

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Virtual – Special Meeting
May 18, 2020

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Kate Currie, Jana deBeer, Mel Webster, Maryann Welch, Elaine Bucher, Joan Liporto, 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.

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I. Public Comment (02:45)

- Principal McAndrews announced the AHS Top 10 students for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Mark Rinaldi submitted a letter from AMS staff members regarding the AMS principal search. (attached)
- Michelle Richio Lamott - Public comment: where do we stand with the busses. Would we be given some type of credit towards school year 20/21?

II. FY 2021 Budget (1/12 Budgets) (10:55)

- (11:00) – Mayor Gove gave an overview of the steps which led up to seeking a 1/12 budget.
- (19:35) – Committee members discussed the inclusion of the retired AMS assistant principal salary in the 1/12 budget. Joan Liporto gave an overview of the two July 1/12 budgets she had prepared.
- (25:25) – The committee discussed the paying of dues, annual renewals, and budgeting for Extended School Year (ESY).
- (31:55) – The committee discussed the additional programs proposed in the FY 21 budget, as well as, potential additional costs associated with the COVID-19 shutdowns.
- (41:17) – The committee discussed the position of the .5 adjustment councilor at AMS.
- (50:12) – The committee discussed the budget process and the action dates for decisions going forward. Then, Dr. Catarius stated that her special education priorities within the budget are the AMS adjustment councilor and language-based classroom.

- (55:15) – The committee continued a general discussion on the 1/12 budget process and made a decision to wait for further information before making a decision.

Adjournment – (1:00:17) – Mr. Hoyt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bucher. Roll call vote: Yes, unanimous.