

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2020

(Meeting conducted under the Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c.30A, Section 20, signed on March 12, 2020)

Present at 6 p.m. were Mel Webster, Chair; Maryann Welch, Abigail Jurist Levy, Joan Liporto, Director of Finance and Operations and Elizabeth McAndrews, Acting Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Webster called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Item 1 – AHS tuition for South Hampton, NH Students

The subcommittee discussed the ongoing arrangement under which South Hampton students attend Amesbury High School, with focus on tuition charged. Based on a memo released by former superintendent Gary Reese, for the 2021-22 school year, the increase in tuition must reflect the increase in the current Amesbury School District budget, which was 2.14%. A motion was made by Maryann Welch and seconded by Abigail Jurist Levy to recommend that the school committee approve a 2.14% increase in South Hampton tuition for the next school year and that tuition rate setting for future years be reviewed and discussed by the school committee. Vote was 3-0 in favor of the motion.

Item 2 -Transfers

Ms. Welch motioned, seconded by Ms. Jurist Levy, to recommend the school committee approve \$99,147 in transfers as recommended by the Director of Finance and Operations. The motion passed 3-0.

Item 3 – Transportation

The committee discussed our contract with Salter, paying invoices, and when/if to institute a partial transportation fee. No action was required.

Item 4 Fiscal - 21 first quarter budget review

Ms. Liporto reviewed her first quarter report and noted that we are in good shape in almost all categories. She did express concern about balances in revolving accounts, including transportation, athletics and pre-school. No action required.

Item 5 – Van Lease/Purchase agreement for AIHS

On a motion by Ms. Jurist Levy, seconded by Ms. Welch, the committee voted 3-0 to recommend the school committee approve a 3-year lease/purchase agreement for \$33,999, for a van to be used at AIHS. Funds for the van will be drawn from the AIHS tuition revolving fund.

Adjournment – at 6:52 p.m., Ms. Welch motioned to adjourn, with a second from Ms. Jurist-Levy. The motion passed 3-0.