

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 3,  
2020**

Present at 6 p.m. were Mel Webster, Chair; Mayor Gove, Maryann Welch, Kate Currie, Joan Liporto, Director of Finance and Operations; and Jared Fulgoni, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Webster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Liporto discussed the required budget transfers of \$486,519.06. She explained the majority of this transfer is to cover the settlement of collective bargaining agreements. She further noted that the school department will require a transfer from the city council of approximately \$140,000 to meet the new contract requirements and said as soon as the council approved it the funds would be transferred into the appropriate accounts.

Ms. Liporto also made the committee aware of a nearly \$400,000 special education FY20 deficit related to out-of-district tuitions and transportation. She said the plan is to cover the deficit with school choice funds. She also added that the school department had expected a \$50,000 payment this year from the city's recreation department for use of school facilities, but added she is not sure we will get that money. Mayor Gove said she would look into the issue.

Ms. Liporto then presented the district's updated capital requests, which totaled approximately \$5 million. There was brief discussion on the requests and it was agreed that the school committee should submit one coordinated list of capital requests to the mayor/city council.

Finally, the committee discussed the Fiscal 21 budget process. Ms. Liporto said she planned to have a level services budget available for the Feb. 24 budget meeting. She said she still needs next year's numbers for health insurance and transportation before the budget can be delivered.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Currie and a second by Ms. DeBeer. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.