

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

**October 6, 2025**

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Present were Mayor Gove, Maryann Welch, Abigail Jurist Levy, Greg Noyes, Brock Omohundro, and Superintendent McAndrews.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://imd0mxanj2.execute-api.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ssr/watch/68e7cb7be62d80000227352a>

- I. Call to Order/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Welch read the mission statement and led the committee in the pledge.
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations– No Comments
- III. Field Trip Approval – Mr. & Mrs. Costello shared a summary of the proposed trip to Boston in the Spring. The trip is very similar to last year’s trip. The committee discussed the trip itinerary as well as cost, participation, and fundraising.  
*Mr. Noyes moved to approve the trip, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: 4 Yes, 1 abstention (Omohundro). Passes.*
- IV. Communications & Reports (12:55)
  - a. Superintendent McAndrews shared a brief report submitted by Ms. Snow. The report stated that SAC would be holding a bake sale that coming weekend.
  - b. Ms. Lowell shared an update with the committee on the new system for admissions based on guidance from the state. The committee discussed the new admissions policy at Whittier Tech and how it may affect prospective Amesbury students.
  - c. SEPAC Report – None
  - d. Mr. David DeRuosi, Executive Director of the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) reviewed the planned search process with the committee including timelines and the need to appoint a liaison.
  - e. FY26 Entitlement Funding Overview Presentation – Chris Heath, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Equity, and Martha Robinson, Director of Student Services jointly gave a presentation on entitlement funding received by the district including the amount received and how it was being spent. Funds covered included:
    - Title I, Part A (FC 0305): This federal program provides funding to local school districts to improve the academic achievement of disadvantaged students.
    - Title II, Part A (FC 140): This program provides supplemental resources to school districts to improve high-quality systems of support for excellent teaching and learning.
    - Title III, Part A (FC 180): This program is dedicated to helping English learners (ELs), immigrant children, and youth attain English proficiency and develop high levels of academic achievement.
    - Title IV, Part A (FC 309): This grant provides districts with funds to build capacity and ensure that all students have access to a high-quality educational experience.
    - IDEA (FC 0240): This federal act is intended to serve school-aged children ages 3-22 who are eligible students with disabilities (SWD).

- IDEA/ECSE (FC 0262): This federal act is intended to serve school-aged children ages 3-22 who are eligible students with disabilities (SWD) and focuses on improving high-quality instruction for children ages 3-5.

*Mr. Omohundro moved to suspend policy BDD, second by Ms. Welch. 4 Yes, 1 No (Gove). Passes.*

V. New Business (1:59:30)

1. Acceptance of Green Communities Grant – Ms. Liporto shared a summary of the grant. The district has used it in the past to replace lighting and this year would be looking to replace the HVAC control system at the middle school.

*Mr. Omohundro moved to accept the grant, second by Ms. Welch. Approved unanimously.*

Under Requests for Committee Mr. Noyes asked that a discussion on the proposed override be put on a future agenda and Ms. Welch shared the date of an upcoming joint ed meeting.

VI. Consent Agenda (2:07:31)

- a. *Ms. Welch moved to approve minutes from June 16 and Aug 4. Second by Dr. Jurist Levy and approved unanimously.*
- b. *Ms. Welch moved to approve the following warrants: Aug 21 \$560,845.00, Aug 22 \$590,451.30, Sept 5 \$616,468.53, Sept 18 \$570,653.45, Sept 19 \$704,094.43, Oct 2 \$384,680.47. Seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy and approved unanimously.*

*Ms. Welch moved to adjourn, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.*