

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL  
November 6, 2018**

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

Gretchen Marinopoulos was absent with prior notice.

**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 6:06 PM after a 5 minute delay due to election traffic. Mayor Gray led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement aloud.

**II. COMMENTS BY VISITORS, DELEGATIONS**

A number of community members including parents, residents, and city councilors spoke regarding their concerns about the AES school building project and the building site location recommended by the AES Building Committee. The following are their comments/concerns:

- Very appreciative of the work that has been done by both the Building Committee, the School Committee and DiNisco.
- Concern that there is not enough public support for the project at the CES site.
- Speakers expressed that there had not been enough transparency in the process.
- Urging for the committee to vote no on use of CES site.
- Agreement that the new school is needed but the community needs to stand behind it and right now they do not.
- Requests to revoke on grade configuration
- Support for the use of the CES site as it makes more sense based on the all of the data that has been provided.
- Requests to slow the process down.
- Suggestion that this be put to ballot.
- This conversation has been happening for a number of years and each time the result is the same – the AES site is not suitable.

Mayor Gray thanked everyone for their feedback and closed this part of agenda.

### III. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OR EARLY CONSIDERATION

A.	Approval of Warrants:	10/04/18	\$327,837.88
		10/25/18	\$397,830.07
		11/08/18	\$205,539.27

*Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Hoyt to approve the warrant in the amount of \$327,837.88 dated October 4, 2018. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.*

*Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain to approve the warrant in the amount of \$327,837.88 dated October 4, 2018. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.*

*Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Hoyt to approve the warrant in the amount of \$327,837.88 dated October 4, 2018. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.*

#### B. Amended Ed Plan for MSBA

Discussion held about the amendments to the Ed Plan for the AES Building Project. We are only approving the document in the packet with two issues related to Special Education.

*Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Hoyt to approve the amendments to the Ed Plan as presented. Vote: Yes, Unanimous*

#### C. Site Approval

Discussion about what the School Committee responsibility is as a vote was already taken by the School Building Committee. What are the implications if there is no vote this evening. This project has been in discussion since 2006 and to postpone a vote would likely delay the project by years. The traffic analysis shows that there will not be any significant traffic issues at the CES site but are likely to be some at the AES site. The cost of the project is really the biggest issue and community support will be needed for the debt exclusion vote.

Mayor Gray thanked everyone for being at the meeting and sharing their feedback. He acknowledged that this is a difficult process for everyone.

Mayor Gray read the motion:

*The Committee is to consider and act upon use of the Cashman School site for the proposed AES building project as recommended by the School Building Committee.*

*Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley to approve use of the Cashman School site for the proposed AES building project as recommended by the School Building Committee. Vote: 4 yes; 2 abstain (Chamberlain and Sherwood). Motion is carried.*

IV. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion by Mr. Kisieleski seconded by Mr. Hoyt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.  
Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Gretchen Marinopoulos, Secretary