

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2022

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

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here:

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- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:10)
 - Superintendent McAndrews made a statement and led a moment of silence in honor of Jeanne Sheehan.
- II. Comment by Visitors and Delegations (6:05)
 - Greg Noyes (8 Clark's Rd) – Mr. Noyes spoke about the impending creation of the new strategic plan and encouraged the committee to seek advice from those that wrote the last plan. Mr. Noyes also encouraged attention be paid to updating the district's websites.
- III. Communications & Reports (10:10)
 - A. Liaisons
 1. School Building Committee – Mr. Hoyt updated the committee on recent change orders, as well as an upcoming site tour offered to members of the committee. Mayor Gove and Superintendent McAndrews also added updates from recent meetings including sewer work and safety upgrades.
 - B. Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent updated the committee on the ongoing development of a new strategic plan, development of core values, and the advertising of the Mascot Committee.
 - C. Student Advisory Council – No report
 - D. Subcommittees
 1. Mr. Webster noted there would need to be a Budget & Finance meeting to approve end of year transfers.
 2. Dr. Jurist Levy stated there was no new update from personnel.
 3. Ms. Currie asked the Superintendent to share updated related to Building & Grounds. The Superintendent stated bids had been received for the HVAC units at CES as well as the roof at the middle school, the middle school roof bid was being reposted.
 4. Ms. Currie updated the committee on recent policies reviewed by the policy committee including CN, KHB, IIAC, AC, and JB.
 5. Ms. Welch updated the committee on the Teaching & Learning subcommittee including ongoing investigations by Ms. Jacques, MTSS academy through DESE, and the piloting of a new math program.
 6. No update from the Implementation Committee.

7. The Mayor highlighted the desire to have consistent, regularly scheduled subcommittee meetings as well as having a procedure in place for rescheduling.
- E. Other – Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Daniel Grayton was recognized with the Spotlight Award by the Committee.

Mr. Webster thanked the community for the award of scholarships to Amesbury students, and asked that goals workshop should be scheduled.

Ms. Welch addressed the fact that the council had disbanded the Joint Education committee and expressed her desire to see that committee continue.

IV. New Business (49:15)

- a. Amend Policy CN – Ms. Currie highlighted the changes the subcommittee made to the policy as well as the desire to change the language stating the mascot “should be” unique. Superintendent McAndrews also suggested changing language under 5-d to read “parents/guardians”.
Ms. Currie moved to approve with changes, second by Ms. Smith. Approved unanimously.
- b. Policy KHB – The policy was before the committee as a first read. Ms. Currie summarized the policy which was a version used by the Worcester Public Schools with appropriate changes made.
- c. Field Trip Approval – Camp Bournedale: Mark Rinaldi a 6th grade AMS teacher highlighted the plans for the upcoming field trip. This is a trip that was traditionally done but on pause due to covid. Committee members asked questions of Mr. Rinaldi relating to subject matter discussed at the camp and the trip now offered to 6th graders instead of 5th grade.
Mr. Webster moved to approve the trip, second by Ms. Welch. Approved unanimously.
- d. Disbanding of AES Implementation Committee – Mayor Gove provided an overview of why the committee was created over a year ago. The committee feels like the work relating to the committee specifically has been completed. Superintendent McAndrews spoke about the great work done by the committee.
Mr. Webster moved to disband the committee with thanks, second by Mr. Hoyt. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- e. Superintendent’s Evaluation – Dr. Jurist Levy gave an overview of the Superintendent’s evaluation and summary that she had provided on behalf of the committee. Committee members asked several questions relating to the procedure of individual review documents being made public.
Ms. Smith moved to approve the evaluation as presented, second by Ms. Currie. Approved unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda (1:23:30)

- a. *Ms. Currie moved to approve the following warrants: May 5: \$410,834.46, May 6: \$583,462.50, May 19: \$499,658.21, June 6: \$316,863.08. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.*

Ms. Currie moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Webster. Approved unanimously.