

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL
July 9, 2018**

Present at 7:00 p.m. were Mayor Gray, Chair; Deb LaValley, Peter Hoyt, Rob Chamberlain, Gretchen Marinopoulos, Amy Sherwood, Tim Kisielecki, Joan Liporto, and Jared Fulgoni, Interim Superintendent of Schools.

Absent was Ellie Costello, SAC Representative.

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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and Mrs. Marinopoulos led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement aloud.

Motion by Ms. LaValley seconded by Mr. Hoyt, to take Item # V-B Ratification of Superintendent contract out of order. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

With no further discussion on the contract a motion was made.

*Motion by Mr. Chamberlain seconded by Mrs. Marinopoulos, to approve the contract, as presented, for the Interim Superintendent, Jared Fulgoni, effective July 2, 2018.
Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

II. COMMENTS BY VISITORS, DELEGATIONS

Nick Wheeler, District 4 councilor, spoke about the AES Building Project. Mr. Wheeler stated that City Councilors and Conservation Commissioners have voted (4-1) on the Woodsom Resolution Bill #2018-050, preserving Woodsom Farm as open land.

III. PRESENTATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Presentation by Dinisco Design Partnership

Angel Dinisco presented the committee with a Power Point on the proposed Grade configurations for the AES building project, pointing out the following:

- Different configurations:
 - 5th grade moved to elementary level; PK – 5; PK – 2 AES / 3-5 CES;
- MSBA enrollment numbers are now 930 which is more reasonable than prior numbers
- Went over class sizes in AES and CES with the different configurations
- Went over the surveys that were put out to the public and teachers/staff
- The need for equality in both elementary schools

- Reviewed the time line for the project – not needing an approval from the committee for the grade configurations till August 6, 2018
- Looking at a 2022 opening of new school

Discussion:

- Looking to see the sites for the schools – Angel could not find them on this computer, but will get to the committee
- Need time to read and digest the 2 Proposed Grade Configuration that was presented before voting.
- Need to do another survey before the August 6th vote – the need to get the public educated on the project– get it on the website, Swift 911, Connect-Ed, social media. Possibly offer babysitting services with high school students
- Enrollment numbers – what changed? Took medium numbers and data and represented to MSBA – have the verbal approval, just waiting for the written approval.
- Work on equity – even DART website does not make CES & AES as “like” schools, children need same opportunities and experiences – long standing problem
- Appreciate the work that Dinisco has done
- Scheme 3 or 5 brings the 5th graders to the elementary level – exciting opportunity
- If configuration PK-2/3-5 goes through – Lower grades would be at AES location and upper grades at CES location.
- Advantages to both configurations – need to get the word out and not rush with a decision
- 2015-2016 started this project – end of the day – voters will decide on the money part.

IV. COMMUNICATION

A. Student Advisory Council – Ellie Costello

Ellie was absent – no report

B. Other

None

V. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OR EARLY CONSIDERATION

A. Approval of Minutes: 06/04/18 06/18/18

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mrs. Marinopoulos, to accept the School Committee minutes dated June 4, 2018. Discussion: Mrs. Sherwood corrected her statement regarding the overnight field trip to Disney – take out “does not support” replace with “has concerns with”
Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley, to accept the School Committee minutes dated June 18, 2018. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

B. Ratification of Superintendent Contract

Item voted to move up to beginning of meeting

C. Policy Second Reading – IIB: Class Size Policy

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley, to accept Policy – IIB: Class Size as presented as a second reading. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

D. Budget – FY19

Mr. Chamberlain stated that they met prior to this meeting. Mr. Fulgoni will be meeting with the individual principals to see where their needs are before approving anything on the budget. The one line item that was approved was hiring a Bio-Chemistry Science Teacher for the high school, a state mandated position. The estimated cost to fill this position will be \$87,000 which included the benefit package. Also discussed at Finance was Transportation savings, need for para-professionals and 4th grade teacher for CES.

Mr. Fulgoni spoke about setting benchmarks, Special Education Director savings (not starting till August), end with a balanced budget.

Mayor Gray spoke about meeting every month regarding the budget. Ms. LaValley stated the need to possibly call a special meeting.

E. Approval of Warrant: 06/30/18 \$366,945.56

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley to accept the Warrant dated June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$366,945.56. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**A. Subcommittee Reports****1. Curriculum Subcommittee – Gretchen Marinopoulos**

Mrs. Marinopoulos stated they have not met. Will be meeting with Mr. Fulgoni regarding setting dates.

2. Finance/Budget Subcommittee – Rob Chamberlain

Mr. Chamberlain stated they met this evening discussing the budget, nothing more to report

3. Policy Subcommittee – Peter Hoyt

Mr. Hoyt stated they will be meeting July 30th

4. Personnel Subcommittee – Amy Sherwood

Mrs. Sherwood stated they have not met.

5. Joint Education Subcommittee – Deb LaValley

Ms. LaValley stated they have not met, waiting for the new Superintendent to be on board.

6. Building and Grounds Subcommittee – Tim Kisieleski

Mr. Kisieleski stated they have not met, but does have some issues to discuss

7. AES School Building Committee – Peter Hoyt

Mr. Hoyt stated he has nothing further to report - next meeting will be July 26, 2018 at 3:30.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Sherwood spoke about setting a date for School Committee retreat. After a brief discussion, Helen will be sending out some possible dates to meet and the committee members will respond to her.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid (Chapter 76, Section 12) and to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations for collective bargaining.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Gray to adjourn the regular School Committee meeting at 8:02 and go into Executive Meeting.

Roll Call Taken: Mayor Gray, Yes; Deb LaValley, Yes; Peter Hoyt, Yes; Rob Chamberlain, Yes; Gretchen Marinopoulos, Yes; Amy Sherwood, Yes; Tim Kisielecki, Yes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gretchen Marinopoulos, Secretary