

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2021

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

A video recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/9tZqS-boEi/>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (1:00)
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (2:22)
 - Greg Noyes, 8 Clark's Rd – Mr. Noyes spoke about the need to raise the daily substitute pay rate in the district.
 - Maria Wilkins, Salisbury – Ms. Wilkins spoke from a Native American perspective in favor of retiring the Amesbury High School identifier.
- III. Introduction of ASSET – The Amesbury School Support & Empowerment Team (10:00) – Superintendent McAndrews was joined by members of the ASSET Team and provided an overview of the work they had done and services they would be providing moving forward.
- IV. Report from the Business Manager (18:11) – Joan Liporto provided a quarterly budget update to the committee, highlighting the healthy balances in several revolving accounts. Discussion by the committee followed. Ms. Liporto also highlighted several capital improvement projects. Ms. Liporto also presented a list of transfers as well as a list of equipment to be surplus with the committee for approval.
Mr. Webster moved to approve the transfers in the amount of \$530,386, second by Ms. Welch. Passes unanimously.
Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the surplus, second by Ms. Bucher. Passes unanimously.
- V. Superintendent's Report (37:00) – The Superintendent provided an update to the committee on the progress of the Mascot Review Committee as well as an update on COVID-19/Masking in school. Questions by the committee related to COVID cases in school followed.
- VI. Executive Session (54:30) - Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation with the AFT-Amesbury as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.
Mr. Hoyt moved to enter executive session, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- VII. *Adjournment (1:29:40) – Ms. Bucher moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Passes unanimously.*

