

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Virtual – Special Meeting
June 1, 2020**

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Kate Currie, Jana deBeer, Mel Webster, Maryann Welch, Elaine Bucher, and Jared Fulgoni, Superintendent of Schools.

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 found here:

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I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement (22:00)

The call to order included a “moment of silence” for two Amesbury educators who recently passed away.

II. Comments by Visitors and Delegations (27:12)

There were no comments by the public.

III. FY 2021 Budget (1/12 Budgets) (28:27)

The Committee continued its discussion on the proposed 1/12 budget. Several questions were asked but were unable to be answered with Ms. Liporto unavailable.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the July 1/12 budget in the amount of \$1,172,190.00, seconded by Ms. Bucher.

A discussion on the July 1/12 budget followed on the motion to approve.

Vote: 2 Yes (Currie, Hoyt), 4 No (Bucher, deBeer, Webster, Welch), 1 Abstention (Gove). Motion fails.

IV. Presentations and Administrative Reports (50:35)

A. Superintendent’s Report

1. COVID-19 Update

- a. The Superintendent gave a report on remote learning including information on the potential reopening of school in the fall. Principals gave updates on planned graduation ceremonies in their schools and the Superintendent recognized Mr. Curry on his upcoming retirement.

- b. The Superintendent stated that Joan Liporto would be sending an update to the committee on fees.
2. FY20 Budget Update – Superintendent Fulgoni discussed transfers that would be made in order to correct end-of-year payroll reporting. The committee discussed the need to receive budget updates in a public setting and in a timely manner. Updates were given on potential cost savings, additional costs, and additional aid. Ms. Welch shared information on the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER). The meals program was also discussed.
3. Superintendent Fulgoni gave an update on the Middle School Principal Search, including the decision to seek an Interim Principal. Mr. Fulgoni stated he would reopen the AMS Principal position in January.
4. Superintendent Fulgoni states that Facilities Director was continuing to pursue fixes for the AES roof.
5. The Superintendent stated that the discussions over the proposed AIHS lease were ongoing.

A discussion by the committee on the roof repair and AIHS followed these updates.

Mayor Gove asked for a motion to suspend policy BDD, allowing the committee to continue meeting past 9:00pm. (2:05:41)

Ms. Currie moved to suspend policy BDD for the remainder of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

6. Superintendent Fulgoni asked the school principals to give an overview of each of their school councils. Parts of Charter 71, Section 59C were read and the school committee discussed approval of school improvement plans and the process of elections for councils.
7. The committee discussed the CREST Capital Plan and requested additional information on the plan to be discussed at a future meeting.

V. Communications (2:52:00)

- A. There was no update from the Student Advisory Council
- B. Ms. Pouliot updated the committee on the Amesbury SEPAC. They have been meeting regularly with Dr. Catarius and have postponed their election.

VI. Items for Approval (2:56:00)

- A. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Welch moved to approve the minutes from 4/27/20, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Ms. deBeer moved to approve the minutes from 5/4/20, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

B. Approval of Warrants

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the 5/7/20 warrant in the amount of \$94,368.45, second by Ms. deBeer. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Ms. deBeer moved to approve the 5/8/20 warrant in the amount of \$541,368.86, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the 5/21/20 warrant in the amount of \$678,683.02, second by Ms. deBeer. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Ms. deBeer moved to approve the 5/22/20 warrant in the amount of \$542,289.03, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

VII. Informational Items (3:01:00)

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Finance – Mr. Webster provided an update to the committee on the actions of the finance subcommittee.

Mr. Webster moved to approve transfers in the amount of \$600,806.00, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

2. Personnel – Ms. Currie updated the committee on the Superintendent evaluation process.
3. Buildings and Grounds – Ms. deBeer provided an update to the committee on behalf of the subcommittee.
4. Policy – Ms. Currie provided an update to the committee on behalf of the subcommittee.
5. Teaching and Learning – Ms. Welch provided an update to the committee on behalf of the subcommittee.

B. Mr. Hoyt provided an update to the committee on the AES building project.

C. Ms. Currie provided an update to the committee on the preparation of the school handbooks.

VIII. Future Meetings (3:22:27)

The next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting will be held on July 6, 2020 at 7:00pm. Subcommittees and other meetings will be held on the following dates:

1. AES School Building Committee – June 11, 2020 at 6pm
2. Finance Subcommittee – July 6, 2020 at 6:00pm
3. Personnel Subcommittee – June 16, 2020 at 5pm
4. Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee – June 18, 2020 at 5:30pm
5. Policy Subcommittee – June 11, 2020 at 4pm
6. Teaching and Learning Subcommittee – June 30, 2020 at 5pm

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