

**AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2026**

Present were:

- Joe DiMartino
- Woon Chul Fisher
- James Hindman
- Craig McPherson
- Tim Osgood
- Dr. Danielle Ricci

Minutes taken by Michelle Martens, Principal's Secretary.

- I. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - Yes, unanimous.
- II. Updates
 - Drama Club is back and the play will take place in April.
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences happened last week - turnout could be improved but the parents that did come found it beneficial.
 - Course Registration opens on February 2nd and is currently in progress. Course load will look similar next year but are thinking through who is teaching what due to retirements, etc.
 - Superintendent Search Update - 4 finalists selected, additional information [available on the website](#)
 - AIHS could potentially come to our building to save funding - currently in an exploratory phase with AHS/AMS and trying to be proactive
- III. Competency Determination / Recommended MA Grad Requirements
 - MCAS is no longer a graduation requirement, so we have laid out our local competency determinations to decide what is required for graduation from AHS
 - MA grad recommendations came out and there is concern about ability to provide enough staffing to offer enough credits. That will be voted on in June 2026 to go into effect for 2027-2028 school year.
- IV. Review School Improvement Plan
 - Ricci: talked through draft SIP to give an overview and provide some additional details
 - VoG committee/group is still happening and will be planned for Spring
 - Fisher: should use PACT to achieve the Student Engagement goal
 - Osgood: Could we replace Student Engagement with Student/Learner Agency
 - Ricci will plan to connect with students to show them this document
- V. Budget
 - Conversation happening at the School Committee on Monday January 26 about budget and funding level
 - Will reconvene to discuss specifics with the council when a more concrete number is determined, but cuts are highly likely
- VI. Future Agenda Items