

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AMESBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

Present at 7:00 p.m. were Thatcher Kezer, Chair, Stanley Schwartz, Bonnie Schultz, Gale Hanshaw, Tom McGee, Charles Chaurette, Superintendent of Schools and Mike Bruno, SAC Representative.

The Chair called the meeting to order. Tom McGee led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair also congratulated Tom and the AHS Building Committee on Sunday's open house at the high school.

2. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Superintendent's Award**
Dr. Chaurette introduced Aislyn Schalck, Superintendent's Award recipient, and read her resume aloud. Ms. Schalck is the top academic student in the senior class.
2. **Principal's Award**
Mr. Murray, AHS Principal, introduced Jeffrey Larnard, Principal's Award recipient, and read his resume aloud. Mr. Larnard is in second academic place in the AHS senior class.
 - Both award winners were given a \$50 savings bond from the Amesbury Alumni Association.

3. COMMENTS BY VISITORS, DELEGATIONS

None.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Curriculum Director's Report

Ms. Imel gave a summary of the data sent to the DESE regarding Amesbury Public Schools' employees. This data collection, EPIMS, consists many data elements that the DESE wants to make sure that our teachers are teaching the subjects that they are certified in among many other areas.

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jack could not do his presentation because the budget/finance subcommittee was cancelled for lack of a quorum.

C. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Chaurette gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Superintendent's recommended FY'10 budget.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OR EARLY CONSIDERATION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Bonnie Schultz to approve the regular minutes dated January 20, 2009. Unanimous, Yes, Student Rep., Yes.

B. BUSINESS

1. 2nd Reading Policy KF, KF-E, KF-R1 Community Use of School Facilities

Gale Hanshaw gave an overview of the edits to these policies including exhibits and regulations

Motion by Gale Hanshaw, seconded by Bonnie Schultz to approve the changes to Policy KF, KF-E, KF-R1 Community Use of School Facilities and the elimination of current KF-E. Unanimous, Yes, Student Rep., Yes.

2. Conversation with the Superintendent-Elect, David Jack

- School committee members engaged Superintendent-elect, David Jack, in a discussion regarding his vision for the Amesbury Public Schools.

C. WARRANT

Motion by Tom McGee, seconded by Bonnie Schultz, to approve the warrant dated February 12, 2009 in the amount of \$230,737.19. Unanimous, Yes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Budget/Finance Subcommittee

No report.

2. Policy Subcommittee

This subcommittee will meet again on February 4th.

3. Personnel Subcommittee

No report.

4. Student Advisory Council

Mike Bruno stated that the council is working on trying to increase student involvement. They are preparing for a celebration called the Equinox-appaloosa which they hope will get students involved in some fun activities.

5. High School Building Committee

Mr. McGee stated that he thought the AHS Open House went very well. The next meeting is February 24th.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Bonnie Schultz announced that the SPEDPAC would be holding a fundraiser at Flatbread Pizza to raise money for the Adaptive Learning Center to run a ski program at Gunstock.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Proposal for Early Release Days
2. AHS Football Reception
3. Library Media Teachers Presentation
4. FY'10 Budget

At 8:45 p.m. the Chair stated that the committee would need to go into executive session to discuss the new superintendent's contract. The committee will adjourn from executive session.

Roll Call Vote: McGee, Yes; Hanshaw, Yes; Schultz, Yes; Schwartz, Yes; Kezer, Yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom McGee
Secretary