

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2021

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair; Peter Hoyt, Mel Webster, Kate Currie, Abigail Jurist Levy, Anna Bailey, and Superintendent Elizabeth McAndrews.

A video recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://amesbury-school.vod.castus.tv/vod/?video=8d8b293d-bad8-4ba2-845e-9346aaf6bc37>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (1:15)
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (2:30) – No comments
- III. Communications & Reports (3:05)
 - a. Liaisons – Mr. Hoyt provided a report to the committee on behalf of the Amesbury Elementary School Building Committee.
 - b. Educational Leadership – Superintendent McAndrews provided an update to the committee on COVID-19, masking in schools, enrollment numbers, and progress by the mascot committee. Questions and discussion by the committee followed, including a request for an additional presentation related to enrollment.
 - c. Student Advisory Council - Ms. Anna Bailey provided an update to the committee on behalf of SAC.
 - d. Subcommittees
 1. Budget & Finance – Mr. Webster provided an update to the committee related to previous meetings of the subcommittee.
 2. Personnel – Ms. Currie provided an update to the committee related to previous meetings of the subcommittee.
 3. Buildings & Grounds – No update
 4. Policy – Ms. Currie provided an update on upcoming meetings.
 5. Teaching & Learning – No update
 6. AES Implementation Committee –Mr. Hoyt provided an update to the committee related to previous meetings of the subcommittee.
 - e. Other – Mr. Hoyt recognized Mr. Webster who has received recognition from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.
Mr. Webster also spoke about the need to hire a Director of Digital Learning. He also asked about issues taking place during recess at AMS. Superintendent McAndrews addressed some of his concerns.
Mayor Gove then highlighted an APS 2nd Grader Noah Holt for his accomplishments related to securing book donations for the Amesbury Public and AES libraries.

IV. New Business (1:09:00)

1. Substitute Pay Proposal – Superintendent McAndrews summarized her proposal for increasing substitute pay including several issues that needed to be addressed regarding the proposal.
Mr. Webster indicated the Budget/Finance committee took no action on the proposal and thanked Ms. Liporto for identifying issues that needed to be addressed prior to approval.

V. Consent Agenda (1:20:20)

1. Minutes – None
2. Warrants – *Mr. Webster moved to accept the following warrant: September 23 \$376,148.01, second by Ms. Jurist levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*
3. Gift & Donations – *Mr. Hoyt moved to accept a donation for Amesbury SEPAC in the amount of \$304.50 from Flatbread Co Amesbury, second by Currie. Passes unanimously.*

Mr. Hoyt moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Passes unanimously.