

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2022

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair, Mel Webster, Abigail Jurist Levy, Maryann Welch, Gaye Smith, and Superintendent McAndrews.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://amesbury-school.vod.castus.tv/vod/?video=f25ffb83-ccca-48a5-88e4-08ec7e1f3409>

1. Call to Order/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:00)
2. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (0:30)
 - Greg Noyes, 8 Clarks Rd. – Mr. Noyes spoke about the need for strategies related to limiting screen use in schools.
3. Educational Leadership (3:40)
 - a. Superintendent's Update – Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on the return to school, recent professional development, AES Building Project, and building infrastructure challenges including the AHS fire panel repair and comcast phone installations. Committee members asked questions related to the AMS roof repairs, parking challenges at CES, and the remaining contingency fund for the building project.
 - b. Student Advisory Council – Ms. Yee updated the committee on what the return to school was like for AHS students.
 - c. Subcommittees
 1. Mr. Webster stated the next meeting of the Budget & Finance subcommittee would be Sept. 19 and then moving forward on the 3rd Monday of each month.
 2. Dr. Jurist Levy noted the next meeting of the Personnel Subcommittee would be on Oct. 17 to set ground rules for upcoming negotiations.
 3. Mayor Gove and Mr. Webster referenced a Buildings and Grounds update provided by Ms. Currie highlighting work completed over the summer, plans for the baseball field, and completion of a draft maintenance plan.
 4. Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on the latest Policy Subcommittee meeting including the review of the facility use policies and use of buildings by Amesbury Rec and other groups.
 5. Ms. Welch updated the committee on topics related to Teaching & Learning subcommittee including takeaways from the recent leadership retreat, MTSS grants, literacy and math interventions, Title IX, and summer school results.
 - d. Other Business – Mr. Webster asked for updates on the mascot review committee, charter tuitions, and Music/Art participation. Superintendent McAndrews addressed several issues related to band participation.

4. New Business (54:20)

a. Whittier Tech School Committee Seat: Interview of Candidates

Ms. Sandi Coppinger & Mr. Michael Jewell were the two applicants for open seat. They each received an opportunity to introduce themselves to the committee and answer questions. At the conclusion of the introductions by each candidate Mayor Gove called for nominations.

Mr. Webster moved to nominate Ms. Coppinger and Mr. Jewell, second by Ms. Welch. Roll call: Coppinger 3 (Smith, Webster, Gove), Jewell 2 (Jurist Levy, Welch). Ms. Coppinger is appointed.

5. Consent Agenda (1:12:20)

a. *Mr. Webster moved to approve the June 6 minutes, second by Ms. Smith. Approved unanimously.*

b. *Ms. Welch moved to approve the following warrants: July 29 \$595,289.86 | August 11 \$117,208.32 | August 25 \$154,339.67. Second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.*

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