

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
November 2, 2020**

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Mel Webster, Kate Currie, Abigail Jurist Levy, Maryann Welch, Elaine Bucher, Elizabeth McAndrews, and Joan Liporto

This meeting was conducted under the ‘Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c.30A, §20’, signed on March 12, 2020.

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I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement (2:30)

Mr. Hoyt led the committee in a moment of silence in honor of Brian Butler.

II. Comments by Visitors and Delegations (5:00)

There were no public comments at this time.

III. Executive Session (6:15)

Mr. Hoyt moved to enter executive session and reconvene in open session at the conclusion, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

IV. Presentations and Administrative Reports (9:15)

- A. Superintendent’s Report – Acting Superintendent McAndrews, joined by building principals, provided updates on learning models, enrollment numbers, open positions, and snow days.

Mr. Hoyt moved to suspend policy BDD, seconded by Ms. Welch. Passed without objection.

Questions on the Superintendent’s report and general discussion followed.

- B. IT Director’s Report (41:00) – IT Director Tim McCue provided a report to the committee on the schools’ IT Infrastructure followed by questions and comments from the committee.

V. Communications (58:00)

- A. Tim Gilleo provided the SAC update to the committee, followed by questions and comments by the committee.
- B. Ms. Pouliot gave a SEPAC report to the committee

VI. Items for Approval (1:07:30)

A. Minutes

Ms. Welch moved to approve 10/5/20, 10/9/20, 10/20/20, and 10/28/20 minutes, seconded by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the 10/16/20 minutes, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: 6 yes, 1 abstention (Webster).

B. Warrants

- *Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the warrant from 10/8/20 in the amount of \$220,287.49, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- *Mr. Welch moved to approve the warrant from 10/9/20 in the amount of \$541,662.92, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- *Ms. Welch moved to approve the warrant from 10/15/20 in the amount of \$32,000.00, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- *Ms. Welch moved to approve the warrant from 10/22/20 in the amount of \$731,905.88, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- *Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the warrant from 10/23/20 in the amount of \$543,179.33, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

C. MASC Resolution 1: MCAS and High Stakes Testing

Ms. Bucher moved to approve the resolution, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

D. Policy JLBC – Ms. Currie provided a summary of the policy to the committee.

Mr. Hoyt moved to waive 2nd reading and accept the policy, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

E. Acceptance of Gifts/Donations

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve a gift of \$2000, not to exceed \$2,500, from Bentley's Real Estate, and a gift of \$5,000 from the Richard A. Eaton Charitable Foundation, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

F. No action

G. No action

H. Appointment of Acting Superintendent McAndrews to CREST Board of Directors – Mr.

Hoyt moved to appoint the Acting Superintendent, second by Ms. Bucher. Passed without objection.

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VII. Information Items (1:24:50)

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Mr. Webster gave a report to the committee from the Finance subcommittee.
 2. Ms. Currie gave a report to the committee on the Personnel subcommittee.
 3. Ms. Bucher gave a report to the committee on the Buildings and Grounds subcommittee.
 4. Ms. Currie updated the committee on the Policy subcommittee.
 5. Ms. Welch updated the committee on the Teaching and Learning subcommittee.
- B. Mr. Hoyt updated the committee on the AES School Building Committee.

Mr. Webster also provided the committee a report on the recent Joint-Ed meeting.

VIII. Future Meetings (1:33:40)

The next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting will be held on December 7, 2020 at 7:00pm. Subcommittees and other meetings will be held on the following dates:

1. AES School Building Committee – November 19, 2020 at 6:00pm
2. Finance Subcommittee – TBD
3. Personnel Subcommittee – TBD
4. Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee – TBD
5. Policy Subcommittee – November 17, 2020 at 4:00pm
6. Teaching and Learning Subcommittee – November 23, 2020 at 5:00pm
7. MASC Workshop – November 7, 2020 at 8:00am

Mr. Webster moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Hoyt. Approved without objection.