

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL  
July 22, 2020**

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Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Mel Webster, 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. Executive Session (2:55)  
Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (a) (2) to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with the Superintendent or to conduct contract negotiations with the Superintendent.

*Mr. Hoyt moved to enter executive session and return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

- II. Public Comment (6:15)
  - A comment submitted by Ms. Hutchinson-Himmel, 7 Winkley St was read (attached)
  - Two comments submitted by Ms. Bigos, 34 Lake St., were read (attached)
  - Mayor Gove informed the committee of a citizen petition that was received by the committee, and a public hearing would be held on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - A comment by Steven Stanganelli, 12 Amidon Ave, was read.

- III. September Continuing Appropriation Budget (12:20)

Ms. Liporto gave an overview of the September continuing appropriation budget to the committee. General questions and discussion followed.

Lyn Jacques gave an overview of grants the district applied for as well as the technology needs of the district. General discussions on the budget continued.

No votes were taken.

IV. Handbook Discussion (42:00)

The committee held a general discussion on the updated student handbooks they had received from the Principals.

Mayor Gove encouraged the district to come up with a plan to improve the consistency of information between the plans. The possibility of making the handbooks available electronically instead of printing them was discussed.

*Mr. Webster moved to approve the student handbooks, which will be posted online only this year, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No (Gove). Passes.*

V. AES Implementation Committee (1:00:00)

Mayor Gove provided an overview to the committee on the proposed creation of an advisory committee to prepare for the transition to the new AES building. A general discussion on the proposal took place.

*Ms. Welch moved to establish an AES Implementation Committee, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

VI. Subcommittee Appointments (1:09:20)

No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Webster thanked the AIHS principal for her work on the AIHS renewal process.

VII. Items for Approval (1:11:30)

- a. Ms. Bucher provided an overview of the AHS course policy on behalf of the policy committee. Principal McAndrews answered questions from the committee.

*Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the policy, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

- b. The committee held a discussion on the anti-racism resolution, the resolution was read by Mr. Webster.

*Ms. Welch moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

- c. Ms. Liporto updated the committee on the FY20 budget closeout.

The committee discussed the appropriation of the district's positive fund balance.

*Mr. Webster moved to rescind the committee's vote on July 6, which approved moving the district's surplus funds to pay special education tuitions, putting money left over into circuit breaker, seconded by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No (Gove). Passes.*

*Mr. Webster moved to take FY20 surplus money and split it evenly between school choice revolving account and circuit breaker revolving account, seconded by Ms. Bucher. General discussion on the motion followed. Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No (Gove). Passes.*

- d. Mr. Webster moved to amend the Superintendent's contract related to the evaluation process, also changing the date (Section 2, B-3) under goal setting and plan development from July 31 to August 15, 2020, second by Mr. Hoyt.*

Ms. Welch requested that the goals be delivered to the committee by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

- e. The committee held a brief discussion on the proposed new cleaning contract. Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the contract, second by Ms. Welch.*

Mr. Bennett provided an overview to the committee on the contract and new proposed cleaning company.

*Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

VIII. COVID-19 Update (1:37:00)

- a. Superintendent Fulgoni gave an overview to the committee on the re-opening task force. A workshop will be scheduled by the committee in the coming weeks.

Ms. Welch also updated the committee as task force liaison.

- b. No report on aid
- c. No report on fees

Mr. Hoyt moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.