

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2021

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

A video recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/akj6shKXD0/>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (1:00:50)
- II. Comments by Visitors and Delegations (1:01:35)
 - Greg Noyes, 8 Clark's Rd – Mr. Noyes voiced his concern over the accuracy of the minutes the committee was scheduled to approve as well as posting of meetings of the Amesbury Elementary School Building Committee.
- III. Communications & Reports (1:05:30)
 - a. Liaisons- No Amesbury SEPAC report was provided. Mr. Hoyt provided an update to the committee on behalf of the Amesbury Elementary School Building Committee including updates on approval of change orders, construction progress and timeline, contingency fund balance, supply chain challenges, and the upcoming beam signing.
 - b. Superintendent's Report – Superintendent McAndrews provided an update to the committee on ongoing data collection for her entry plan as well as COVID-19/Masking updates including changes to communications strategies. Questions and comments by the committee followed.
 - c. Subcommittees
 1. Mr. Webster updated the committee on behalf of the Budget and Finance subcommittee including recommendations on S. Hampton tuition rates, surplus equipment, and transfers.
 2. Ms. Currie stated that the personnel subcommittee had not met since the last update.
 3. Ms. Bucher had no update for the committee on the Buildings & Grounds subcommittee
 4. Ms. Currie updated the committee on policies that had been reviewed by the Policy subcommittee and would be taken up by the full committee.
 5. Ms. Welch provided an update from Teaching & Learning including information on grant approvals, recent PD days, teacher observations, and spotlight approvals.
 6. Mr. Hoyt had no additional information to share on behalf of the AES Implementation Committee.
 - d. Other – Mayor Gove highlighted the fact that the building committee meetings were indeed posted as required. Ms. Currie also shared information from Robert's Rules of Order prescribing how minutes are prepared.

- IV. New Business (1:48:40)
- a. South Hampton Tuition – Ms. Liporto summarized the tuition rate, an increase of 2.92% for a rate of \$13,724.34. Mr. Webster shared the recommendation of the Budget & Finance subcommittee (Favorable).
Mr. Webster moved to approve the tuition rate, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
 - b. Approval to Surplus Technology Equipment – Ms. Liporto summarized the equipment to be surplus, which consisted of various technology parts, as well as, a planer with a value of \$4,950.00. Mr. Webster shared the recommendation of the Budget & Finance subcommittee (Favorable).
Mr. Webster moved to approve the surplus of the items, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
 - c. Policies submitted for a first reading: GBE, GBEB, GBEC, GBG, GBJ, GBK, GBI – Ms. Currie summarized the policies on behalf of the policy subcommittee. The committee provided comments and feedback to the policy subcommittee.
 - d. Policy EBCFA – The policy was before the committee for a 2nd read.
Mr. Hoyt moved to approve, second by Ms. Bucher. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- V. Consent Agenda (2:02:05)
- a. Minutes from Sept 20 & Oct 4. *Approved unanimously (Webster/Welch)*
 - b. Warrants: Nov 5 \$600,453.97 | Nov 19 \$664,453.11 | Nov 24 \$653,574.65.
Approved unanimously (Hoyt/Welch)
 - c. Gifts & Donations - \$2,000 from the Frank L. Currier Charitable Foundation (Janice Morse, Trustee) for the Windrush Riding Program.
Approved unanimously (Welch/Currie)
- Mr. Hoyt moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.*