

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 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: <https://fb.watch/eugfeol6AI/>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (3:15)
- II. Comment by Visitors and Delegations (4:30)
 - Greg Noyes (8 Clark's Rd) – Mr. Noyes spoke about how data showed that math scores had suffered as a result of CoVid. Mr. Noyes would like to see mastery of math facts be a focus of the upcoming school improvement plans. He provided a sample math goal.
- III. Recognition of Retirees (8:40) – Superintendent McAndrews led the annual recognition of the retirees from the last school year. Retirees were presented with a certificate of recognition for their service, which ranged from 10-37 years of service to APS.
- IV. School Highlight – Amesbury Elementary/Cashman Elementary (16:50)

Principal Montanari (AES) and Principal Mascia (CES) each took turns highlighting an aspect of their respective schools. Principal Montanari was joined by 2 “AES Minions” who are student leaders at the school in the PBIS program (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports). The presentation highlighted the successes of the PBIS program as well as next steps.

Cashman Principal Karina Mascia provided a highlight on behalf of her school and the teaching of expected behaviors using SKR (Safe, Kind, Responsible). Principal Mascia then shared a video featuring numerous CES students sharing school experiences including what they have learned, and what they most enjoyed about school. Questions and comments by the committee followed.
- V. Superintendent's Report (56:25) – Superintendent McAndrews shared an update on the Policy CN Mascot Review Committee. A solicitation for members had been sent to the school community as well as the community at large. The goal is to seat a committee and hold an organization meeting before the summer begins.
- The Superintendent also briefly addressed the plan for development of the school improvement plans for the coming year.
- VI. Student Advisory Council – No Report
- VII. Whittier Tech School Committee Vacancy – Interview of candidate/vote (1:01:20)

Mr. Greg Noyes was the lone application for the Whittier Tech vacancy. Mr. Noyes spoke to the committee on why he felt he was a strong candidate for the position and had a desire to serve in the role. Mr. Noyes promised to bring rigor, strong communication, and critical thinking to the role. Committee members had the opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Noyes.

Mr. Webster moved to appoint Mr. Noyes, second by Mr. Hoyt. Approved unanimously.

- VIII. Approval of Food Service Contract (1:07:30) – Ms. Liporto presented the new food service contract between Chartwells and the Amesbury Public Schools. A contract must be negotiation every five years. Ms. Liporto was pleased at the number of companies that submitted bids. A committee reviewed the proposals and selected Chartwells. Mr. Webster noted that the Finance Subcommittee has approved the contract unanimously. Dr. Jurist Levy asked about conservation and recycling efforts promoted in the food service program.
Mr. Webster moved to approve the food service contract for one year with the option for 4 one year additional renewals, second by Ms. Smith. Approved unanimously.
- IX. Consent Agenda (1:18:40)
- a. Minutes: *Ms. Welch moved to approve the minutes dated April 4, April 11, May 2, May 16, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.*
 - b. Warrants: *Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve the following warrants: May 20 - \$609,198.79, June 2 - \$316,863.08, June 3 - \$676,229.37. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.*
 - c. Transfers – Mr. Webster asked Ms. Liporto to speak about the acquiring of vehicles. Ms. Liporto stated she had procured 2 SUVs, and 1 handicap van, all 3 to be used for special education transportation.
Superintendent McAndrews then discussed the use of health insurance holiday money to be used for work on the baseball field and HVAC projects.
Mr. Webster moved to approve the transfers in the amount of \$562,653, second by Ms. Currie. Approved unanimously.

Ms. Smith moved to adjourn, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.