

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2021**

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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Call to Order/Mission Statement (2:15) – Mr. Webster read the mission statement.

- I. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (3:10) – Mr. Hoyt shared a message from the Amesbury Education Foundation.
- II. FY 22 Budget (6:30) – The committee generally discussed the budget as proposed and proceeded to approve by cost center.

Mr. Webster moved to approve the District Administration budget in the amount of \$946,371 second by Mr. Hoyt. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the Transportation budget in the amount of \$579,780, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Amesbury Elementary School budget in the amount of \$3,796,868, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Bucher moved to approve the Cashman Elementary School budget in the amount of \$3,968,319, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Mr. Webster requested to hold the vote on the Middle School budget for discussion.
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Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Technology budget in the amount of \$187,742, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the Maintenance budget in the amount of \$1,874,099, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Mr. Webster requested to hold the vote on the Curriculum & Professional Development budget for discussion.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the Special Education budget in the amount of \$4,425,666, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Employee Benefits budget in the amount of \$6,357,754, second by Ms. Currie. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Ms. Jurist Levy moved to approve the Amesbury Innovation High School budget in the amount of \$733,297, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

The committee held a discussion on the proposed Amesbury Middle School Budget.

Mr. Webster moved to pay for the adjustment counselor for one additional year using ESSER funding and decrease the appropriation by that amount, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: 5 yes, 1 recusal (Hoyt), 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Mr. Webster moved to approve the Amesbury Middle School budget in the amount of \$6,445,453, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Vote: 5 yes, 1 recusal (Hoyt), 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

The committee held a discussion on the High School Budget.

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the Amesbury High School budget in the amount of \$5,106,278, second by Ms. Bucher. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

The committee held a discussion on the Curriculum & Professional Development budget.

Mr. Webster moved to approve the Curriculum & Professional Development budget in the amount of \$351,345, second by Mr. Hoyt. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

The committee held a brief discussion on the budget.

Ms. Welch moved to approve the District budget in the amount of \$34,772,971, second by Mr. Hoyt. Roll call: 6 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

- III. Appointment to AES Principal Screening Committee (40:00) – Superintendent McAndrews announced that Ms. Welch would be joining the screening committee.
- IV. Superintendent Search Update (40:45) - Ms. Jurist Levy provided an update to the committee.

Ms. Welch moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Unanimous. Passes.