on the CES budget: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

*Ms. Welch moved to approve the Amesbury Middle School August budget in the amount of \$261,105, second by Ms. Currie. Roll call: 4 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove), 1 recusal (Hoyt). Passes.*

*Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Amesbury High School August budget in the amount of \$217,423, second by Ms. Bucher.*

**(52:00)** *Ms. Welch moved to amend the AHS August budget by adding \$3,077, second by Mr. Webster. A discussion on the amendment followed. Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No (Currie), 1 abstention (Gove). Motion passes.*

*Vote to approve AHS August budget in the amount of \$220,500: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

*Ms. Welch moved to approve the August Technology budget in the amount of \$24,697, second by Mr. Webster. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

*Ms. Bucher moved to approve the August Maintenance budget in the amount of \$164,677, second by Mr. Hoyt. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

*Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the August Curriculum & Professional Development budget in the amount of \$13,952, second by Mr. Webster. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

*Ms. Bucher moved to approve the August Special Education budget in the amount of \$201,994, second by Mr. Hoyt. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

*Mr. Webster moved to approve the Employee Benefits budget for August in the amount of \$546,085, second by Ms. Welch. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

*Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Amesbury Innovation High School August budget in the amount of \$39,438, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

*Ms. Bucher moved to approve the August District Budget in the amount of \$1,868,399, second by Ms. Welch. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.*

**IV. Presentations and Administrative Reports**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

1. **(1:12:00)** Superintendent Fulgoni updated the committee on the Middle School Turnaround Plan.
2. **(1:22:20)** Superintendent Fulgoni and Principal McAndrews provided a report on attrition to the committee.
3. **(1:43:00)** Superintendent Fulgoni and Lyn Jacques provided an update to the committee on the APS curriculum as it relates to Race in America.
4. **(1:52:45)** Superintendent Fulgoni provided a COVID-19 update to the committee including reports on costs & savings, and guidance for reopening in the fall.

*Ms. Currie moved to appoint Ms. Welch as the School Committee Liaison to the Reopening Task Force, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

**V. Communications (1:59:00)**

- a. No student advisory update at this time
- b. The SEPAC Liaison update was submitted for inclusion in the meeting minutes (attached).
- c. Other - Mr. Hoyt asked Superintendent Fulgoni and Ms. Liporto to recap the payments made to the districts busing company.

**VI. Handbook Discussion (2:05:30)**

*Ms. Currie moved to table the handbook discussion, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

**VII. AES Implementation Committee (2:08:40)**

*Mr. Hoyt moved to table the discussion, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

**VIII. Subcommittee Appointments (2:09:35)**

*Ms. Bucher moved to table the discussion, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

**IX. Items for Approval (2:12:30)**

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

- *Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the minutes from 6/6/20, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous*

**B. Approval of Warrants**

- *Mr. Webster moved to approve the 6/4/20 warrant in the amount of \$214,047.28, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

- Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the 6/5/20 warrant in the amount of \$596,871.71, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- Ms. Welch moved to approve the 6/18/20 warrant in the amount of \$342,842.00, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the 6/19/20 warrant in the amount of \$509,620.25, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

C. Approval of Revised Policy: JK (First Read)

*Mr. Webster moved to approve the policy. A discussion was held by the committee. Mr. Webster withdrew his motion.*

*Ms. Currie moved to table Item C (Approval of Revised Policy: JK) & D (Approval of AHS Course Recommendation Policy), second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

D. Previously Tabled

E. *Mr. Webster moved to table discussion on the Anti-Racism Resolution, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

**X. Informational Items (2:22:40)**

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Mr. Webster provided a report to the committee on the recent discussions and actions of the Finance Subcommittee.

*Mr. Webster moved to approve transfers in the amount of \$646,733.03 to cover expenses within the budget, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

*Mr. Webster moved to transfer \$135,687 to the circuit breaker revolving account, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

2. Personnel Subcommittee had no updates for the committee.
3. Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee had no updates for the committee.
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.

C. Handbook Liaison Update – No update at this time.

**XI. Future Meetings (2:37:40)**

The next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting will be held on August 3, 2020 at 7:00pm. Subcommittees and other meetings will be held on the following dates:

1. AES School Building Committee – July 23, 2020 at 6:00pm
2. Finance Subcommittee – August 3, 2020 at 6:00pm
3. Personnel Subcommittee – TBD
4. Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee – TBD
5. Policy Subcommittee – July 15, 2020 at 4:00pm
6. Teaching and Learning Subcommittee – July 20, 2020 at 5:00pm

**XII. Adjournment (2:40:00)**

Mr. Webster moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.