

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2021

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

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://amesbury-school.vod.castus.tv/vod/?video=146c1c97-d15a-4dee-b0be-013375a0508a>

- I. Mr. Hoyt read the mission statement and led the pledge of allegiance (0:40)
- II. Comments by Visitors and Delegations (1:30) – Superintendent McAndrews recognized the new AES Principal, Jim Montanari, who introduced himself to the committee. No other comments at this time.
- III. Air Force Association Presentation (4:30) – Mr. Denofrio & Ms. Rosenbaum Lipman of the Paul Revere Chapter of the Air Force Association recognized Ms. Jennifer Donais as the chapter’s nominee for Teacher of the Year.
- IV. Softball Field Renovations Update (12:20) – Sherri Levasseur, Melissa Delisle, and Amie Bezanson shared updates with the committee on the progress that was being made updating the Amesbury softball field. Questions and a discussion with the committee followed.
- V. New Business (19:15)
 - A. Acceptance of Gifts & Donations.
 1. \$3,675 from Newburyport Bank for a scoreboard – *Mr. Webster moved to accept, second by Mr. Hoyt. Passes unanimously.*
 2. \$10,785 from SPS for batting cages – *Mr. Hoyt moved to accept, second by Ms. Welch. Passes unanimously.*
 3. \$5,450 from Institution for Savings for dugouts – *Ms. Jurist Levy moved to accept, second by Ms. Bucher. Passes unanimously.*
 4. Donation (amount pending) from New England Metal Systems for dugout roofs & installation – *Tabled pending completion.*
 5. \$500 from Jackson Lumber for dugout roof supports – *Ms. Welch moved to accept, second by Ms. Currie. Passes unanimously.*
 6. \$17,675 from various donors for the field project (list attached) – *Mr. Hoyt moved to approve, second by Ms. Bucher. Passes unanimously.*
 - B. Approval of Softball Field Banners – A brief discussion on the banners took place. *Mr. Webster moved to approve the banners to be hung at the beginning of the softball season and removed prior to the fall, second by Mr. Hoyt. Passes unanimously.*
 - C. Approval of Policy CHCA – Ms. Currie provided an overview of the proposed policy to the committee. *Ms. Welch moved to approve, second by Ms. Bucher. Passes unanimously.*

- D. Approval of MOU between Amesbury Public Schools and AFT Amesbury
Ms. Currie moved to approve, second by Mr. Hoyt. Passes unanimously.
- E. Approval of Transfers
*Mr. Webster moved to approve the transfers as presented, seconded by Ms. Welch.
Passes unanimously.*

Mr. Webster informed the committee that the budget subcommittee recommends retaining the \$112, 113 in surplus funds.

- VI. Mascot Review Committee (30:10) – Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on the first meeting of the committee. Questions and discussion by the committee took place.

Mr. Webster moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Welch. Passes unanimously.