

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL
June 3, 2019**

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

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.

This meeting will be broadcast live on ACTV and will also be recorded.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Mr. Chamberlain led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement aloud.

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by M. Hoyt, to take the Superintendent's report (honoring retirees) out of order. Vote: Yes, unanimous

Motion by the Chair, accepted by Mr. Lavoie, seconded by Mr. Hoyt, to take the Student Advisory Council Report, out of order. Vote: Yes, unanimous

II. Presentations and Administrative Reports

Mayor Gray and Ms. LaValley recognized the Amesbury Public School retirees, noting that they appreciate all of their time and dedication and their unwavering commitment and support. Each retiree was presented with a proclamation from the City and a framed photo.

III. Communications

A. Student Advisory Council

Ellie Costello shared that elections had been held for new SAC officers. Alice Grand is the new chair and new representative to School Committee. Representatives from SAC when to AMS to talk to students there about SAC. This month's SACTivity raffle winners were RJ and Austen. The School Committee thanked Ellie for her service to the School Committee and the community and wished her well at UMass Amherst.

Motion by the Chair, to go into Executive Sessions for:

Pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy for negotiation with the Superintendent as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee, as declared by the Chair.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1), to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21 (a) (3) to conduct strategy session in preparation for collective bargaining with AFT AMESBURY, LOCAL 1033 TEACHERS/ NURSES), AFT AMESBURY, LOCAL 1033 Paraprofessionals and Tutors, and AFT AMESBURY LOCAL 1033, AFT MASSACHUSETTS, AFL-CIO FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE UNIT as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee, as declared by the chair.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Gray – yes
 Ms. LaValley – yes
 Mr. Hoyt – yes
 Mr. Chamberlain – yes
 Mr. Kisielecki – yes
 Mr. Lavoie - yes

Entered Executive sessions at 7:17 pm. Regular meeting will resume following Executive Sessions.

Meeting resumed at 8:32 pm.

IV. Comments by Visitors and Delegations

There were no public comments.

V. Communications

A. Other

Ms. LaValley reminded everyone that AHS graduation would be held on Friday, June 7 and that School Committee members should plan to meet in the tunnel at 6:45 pm. Parking is available for School Committee members at AMS. The Baccalaureate will be held on Tuesday, June 4. The School Committee members offered congratulations to the Class of 2019.

Kudos to the Excellence in Education winners that were nominated by their colleagues and celebrated at Flatbread last week.

Congratulations to Dr. Kristen Walsh, Rotary Teacher of the Year.

VI. Items for Approval or Early Consideration

A. Approval of Minutes: 05/06/2019

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley to approve the minutes dated May 6, 2019. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

B. Approval of Warrants:	05/09/2019	\$274,566.77
	05/23/2019	\$579,301.88
	06/06/2019	\$ 97,500.59

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Hoyt to approve the warrant in the amount of \$274,566.77 dated May 9, 2019. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Lavoie, seconded by Mr. Hoyt to approve the warrant in the amount of \$579,301.88 dated May 23, 2019. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley to approve the warrant in the amount of \$97,500.59 dated June 6, 2019. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

C. Approval of Contract for Superintendent of Schools

Mayor Gray requested a motion to approve a three year contract for the Superintendent of Schools at a salary of \$171,175 effective May 1, 2019 with up to 1% merit in FY21 and FY22.

Motion by Mr. Kisieleski, seconded by Mr. Lavoie to approve the Superintendent's contract as proposed. Vote: Yes - 4; No - 2 (Chamberlain, LaValley) Motion passes.

D. Approval of Increased Lunch Fee

Ms. Liporto shared that as previously discussed, we have not been making adjustments each year to the lunch fee - without an increase we will be short in FY20. She recommended that we increase lunch prices by \$.25 - enough so that we do not need a change every year.

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley to approve an increase of \$.25 to the lunch prices across the district beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

E. Gift Acceptance: \$8,135 – Check dated April 23, 2019
Donation letter to support the purchase of five Automated External Defibrillators from the Institution for Savings Charitable Foundation was read into the record.

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Kisieleski to accept and send a thank you on behalf of the School Committee to the Institution for Savings Charitable Foundation for the gift of \$8,135 to purchase five AEDs. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

F. First Reading of Policy EEAA – School Bus Transportation

Policy EEAA – School Bus Transportation was read into the record. The committee discussed transportation charges for kindergarten students. It was suggested that they waive a second reading of this policy as it will become effective in the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Lavoie to waive a second reading and revise the language of policy EEAA to charge for transportation for kindergarten students beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

VI. Informational Items

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Finance Subcommittee:

This subcommittee has not met.

2. Personnel Subcommittee:

Contract negotiations continue. The next meeting with the AFT Teachers/Nurses will be held on June 21, 2019 preceded by an executive session of the subcommittee.

3. Buildings/Grounds Subcommittee:

The subcommittee has met and discussed and prioritized pressing capital expenses to be submitted.

4. Policy Subcommittee:

The subcommittee met on May 29 and reviewed two current policies – EEAA – School Bus Transportation and IOJA – Field Trips. They also discussed a Social Media policy which they plan to review again in August. Mr. Noyes was a guest at the meeting.

5. Curriculum Subcommittee:

The subcommittee has not met.

B. School Building Committee Report:

Mr. Hoyt shared that the committee met on May 23rd. An updated slideshow for the next Community Forum incorporating feedback that had been received was shared. Tim Osgood has offered to lead a ‘Yes to AES’ campaign. The schematic design will be submitted by July 10 with a vote at MSBA on August 28. The next Community Forum will be held on June 17 at 7 pm; the next School Building Committee will meet on June 20, 2019 at 3:30 pm.

VII. Future Meetings/Agenda Items

The next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting will be held on July 1, 2019. Subcommittees and other meetings will be held on the following dates:

1. Personnel Subcommittee Executive Session/contract negotiations -
June 26, 2019 at 10:00 am executive strategy session followed by negotiations with Teachers and Nurses
2. AES School Building Community Forum – June 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm
3. AES School Building Committee – June 20, 2019 at 3:30 pm
4. Joint School Committee/City Council Meeting – June 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm
5. Policy Subcommittee – August 26, 2019 at 4:00 pm
6. Curriculum Subcommittee – August 26, 2019 at 5:00 pm
7. Buildings/Ground Subcommittee – September 3, 2019 at 5:00 pm
8. Joint Ed Subcommittee – June 24, 2019 (tentative)

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Hoyt to adjourn. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Kenneth C. Gray, Chair