

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

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Jana deBeer, Mel Webster, Maryann Welch, Elaine Bucher, 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. FY 2021 Budget – 1/12 Budget (July)

- **(02:45)** Ms. Liporto answered questions pertaining to line items in the budget including Director of Technology, vehicle maintenance, and benefit payments.
- **(15:40)** Ms. Bucher asked about the middle school principal salaries.
- **(20:15)** Mr. Webster asked several questions on items including July budgeting of salaries and contracted services. Mayor Gove requested organizational charts.
- **(33:30)** Ms. deBeer asked a question about the AIHS lease, Mr. Webster indicated cuts needed to be made, Ms. Bucher concurred, and a general discussion on possible budget cuts took place.
- **(43:45)** The committee spoke about the need to look at contingency budgets with potential cuts and a general discussion on the July budget continued.
- **(51:15)** Mayor Gove instructed Ms. Liporto to zero out line item #386 “vehicle repair/maintenance” and asked for a more detailed breakdown of the School Committee budget line items. Ms. Liporto recommended creating a financial report schedule.
- **(59:15)** Ms. Welch discussed several additional line items including principal supplies and athletics other professional services. A general budget discussion continued.
- **(1:09:45)** Mr. Webster asked for clarification on the “Audio/Visual Stipends” and Ms. deBeer asked for clarification on “heating of buildings” line item.

(1:13:00) Ms. Bucher moved to approve the District Administration July budget in the amount of \$135,767, second by Mr. Hoyt. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:14:15) Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Transportation July budget in the amount of \$0, second by Ms. Welch. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:15:10) Mr. Webster moved to approve the Amesbury Elementary School July budget in the amount of \$26,759, second by Ms. deBeer. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:16:00) Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Cashman Elementary School July budget in the amount of \$26,643, second by Ms. deBeer. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:16:50) Ms. deBeer moved to approve the Amesbury Middle School July budget in the amount of \$36,426, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 4 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove), 1 recusal (Hoyt). Passes.

(1:17:45) Mr. Webster moved to approve the Amesbury High School July budget in the amount of \$58,598, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:18:35) Ms. Bucher moved to approve the July Technology budget in the amount of \$47,929, second by Ms. Welch. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:19:20) Ms. deBeer moved to approve the July Maintenance budget in the amount of \$32,954, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:20:20) Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the July Curriculum & Professional Development budget in the amount of \$13,952, second by Ms. deBeer. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:21:00) Ms. deBeer moved to approve the July Special Education budget in the amount of \$56,825, second by Ms. Welch. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:21:51) Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Employee Benefits budget for July in the amount of \$711,747, second by Ms. deBeer. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:22:42) Ms. Welch moved to approve the Amesbury Innovation High School July budget in the amount of \$15,176, second by Mr. Webster. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:23:35) Ms. deBeer moved to approve the July District Budget in the amount of \$1,155,602, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

(1:24:30) Mr. Webster asked about the timeline to approve the literacy program at the elementary schools, as well as, asked for contingency budgets prepared in time for the July 6 meeting. A brief discussion on meeting scheduling took place and the committee thanked Ms. Liporto for joining the meeting on a Saturday.

(1:30:10) Ms. Welch moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Hoyt. Roll call: Yes, unanimous.