

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2026

Present were Mayor Kassandra Gove, Ian Gillis, Chris Hunt, Deb Manseau, Greg Noyes, Brock Omohundro, Addison Snow

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here:

<https://cloud.castus.tv/vod/amesbury/video/69fe13ed9accf90002041977?page=HOME>

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

II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (1:25) - *No Comments*

III. Recognitions: Superintendent & Principal Awards (3:25)

- Superintendent McAndrews presented Class of 2026 Valedictorian Haley Jezowski with the Superintendent's Award
- High School Principal Dr. Ricci presented Class of 2026 Salutatorian Noah Blouin with the Principal's Award

IV. Joint Meeting: Student Advisory Council (10:40)

- A. The Student Advisory Council (SAC) hosted their meeting within the School Committee meeting. They shared their purpose/goals and highlights and opened the floor to questions. Mr. Noyes asked for clarification regarding what schools received the menstrual products mentioned by the council. He also requested that school committee members be invited to conversations with administration about AI. Mayor Gove asked for an update on their previous goal to improve lunch logistics and mentioned the production of hard waste and suggested they partner to discuss changes. Mr. Omohundro asked what is one item they would have tackled if they had more capacity. Mr. Hunt asked what is working well and what they all love about the school system, giving each student an opportunity to share.

V. Communications & Reports (26:35)

A. Educational Leadership

1. Superintendent's Report

Elizabeth McAndrews

- Staffing Update - Shared a list of open positions and the status of hiring.

- Shay Principal Hiring Update - Announced the three finalists for the principalship. Next steps include site visits, an additional interview, and a community forum. Next steps will then be decided. Mr. Noyes asked if the athletic director will continue to be a dual position.
- Superintendent McAndrews shared an update about the regionalization feasibility study with Georgetown.

2. NEASC Update

Danielle Ricci

- Dr. Ricci and Timothy Osgood (HS Social Studies Teacher) announced that NEASC has confirmed our reaccreditation and shared some of the findings from the report. Mr. Omohundro asked if we are using the vision of the graduate to promote the school. Mr. Noyes asked how to reconcile the use of AI with the negative impacts shown by studies.

B. Whittier Tech Representative(s) Report - No representative attended.

C. SEPAC Report - Co-Chairs provided an update about recent activities, including family workshops, a fundraiser, and upcoming elections for their board positions. They have been meeting with administration about the time out policy. Mr. Noyes asked for a list of districts who have moved ahead on their time out policy.

D. Subcommittees

1. Finance & Facilities - Mr. Omohundro shared that they are aiming to have their next meeting in the 3rd week of May.
2. Policy, Personnel, & Strategy - Mr. Omohundro shared that their next meeting is tomorrow and will be focusing on the time out policy.
3. Teaching, Learning, & Community Engagement - Mr. Omohundro shared that their next meeting is tomorrow and will be focusing on the spotlight award and how to improve community engagement.
4. Joint Education - Mr. Omohundro shared that they have not met since the last meeting on June 17.

VI. New Business (1:10:52)

1. Subcommittee Appointments

a. Mayor Gove read the slate of appointments as follows:

- Finance & Facilities
 - Chair: Brock Omohundro
 - Members: Greg Noyes and Chris Hunt
- Policy, Personnel, & Strategy
 - Chair: Abigail Jurist Levy
 - Members: Greg Noyes and Deb Manseau
- Teaching, Learning, & Community Engagement
 - Chair: Brock Omohundro
 - Members: Deb Manseau and Ian Gillis

- Joint Education
 - Co-Chair: Abigail Jurist Levy
 - Representatives: Ian Gillis and Brock Omohundro
- Bargaining Team: Deb Manseau and Abigail Jurist Levy
- Government Liaisons: Abigail Jurist Levy and Chris Hunt
- Handbook Liaison: Deb Manseau

Mr. Noyes motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gillis. Passed unanimously.

VII. Consent Agenda (1:12:52)

- A. *Greg motioned to approve the following minutes: Jan 5 & Jan 26; seconded by Mr. Gillis, Vote: 4 Yes, 2 Abstention (Hunt and Manseau)*
- B. *Mr. Noyes motioned to approve the following warrants: Mar 20 \$699,534.97, April 3 \$671,970.32, April 16 \$602,580.34, April 30 \$275,086.56; seconded by Mr. Gillis, Vote: Yes (unanimous)*

Mr. Gillis moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Omohundro. Passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the School Committee will be held on Monday May 18, 2026.