AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2026

Present were Mayor Gove, Abigail Jurist Levy, Greg Noyes, Ian Gillis, and Brock Omohundro

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: https://imd0mxanj2.execute-api.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ssr/watch/69d922084e77830002cb4f14

I. Call to Order/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance – Dr. Jurist Levy read the mission statement and led the committee in the pledge.

II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (1:30) – No Comments

III. Appointment of an Amesbury Representative to the Whittier Tech School Committee – 3 Year Term – Candidates for the position were Amy Deacon, Sandi Coppinger, and David Briley. Each candidate received an opportunity to introduce themselves and answered questions posed by the committee members.
All 3 candidates were nominated, the nominations were seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy.
Vote: Deacon 1 (Gillis), Coppinger 3 (Noyes, Jurist Levy, Omohundro), Briley 1 (Gove). Coppinger is appointed.

IV. Communications & Reports (41:15)

A. Superintendent's Report – Superintendent McAndrews provided an update on four topics including staffing, special education, the AHS diamond field, and bus arm cameras. The committee discussed the superintendent's report including posing questions on diamond field construction timelines. Dir. of Student Services Martha Robinson was also recognized by the committee to answer questions on special education indicators.

B. Student Advisory Council – None

C. SEPAC Report – None

D. Subcommittees

1. Finance & Facilities – Mr. Omohundro summarized the budget work the subcommittee had done and thanked those involved, including members of the public.
2. Curriculum, Inclusion, & Community Engagement – There have been no recent meetings, however there is a meeting being planned for later in April.
3. Policy, Personnel, & Strategy – Dr. Jurist Levy noted there has not been a recent meeting due to the now concluded superintendent search. The committee briefly discussed some important upcoming policy work dealing with restraint.
4. Joint Education - Dr. Jurist Levy summarized the most recent meeting of the committee which focused on budget items.
Mr. Omohundro moved to suspend policy BDD, second by Mr. Gillis. Approved unanimously.

E. Requests of Committee

- Mr. Noyes asked about scheduling the annual joint meeting with SAC.

V. New Business (1:51:10)
1. Approval of Cleaning Contract
   Mr. Noyes moved to approve the cleaning contract, second by Mr. Gillis. Approved unanimously.
2. Vote on Last Day of School – Superintendent McAndrews noted the last day of school will be June 22, 2026
   Mr. Noyes moved to accept June 22, 2026 as the last day of school, seconded by Mr. Omohundro. Approved unanimously.

VI. Consent Agenda (1:53:58)
1. *Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve the following warrants: Mar 26 $45,209.37, Apr 4 $317,059.79. Seconded by Mr. Gillis and approved unanimously.*
2. *Mr. Noyes moved to accept a gift of $500 from Eagle Creek RE Management, LLC to AIHS. Seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy and approved unanimously.*

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