

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
March 1, 2021**

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

***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/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement (1:25:00) – Mr. Hoyt
- II. Vote to Suspend Policy BEDB-E (1:28:05) – *Mr. Hoyt moved to suspend the policy, Ms. Bucher seconded the motion. A brief discussion followed. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- III. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (1:30:30) – A comment from Cindy Collins was read, “When is the High School going to begin teaching on Wednesday?”
- IV. New Business (1:32:50)
  - A. Policy JJE – Ms. Currie introduced the policy and highlighted the changes made by Ms. Liporto. A brief discussion took place.  
*Mr. Hoyt moved to accept the policy with noted changes and waive the second reading, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
  - B. Policy JJF – Ms. Currie recommended the policy be deleted due to redundancy.  
*Ms. Currie moved to delete, second from Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
  - C. Course Recommendation Policy – No action required.
  - D. FY21 Capital for Approval – Mr. Bennett provided an update on capital projects within the district. A discussion by the committee ensued.  
*Mr. Webster moved to approve an expenditure of \$9,850 for moisture analysis of AHS, AMS, and CES roofs, with the project scheduled for spring 2021, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*  
*Ms. Bucher moved to approve boilers repairs at AHS for a total of \$12,375, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*  
*Mr. Webster moved to take the funds allocated for the sewer line repair and allocate them instead to the urgent repairs of the AMS boilers, which Matt Bennett will solicit 3 quotes for, second by Ms. Bucher. Following a brief discussion. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*  
*Mr. Webster moved that Matt Bennett be instructed to solicit 3 quotes for replacement of the fire panel at CES, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*  
A general discussion on the district phone system and AES & AMS roofs took place.
  - E. Appointments to AES Implementation Committee – *Mr. Webster moved to appoint Mr. Hoyt to the AES Implementation Committee, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*

- F. Transfers – Mr. Webster gave an overview of the transfers, which were approved by the budget and finance subcommittee.  
*Mr. Webster moved to approve transfers in the amount of \$222,516, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- V. Communications and Reports (2:11:55)
- A. Educational Leadership – Superintendent McAndrews provided an update to the committee on various topics including return to in-person learning. A general discussion by the committee followed.
- B. Student Advisory Council – Tim Gilleo provided an update to the committee on behalf of the Student Advisory Council.
- C. Liaisons
1. SEPAC – Ms. Pouliot provided an update to the committee on behalf of the SEPAC.
  2. Mr. Hoyt provided a report to the committee on behalf of the School Building Committee.
- D. Subcommittees
1. Budget & Finance – Mr. Webster provided an update on the subcommittee.
  2. Personnel – Ms. Currie provided an update on the subcommittee.
  3. Buildings & Grounds – Ms. Bucher provided an update on the subcommittee.
  4. Policy – Ms. Currie provided an update on the subcommittee.
  5. Teaching & Learning – Ms. Welch provided an update on the subcommittee.
  6. AES Implementation Committee – Superintendent McAndrews provided an update to the committee.
- E. Superintendent Search Committee – Dr. Jurist Levy provided an update to the committee.
- VI. Consent Agenda (3:06:30)
- A. Minutes: February 1  
*Mr. Webster moved to approve, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- B. Warrants: January 29 \$554,218.13 | February 11 \$245,191.83 | February 12 \$562,469.34 | February 25 \$191,290.78  
*Ms. Welch moved to approve, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- C. Gifts & Donations:
1. Smile Masks - \$2,500 value given by anonymous donor  
*Ms. Bucher moved to approve, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
  2. \$8,620 from Toshiba America Foundation for AHSeismic Project  
*Mr. Hoyt moved to approve, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- VII. Adjournment – *Ms. Welch moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*