

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**FY26 Budget – Public Hearing**

**March 10, 2025**

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair, Maryann Welch, Kurt Mansperger, Abigail Jurist Levy, Greg Noyes, Brock Omohundro, Kate Slater, and Elizabeth McAndrews.

A video recording of the public hearing can be viewed here: <https://imd0mxanj2.execute-api.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ssr/watch/67d3049a0619170008b2be96>

- I. Public Hearing – Mayor Gove called the public hearing to order at 6:04pm and gave an overview of the budget process and purpose of the hearing. The following individuals spoke:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Comment Summary</b>
Elizabeth Peterson	Employee	In favor of CES Interventionist position
Abby Murpy	Employee	In favor of world language programs
Courtney Connell-Lovett	Employee	In Support of CES interventionist
Kaitlyn Johnson	Employee	In favor of maintaining programing at APS
Matt Lipsom	Parent/SEPAC	Keep AIHS at current location
Maria K.	AHS Jr	In favor of world language programs
Hillary Frase	Parent/SEPAC	Fund AIHS for 1 year at current location
Bailey Kimball	AHS Student	In favor of world language programs
Robert Frase	Parent	In favor of maintaining AIHS as is
Marie	AHS Student	In favor of world language programs at AMS
Cindy Collins	Parent	Opposed to changes to AIHS
Lisa Estabrook	Employee	Opposed to cuts to AHS Librarian
James	Student	Opposed to Arts, Librarian, and bussing cuts
Emily Little	Employee	In favor of maintaining AHS Librarian
M. Pena	Student	In favor of world language and clubs at AMS
Sarah Tessatori	Employee	Opposed to proposed budget cuts
Alex Chrisam	Employee	Opposed to proposed secretary cuts
Ryan Rodriquez	Parent	Opposed to moving AIHS

Carol Consentino	Student	Opposed to art cuts at AHS
Lindsay Pappas	Parent	Opposed to moving AIHS
C. Costigan	Student	In favor of keeping PE at AHS
Lauren Snay	Employee	Spoke in favor of Paras.
Jennifer H	Employee	Opposed to cutting math specialist at Shay
Cindy Yetman	Resident/Union President	Spoke in favor of a level services budget
Luke Alley	Employee	Spoke against cuts to PE & cuts at APS
N. Sweeney	Student	Against cuts at AHS & AMS
B. Ducrough	Student	Opposed to moving AIHS
Leblanc	Student	Opposed to cuts at AHS
K. Pickard	Student	Opposed to AIHS move to AHS
Connor Olsen	Student	Opposed to budget cuts
Spencer Gafner	Student	Opposed to moving AIHS
Dan Swanson	Employee	Opposed to moving AIHS
Katherine Pena	Parent/AIHS Volunteer	Support of level services budget
Kristen Tierney	Employee	Opposed to cuts
Leah Pena	Student	Opposed to cuts to Arts, librarian, and bussing
Jasmine Brown	AIHS Grad	Opposed to moving AIHS
Deb O'Malley	AIHS Grad	Opposed to moving AIHS
Jason Spinney	APS Grad	Opposed to moving AIHS
Bethany Noseworthy	Employee	Opposed to moving AIHS
D. Muskie	ACTV Board of Directors	Opposed to cutting AHS AV Position
Evan Melanson	Employee	Support of level services budget
Joan Miller	Resident/AEFI Board Member	Spoke in favor of keeping the AHS AV Position
John Keezer	Employee	Spoke in opposition to moving AIHS
Ethan S	Student	Opposed to moving AIHS
Mary Mitchell	Employee	Opposed to cutting teachers, cuts at AMS
Ann Scari	Parent	Opposed to moving AIHS
Michelle Leblanc	Parent	Opposed to budget cuts
Sue Saurman	Employee	Opposed to budget cuts
Leeks, McNeill, Akeem, Alves	Students	Opposed to cutting AMS gym teacher
Andrew Martino	Student	Opposed to cuts to the AHS librarian

Dianna Martin	Parent	Opposed to moving AIHS
Symia Clark	Library Volunteer	Opposed to cutting AHS Library position
Kelsey Gillis	Student	Opposed to cuts to AMS clubs
Noah Teboh	Student	Opposed to cutting AHS Library position
Collen Spurr	Student	Opposed to AMS cuts, opposed to cutting librarian, opposed to moving AIHS
Katie Staunton	Whittier Ed Association	Opposed to cuts, supports voting on an override
Jason McDonald	Parent	Opposed to moving AIHS
Calvin Unger	Student	Opposed to budget cuts like Chromebooks, bussing, PE teacher
Breanna McGee	Former AIHS Student	Opposed to moving AIHS
7th Grader	24 Oak Cir	Opposed to moving AIHS
S. Lacasse		Opposed to moving AIHS
Stan Swartz	Resident	Opposed to cuts
Mo O'Mullane	Employee	Opposed to cuts at AMS
Jenn Marr	Parent/Resident	Opposed to cuts at APS
E. Lee	Student	Opposed to cuts to the Arts, Library, and to moving AIHS
Eliza Fronkie	Student	Opposed to cuts, especially bussing and librarian.
Sarah Richmond	Parent	Opposed to moving AIHS
Pia Fronkie	Parent/Staff Member	Opposed to cuts
Jerico Pena	Parent	Opposed to cuts, supports investing in the schools
Zac Rinaldi	Employee	Opposed to cuts, wants to cut administrative positions.
Chris Hunt	Parent	Opposed to moving AIHS. Opposed to budget cuts.
Britney Pratt	Employee	Opposed to cuts
Julianna Reader	Former AIHS Student/Employee	Opposed to moving AIHS
McGonigal	Employee	Opposed to cuts
Nancy Evans	Parent	In favor of keeping AIHS where it is
Kristien Way	Parent	Opposed to moving AIHS
Miranda Pollard	AIHS Grad	Opposed to moving AIHS
Barbara Leary	Employee	Supports a level services budget
Hillary Noery	Parent	Opposed to moving AIHS
Jim Sweeney	Parent	Opposed to budget cuts
Johanna Kimball	Employee	Supports a level services budget

Addison Snow	Student/SAC Rep	Opposed to cuts at AHS. Opposed to moving AIHS.
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Submitted comments (attached) were then read into the record.

*Dr. Slater moved to adjourn the hearing, seconded by Mr. Omohundro. Approved unanimously.*

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