

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL
August 19, 2019**

Present at 7:00 p.m. were Mayor Gray, Chair; Deb LaValley, Peter Hoyt, Rob Chamberlain, Tim Kisieleski, Robert Lavoie, Joe Mroszczyk, Joan Liporto, and Jared Fulgoni, Superintendent of Schools.

Amesbury Public Schools Mission Statement

The Amesbury School District is unconditionally committed to every child, ensuring that all students experience success through the development of attitudes and skills necessary for lifelong learning by providing the highest quality staff, meaningful learning experiences, and a vitally involved community.

This meeting will be broadcast live on ACTV and will also be recorded.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Mr. Lavoie led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement aloud.

Mayor Gray motioned to go into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Gray – yes
Ms. LaValley – yes
Mr. Hoyt – yes
Mr. Chamberlain – yes
Mr. Kisieleski – yes
Mr. Lavoie – yes
Mr. Mroszczyk – yes

Mayor Gray motioned to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy session in preparation for collective bargaining with AFT AMESBURY, LOCAL 1033 (TEACHERS/NURSES), AFT AMESBURY, LOCAL 1033 Paraprofessionals and Tutors, and AFT AMESBURY LOCAL 1033, AFT MASSACHUSETTS, AFL-CIO FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE UNIT as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee, as declared by the chair.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Gray – yes
Ms. LaValley – yes
Mr. Hoyt – yes
Mr. Chamberlain – yes

Mr. Kisielewski – yes
 Mr. Lavoie – yes
 Mr. Mroszczyk – yes

Mayor Gray motioned to go into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(7), to comply with or act under authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, specifically M.G.L. c.30A, §22(f) and (g) with regard to the review, approval, and/or consideration for non-disclosure of executive session minutes from June 3, 2019, and/or related appointment of one or more designees, and pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1), to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Gray – yes
 Ms. LaValley – yes
 Mr. Hoyt – yes
 Mr. Chamberlain – yes
 Mr. Kisielewski – yes
 Mr. Lavoie – yes
 Mr. Mroszczyk – yes

Entered Executive sessions at 6:48 pm. Regular meeting will resume following Executive Sessions.

Meeting resumed at 7:27 pm.

II. Comments by Visitors and Delegations

One community member shared comments on the bus charges. Another community member encouraged the committee to review their policies that relate to financial literacy instruction training for students.

Comments were closed at 7:30 pm.

III. Presentations and Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Fulgoni shared that the Amesbury Public Schools leadership team had met for a retreat to plan opening day professional development.

He also recognized and thanked the three Amesbury High School students that were in Conway tubing on the Saco and rescued a man that was having a medical issue. Their assistance kept him from drowning. Mayor Gray will be recognizing the students at City Hall on Thursday, August 22, 2019.

The Superintendent also shared an update on the Amesbury Middle School Turnaround plan. The plan was submitted to DESE, who praised the plan and the team that was put together.

Superintendent Fulgoni indicated that we had closed out the year in good financial shape with a zero balance. He thanked Joan, the Mayor and appreciated the support of the School Committee and City Council.

IV. Communications

A. Other

Mr. Hoyt shared that that he had attended the meet and greet with Shannon Nolan, the new principal of AES. He talked about how exciting it was for her father to be there and to have the opportunity to see and take photos with the Stanley Cup.

Ms. LaValley asked that the Superintendent follow up with the representative of SAC to be sure we have someone in attendance at our meetings to provide a report.

IV. Items for Approval or Early Consideration

A. Approval of Minutes: 06/03/2019

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Ms. Chamberlain to approve the minutes dated June 3, 2019. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

B. Approval of Warrants:	06/20/2019	\$923,020.72
	06/27/2019	\$ 1,929.84
	06/30/2019	\$232,583.86
	07/18/2019	\$ 99,234.31
	08/01/2019	\$ 75,532.09
	08/29/2019	\$357,044.63

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain to approve the warrant in the amount of \$923,020.72 dated June 20, 2019. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Lavoie, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain to approve the warrant in the amount of \$1,929.84 dated June 27, 2019. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Lavoie, seconded by Mr. Mroszczyk to approve the warrant in the amount of \$232,583.86 dated June 30, 2019. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley to approve the warrant in the amount of \$99,234.31 dated July 18, 2019. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Mroszczyk to approve the warrant in the amount of \$75,532.09 dated August 1, 2019. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Hoyt to approve the warrant in the amount of \$357,044.63 dated August 29, 2019. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

C. School Committee Resolution for Support of AES Building Project

Mr. Hoyt read a resolution sponsored by Mr. Lavoie and him for the Support of the AES Building Project. He indicated that City Council has recently enacted a similar resolution.

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley to support the resolution supporting the AES Building Project as read. Vote: Yes - 6; No - 1 (Chamberlain) Motion passes.

Mayor Gray asked that a motion be made to re

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Hoyt to appoint Superintendent Fulgoni as the designee pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(7), to comply with or act under authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, specifically M.G.L. c.30A, §22(f) and (g) with regard to the review, approval, and/or consideration for non-disclosure of executive session minutes from June 3, 2019, and/or related appointment of one or more designees, and pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1), to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

The designee will be reviewed and designated annually.

V. Informational Items

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Finance Subcommittee:

This subcommittee has not met but will meet in September.

2. Personnel Subcommittee:

Contract negotiations continue. The Subcommittee has met on two other occasions to review position descriptions and prioritize updating them. The committee received the Director of Facilities position description and the updated Attendance Officer position description. Ms. LaValley asked that they committee approve both. Additionally the subcommittee reviewed the personnel list. There are still a couple open positions we hope to fill within the week.

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Kisieleski to approve the updated position description for the Attendance Officer position. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Kisieleski to approve the new position description for the Director of Facilities position. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

3. Buildings/Grounds Subcommittee:

Mr. Kisieleski has visited several of the school locations and will review/consult on work to be done.

4. Policy Subcommittee:

The subcommittee will meet on August 26 to review a proposed Social Media policy and the Field Trip policy.

5. Curriculum Subcommittee:

The subcommittee has not met. Mr. Hoyt will talk with Mrs. Jacques to schedule a meeting in November.

6. Joint Ed Subcommittee:

The subcommittee will meet on September 19.

B. School Building Committee Report:

Mr. Hoyt shared that the committee met on June 20, 2019. A design update was presented and there was a unanimous vote to make the submission to MSBA. Representatives from the committee will visit MSBA on August 1, 2019 to discuss the scope of the project and the budget/project transition. The final vote to approve at MSBA will be August 28, 2019. The final Community Forum will be held in September.

VII. Future Meetings/Agenda Items

The next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting will be held on September 9, 2019. Subcommittees and other meetings will be held on the following dates:

1. Personnel Subcommittee Executive Session/contract negotiations – September 24, 2019
2. AES School Building Committee – either August 29, 2019 or September 5, 2019
3. Policy Subcommittee – August 26, 2019 at 4:00 pm
4. Curriculum Subcommittee - TBD
5. Buildings/Ground Subcommittee – TBD
6. Joint Ed Subcommittee – September 19, 2019

Mr. Hoyt noted that at the next School Committee meeting we would review and approve the school handbooks and this should be an annual agenda item. Mr. Hoyt will ask the principals to submit any noteworthy changes to Robin Heiser.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Mroszczyk to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Kenneth C. Gray, Chair