

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
April 27, 2020**

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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.**

***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. Executive Session (3:20)**

*Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30 A, section 21 (a) (3) for the purpose of discussing strategy as it relates to negotiations with the Amesbury Federation of Teachers, Teachers and Nurses Unit and Paraprofessional and Tutors Unit, as an open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Amesbury School Committee, as declared by the Chair.*

*Mr. Hoyt made a motion for the committee to enter executive session, and reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the executive session, seconded by Ms. Welch. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

**II. Ratification of Memorandums of Agreement (50:30)**

No action was taken

**III. COVID-19 Update (50:40)**

1. Savings – Superintendent Fulgoni gave an update to the committee on savings realized due to the shutdown. Joan Liporto will provide the committee with a breakdown. Dr. Catarius discussed Special Education costs.
2. Expenses - Superintendent Fulgoni discussed ongoing expenses during the shutdown as part of his update on item #1 (savings).
3. Remote Learning - School principals joined the committee to give an overview of what daily remote learning looks like in their schools during the school shutdown. Ms. Jacques shared district focus on data, scheduling, and technology.

4. Special Ed – Dr. Catarius gave an update to the committee on the ongoing Special Education operations during the school closure.
5. Communication – Superintendent Fulgoni and school administrative staff provided updates to the committee on ongoing correspondences that are being shared with Amesbury Public School families.
6. Summer & Fall Planning – Superintendent Fulgoni stated there were still many moving parts concerning summer and fall learning. Principal McAndrews addressed the topic in relation to an in person graduation ceremony.

**IV. FY20/FY21 Budget Updates (Part 2, 7:45)**

Mayor Gove provided an update to the committee on steps the city was taking due to revenue shortfalls as a result of COVID-19 shutdowns.

**V. Adjournment (14:00)**

*Mr. Webster moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.*