

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 1, 2010**

Present at 7:00 p.m. were Debra LaValley Bibeau, Stanley Schwartz, Bonnie Schultz, Gale Hanshaw, Ann Connolly King, David Jack, Superintendent of Schools and Courtney Ouellet, SAC Representative. (*Absent: Thatcher Kezer, Tom McGee*)

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bonnie Schultz.

II. PRESENTATIONS

1. School Improvement Plan – Cashman Elementary School

Ms. Charette, CES Principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding his school's improvement plan followed by a question and answer period.

2. School Improvement Plan – Amesbury High School

Mr. Murray, AHS Principal, also gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding his school's improvement plan. This presentation was followed by a question and answer period with the school committee.

III. COMMENTS BY VISITORS, DELEGATIONS

None.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Bergeron distributed a new budget format to the full committee. The first page will be done by cost center as an executive summary. He told the committee that he is looking for feedback on this new format. Ms. LaValley Bibeau stated that getting feedback from groups outside of the school committee was discussed at the budget/finance subcommittee meeting prior to this meeting. Municipal Councilors, school councils, etc. will be asked for input.

B. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent attended the induction of 30 students into the Math Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta. The inductees were:

Kirsten Antonsen	Zachary Martin	Harrison Burnham
Erica Marx	Charles Colfer	Jessica McFadden
Mariah Collins	Phillip Morrison	Andrew Conant
Keith Murray	Nadia Dodge	Kathryn O'Neill
Samantha Fortin	Alison Pelletier	Jason Grissino
Lauren Randall	Zachary Hill	Daniel Sanderson
Ryan Jepson	Hannah Schalck	Samuel Kelcourse
Sara Stuart	Noah Klingerman	Alexander Tamburello
Meagan LaMontagne	Lillian Terzis	Jesse Lannon
Karyssa Youngs	Jonathan Larnard	Deryn Zahoruiko

The superintendent attended a bicycle safety event held at the Cashman School parking lot. Officer Hanshaw works with Rotary as well as other departments of the City including fire, police, emergency management, etc. New bicycle helmets were given out to those who needed them. In addition, Salter Transportation personnel were present to help our younger students.

Superintendent's Goals 2010-2011

Mr. Jack introduced his goals for 2010-2011 at the last school committee meeting so that the committee had time to formulate any questions prior to their approval of the goals.

Motion by Bonnie Schultz, seconded by Ann Connolly King to take business item #3 Superintendent's Goals 2010-2011, out of order. Unanimous, Yes.

The superintendent reminded the committee that he included the committee's goals with his own goals and added the mission statement as well. He read the final document aloud. Ms. LaValley Bibeau commended the superintendent for talking about fostering a positive school learning climate. Mr. Schwartz was also appreciative of the superintendent's striving to make the budget process transparent.

Motion by Bonnie Schultz, seconded by Stanley Schwartz to accept the superintendent's 2010-2011 goals as presented. Unanimous, Yes.

Courtney Ouellet, Student Representative, left the meeting at this time.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OR EARLY CONSIDERATION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bonnie Schultz, seconded by Gale Hanshaw to approve the school committee minutes dated October 19, 2010. Unanimous, Yes.

B. BUSINESS

1. 2nd Reading Policy AD Philosophy

Motion by Stanley Schwartz, seconded by Bonnie Schultz to eliminate Policy AD Philosophy. Unanimous, Yes.

2nd Reading Policy ADA School Committee Mission Statement & Goals

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Bonnie Schultz to approve Policy ADA as proposed. Unanimous, Yes.

2nd Reading Policy BCB School Committee Officers

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Stanley Schwartz to approve Policy BCB as proposed. Unanimous, Yes.

2nd Reading Policy BDDG Minutes

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Ann Connolly King to approve Policy BDDG as proposed. Unanimous, Yes.

2nd Reading Policy BDDI School Committee Meetings: Vote By Stud. Representative

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Stanley Schwartz to eliminate Policy BDDI as proposed. Unanimous, Yes.

2nd Reading Policy BDE Special procedures for Conducting Meetings

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Ann Connolly King to approve Policy BDE as proposed. Unanimous, Yes.

2nd Reading Policy BEC Executive Session

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Bonnie Schultz to approve Policy BEC as proposed. Unanimous, Yes.

2nd Reading Policy BEDB Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

Motion by Stanley Schwartz, seconded by Bonnie Schultz to approve Policy BEDB as amended in discussion. Unanimous, Yes.

2nd Reading Policy BHE Use of Electronic Messaging by S.C. Members

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Bonnie Schultz to approve Policy BHE as amended in discussion. Unanimous, Yes.

2nd Reading Policy BHEW Guidelines Web Page Content

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Bonnie Schultz to approve Policy BHEW as proposed. Unanimous, Yes.

2. Acceptance of Donation for Windrush Farms Program

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Stanley Schwartz to accept the generous gift from the Newburyport Bank for the Windrush Farms Program. Unanimous, Yes.

Ms. Connolly King wanted to give recognition to Sandy Stanton, physical therapist, who works with our students at Windrush Farms with this amazing program. Ms. Stanton will be invited to the next school committee meeting so that the committee can express their thanks. Another retiree, Nancy Bonin, will be invited to be acknowledged for all the work she has done with students who are learning English as a second language.

C. **WARRANT**

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Stanley Schwartz to approve the warrant dated November 4, 2010 in the amount of \$222,721.09. Unanimous, Yes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. **Subcommittee Reports**

1. **Budget/Finance Subcommittee**

Ms. LaValley Bibeau stated that this subcommittee met prior to the full committee meeting. Mr. Bergeron had reported out on some of the items discussed at the subcommittee meeting. The lighting retrofit program will be starting soon with National Grid and Guardian. The subcommittee officially accepted the AEFI \$10,000 grant.

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Stanley Schwartz to accept the grant of \$10,000 from the Amesbury Educational Foundation (AEFI) for the “Foundations for Fitness” program at the Amesbury Elementary School. Unanimous, Yes.

2. **Policy Subcommittee**

This subcommittee will meet on Thursday, December 2nd in the superintendent’s office.

3. **Personnel Subcommittee**

Mr. Schwartz stated that the subcommittee will meet prior to the November 16th school committee meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Student Advisory Council**

Ms. Ouellet had left the meeting previously to participate in the lip sync contest.

- Ms. LaValley Bibeau thanked all of those who participated in the AEFI event held at the Ale House. It was very well attended and a wonderful evening.
- The MASC/MASS Joint Conference takes place this week in Hyannis.
- Discussion regarding the school committee meeting with the Academy’s board of directors that is on future agenda items. Mr. Jack will check on how they are doing with the move and if a different date and time would work better for the board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Report on ESL Students
2. Adult Ed. Enrichment Program Proposal – Maggie Furlong (12/7/10)
3. Date for Goals Review (2/15/11)
4. Follow-up Meeting with Amesbury Academy (12/7/10)
5. Student Advisory Council Attendance at S.C. Meeting (11/16/10)
6. MIAA League Changes/Concussions, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Under MGL Chapter 39, s23B the chair stated that the committee needed to enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining. She stated that the committee will adjourn from executive session and will not come back into public session.

ROLL CALL VOTE AT 7:35 P.M.: CONNOLLY KING, YES; HANSHAW, YES; SCHULTZ, YES; SCHWARTZ, YES; LAVALLEY BIBEAU, YES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom McGee, Secretary

Amesbury Public Schools Mission Statement

The Amesbury School District is unconditionally committed to every child, ensuring that all students experience success through the development of attitudes and skills necessary for lifelong learning by providing the highest quality staff, meaningful learning experiences, and a vitally involved community.