

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2021

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

A video recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/7gRza44Jnl/>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement (1:39)
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (3:00)
Mr. & Mrs. Arsenault, parents of an AHS student spoke, voiced their concern over Covid rules at the High School.
- III. New Business (10:25)
 - A. Transfers – Mr. Webster and Ms. Liporto provided an overview of the proposed transfers to the committee. Discussion and comments by the committee followed.
Mr. Webster moved to approve the transfers in the amount of \$814,524.00, second by Mr. Hoyt. Passes unanimously.
 - B. FY22 Capital budget – Superintendent McAndrews provided an overview of the proposed capital budget to the committee. Discussion and comments by the committee followed.
Mr. Webster moved to approve the capital plan as presented, second by Ms. Bucher. Passes, vote: 6 yes, 1 abstention (Gove).
- IV. Communications & Reports (28:24)
 - A. Educational Leadership
 - 1. Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent gave an update on changes surrounding the close contact definitions, which the committee then discussed.
Mr. Hoyt moved to accept the definition of close contact as presented, second by Mr. Webster. Passed unanimously.
The Superintendent also updated the committee on remote learning, senior events and graduation, performance dates, the capital budget, and pre-school registration. Questions and comments by the committee followed.
 - 2. Director of Finance & Operations – Mayor Gove and Ms. Liporto updated the committee on plans for the FY22 budget. Questions and discussion by the committee followed.
 - B. Student Advisory Council – No report
 - C. Liaisons (1:07:00)
 - 1. SEPAC – Mr. Hoyt read a report submitted on behalf of the Amesbury SEPAC.
 - 2. Mr. Hoyt updated the committee on the progress of the AES Building project.
 - D. Subcommittees

1. Budget & Finance – Mr. Webster updated the committee on future meeting dates.
2. Personnel – Ms. Currie provided an update to the committee on upcoming meetings
3. Buildings & Grounds – Ms. Bucher updated the committee on upcoming meetings
4. Policy – Ms. Currie updated the committee on upcoming meetings
5. Teaching & Learning – Ms. Welch updated the committee on upcoming meetings
6. AES Implementation Committee – Mr. Hoyt updated the committee on behalf of the implementation committee.

- E. Superintendent Search Committee – Ms. Jurist Levy and Ms. Welch updated the committee on the progress of the Superintendent search.
- V. Consent Agenda (1:19:10)
- A. *Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the minutes from March 15 & April 5, second by Ms. Welch. Approved without objection.*
 - B. *Ms. Bucher moved to approve the following warrants: April 8 \$261,893.27| April 9 \$576,993.61| April 15 \$18,570.21| April 23 \$569,191.73, seconded by Ms. Jurist Levy. Approved without objection.*

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