

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
April 5, 2021**

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Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Mel Webster, 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/Mission Statement (1:00) – Ms. Jurist Levy read the mission statement.
- II. Vote to Suspend Policy BEDB-E (1:30) – *Mr. Hoyt moved to suspend the policy, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- III. Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2022 Budget (2:00) – Superintendent McAndrews gave a presentation on the FY22 budget. A letter from Amesbury SEPAC was read (attached).
- IV. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (43:40) – No comments were offered
- V. Executive Session (44:44) – *Mr. Webster moved to enter executive session, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
- VI. New Business (54:00)
  - a. Policy BEDB-E – Mr. Hoyt reported the policy subcommittee recommended deleting the policy.  
*Mr. Hoyt moved to delete the BEDB-E policy, second by Ms. Welch. Passes unanimously.*
  - b. Athletic Spectator Policy – Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on the ongoing “fall 2” sports season. No action was required by the committee.
  - c. Approval of MOA between AFT Amesbury and the Amesbury Public Schools  
*Ms. Bucher moved to approve the MOA, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Passes Unanimously.*
  - d. 2020-2021 School Year Calendar – Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on the changes made to the calendar.  
*Mr. Hoyt moved to change the last day of school to June 17 and amend the number of school days to 170, second by Ms. Bucher. Passes unanimously.*
- VII. Communications and Reports (1:01:35)
  - A. Superintendents Report – The Superintendent introduced Mr. Jarred Haas the incoming AMS principal. Mr. Haas spoke briefly, introducing himself to the committee. The Superintendent also updated the committee on the re-opening, the pending AES Principal vacancy, and upcoming senior events.
  - B. Student Advisory Council – No report from Tim Gilleo. Ms. McAndrews shared information on the winter and Spring Fling events.
  - C. Liaisons
    1. A report from the Amesbury SEPAC was read.
    2. Mr. Hoyt updated the committee on the building project.

D. Subcommittees

1. Budget & Finance – Mr. Webster provided an update to the committee.
2. Personnel – No update.
3. Buildings & Grounds – Ms. Bucher updated the committee.
4. Policy – Mr. Hoyt updated the committee.
5. Teaching & Learning – Ms. Welch updated the committee.
6. AES Implementation Committee – Mr. Hoyt updated the committee.

E. Superintendent Search Update – Ms. Jurist Levy updated the committee on the ongoing search.

VIII. Consent Agenda (1:37:20)

A. Minutes: February 22 | March 1

*Ms. Welch moved to approve, second by Mr. Hoyt. Passes unanimously.*

B. Warrants: February 26 \$554,162.97 | March 11 \$495,030.44 | March 12 \$577,673.02 | March 25 \$505,683.45 | March 26 \$564,939.38

*Mr. Webster moved to approve, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Passes unanimously.*

*Mr. Hoyt moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Bucher. Passes unanimously.*