

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2025

Present were Maryann Welch, Greg Noyes, Brock Omohundro, Abigail Jurist Levy, and Elizabeth McAndrews.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://imd0mxanj2.execute-api.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ssr/watch/690ccee4a9f6c2000290821b>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:10)
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (2:20)
 - Evan Melanson, AIHS Principal, spoke about the recent displacement of the school due to safety concerns in the building.
- III. Communications & Reports (4:05)
 - A. Educational Leadership
 1. Superintendent McAndrews provided updates on staffing, AI in the School, and Override impacts on the schools. The committee discussed the use of AI in schools and how and where it would be used.
 2. Quarter 1 budget report – Joan Liporto shared a Q1 report with the committee highlighting areas of concern relating to special education costs, baseball field improvements, and health of revolving accounts. The committee discussed the possibility of students joining AIHS mid-year.
 - B. Student Advisory Council – Ms. Snow shared that the SAC had recently held a bake sale and Halloween themed party for younger students. Ms. Snow also spoke about SACs ongoing work to change meal options in the cafeteria.
 - C. Whittier Tech Report – Ms. Coppinger shared updates on the change to the enrollment lottery, highlights from the recent Hall of Fame inductions, and updates on the ongoing building project.
 - D. SEPAC Report – Ms. Fraise and Mr. Lipson shared an update on the last month of activity by SEPAC. At their October meeting they filled two leadership roles on the board including treasurer and secretary. Updates from continuing parent support group and district leadership meetings were also shared.
 - E. Dr. Jurist Levy and Mr. Omohundro shared updates on the ongoing superintendent search including upcoming community engagement opportunities and rationale for choosing a hiring range for the job.
 - F. Subcommittees
 1. Finance & Facilities – Ms. Welch shared updates from the subcommittee meeting including reviewing proposed transfers, and facilities updates including AMS auditorium and baseball field progress. The committee also discussed the AIHS lease in light of the recent issues in that building.

2. Curriculum & Inclusion – The next meeting of the subcommittee would be focused on identifying the next round of Spotlight Award recipients.
 3. Policy & Personnel – Mr. Omohundro shared updates on behalf of the subcommittee including work on proposed policies that were before the committee for consideration.
 4. Long Range Planning – Dr. Jurist Levy noted there were no new updates since her last report. Superintendent McAndrews shared a few updates on ongoing discussions with Georgetown over regionalization. The committee discussed the regionalization process and what next steps would be.
 5. Joint Ed – Ms. Welch shared an update on the most recent meeting including discussions on capital, revolving accounts, and the FY27 budget.
- G. Requests of Committee
- Dr. Jurist Levy thanked all those involved with moving AIHS to AMS.
 - Ms. Welch shared that a school committee calendar would be shared at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Omohundro moved to suspend policy BDD, seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.

IV. New Business (1:51:37)

1. Approval of Policies

- KBBA – Non-Custodial Parents Rights: Superintendent McAndrews shared the rationale for the new policy. It was reviewed by the district’s new student services attorney. Mr. Omohundro noted the policy subcommittee recommended it for immediate approval.

Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve the policy, seconded by Mr. Omohundro. Approved unanimously.

- JRA – Retention of Student Records: Superintendent McAndrews shared that the policy concerns the definition of a student record and the retention timeline. The committee noted a few grammatical changes and discussed the differences between a directory and a record.

Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve the policy as amended, seconded by Mr. Noyes. Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of School Committee/District Goals – Ms. Welch noted a recent draft of goals had been submitted after working with the NESDEC consultant. The committee discussed the way the success of the goals would be measured.

Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve the district goals, seconded by Mr. Omohundro . Vote: 3 yes, 1 No (Noyes). Passes.

Mr. Omohundro moved to approve the school committee goals, seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy. Mr. Noyes shared that he was concerned there was no way to measure successes. Vote: 3 Yes, 1 Abstention (Noyes). Passes.

V. Consent Agenda (2:0:40)

1. *Mr. Noyes moved to approve the following minutes: Aug 18, Sept 8. Seconded by Mr. Omohundro and approved unanimously.*

2. *Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve the following warrants: Oct 3: \$650,712.38, Oct 23: \$629,991.98, Oct 30: \$170,178.73. Seconded by Mr. Omohundro and approved unanimously.*

Dr. Jurist Levy moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Noyes. Approved unanimously.

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