

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**May 15, 2023**

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Present were Mayor Gove, Chair, Mel Webster, Greg Noyes, Maryann Welch, and Superintendent McAndrews.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://amesbury-school.vod.castus.tv/vod/?video=5c92746e-427f-4568-929a-13299bd55971&nav=recent>

- I. Call to Order/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:00) – Mayor Gove called the meeting to order. Mr. Webster read the mission statement and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (3:15)
  - Jim Sweeney Aubin St – Mr. Sweeney spoke in support of the band program at the High School
- III. Superintendent’s Award/Principal’s Award Presentation (7:05) – Mr. Gearin presented the Principal’s award to Solace Yee and Superintendent McAndrews presented the Superintendent’s award to Erin Courtemanche. The committee congratulated both recipients on their accomplishments.
- IV. SAC Presentation (13:00) – Members of the Student Advisory Council shared a presentation with the committee concerning a recent student survey that was conducted regarding music and the arts. The presentation included a showcase of recent student art projects. A discussion with the committee regarding the survey findings followed.
- V. School Showcase: Amesbury Elementary School (25:30) – Principal Montanari was joined by AES students for the showcase which highlighted the Food Rescue program that has been run at AES since 2018. Students answered questions from the committee members concerning the program.
- VI. Communications & Reports (38:10)
  - A. Superintendent McAndrews: Summative Presentation – Superintendent McAndrews shared a presentation of evidence relating to progress of her goals. The committee asked clarifying questions about the presentation as well as the evaluation timeline.
- VII. New Business (1:10:43)
  1. Approval of Goals – *Mr. Webster moved to continue goals to next School Committee meeting, second by Mr. Noyes. Approved unanimously.*
  2. Approval of Transfers – Ms. Liporto summarized the proposed transfers. Mr. Webster noted the Budget & Finance subcommittee unanimously recommended to approve. *Mr. Webster moved to approve transfers in the amount of \$453,795., second by Ms. Welch. Approved unanimously.*

3. Approval of 1 year extension to Salter bus contract - Ms. Liporto summarized the proposed contract. Mr. Webster noted the Budget & Finance subcommittee unanimously recommended to approve. *Mr. Webster moved to approve the contract as presented, second by Mr. Noyes. Approved unanimously.*
4. Approval of Apple Lease - Ms. Liporto summarized the proposed lease agreement. Mr. Webster noted the Budget & Finance subcommittee unanimously recommended to approve. *Mr. Webster moved to approve 3 annual lease payments of \$22,343.10, second by Ms. Welch. Approved unanimously.*

The committee took a moment to thank Ms. Yee for her service to the School Committee as student Representative.

- VIII. Executive Session - Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) for the purpose of discussing strategy as it relates to collective bargaining with the AFT Amesbury Teachers/Nurses Unit, the AFT Amesbury Multi-Purpose Facilities Technicians/Maintenance Unit, and the AFT Amesbury Paraprofessionals/Tutors Unit as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee, as declared by the Chair.  
*Mr. Noyes moved to enter executive session, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: 4 Yes. Passes.*