

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2022

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

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://amesbury-school.vod.castus.tv/vod/?video=c9fa748c-5887-4343-b6c4-ce547755a601>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:00)
- II. Comment by Visitors and Delegations (1:20)
- Lauren Snay – 17 Woodwell Cir. – Ms. Snay spoke as a representative from AFT Amesbury in favor of ballot Question 1 the “Fair Share Amendment”.
 - Cindy Yetman – 6 Newton Rd – Ms. Yetman also spoke in favor of the Fair Share amendment and asked the committee to support it with a resolution.
 - Lauren Duffner – 16 Pleasant View Ave – Ms. Duffner addressed the committee with her concerns over the length of lunch and recess at the elementary schools.
 - Jen Marr – 17 Pleasant St- Ms. Marr spoke in favor of the Fair Share amendment.
 - A comment from Greg Noyes – 8 Clarks’s Rd was read. Mr. Noyes also voiced his concern over the lunch/recess times and noted it may be a good task for school councils to address.
- III. Communications & Reports (17:17)
- a. Educational Leadership
1. Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on the ongoing repairs on the AHS fire panel, CES phone line repairs, AMS roof repairs, and boiler repair. Questions and comment by the committee followed. The Superintendent also addressed the upcoming drills at schools.
 2. Director of Finance – Budget Closeout. Ms. Liporto provided a summary to the committee on the completed FY 22 budget closeout. Questions from the committee followed.
- b. No SAC report.
- IV. New Business (33:45)
- a. Transfers – Ms. Liporto summarized the transfers that were proposed and answered questions posed by the committee related to them.
Mr. Webster moved to approve transfers in the amount of \$846,449, second by Ms. Welch. Approved unanimously.

- b. New York City field trip approval – Middle School Principal Haas gave a presentation to the committee on the opportunity to bring back an 8th grade overnight field trip and answered questions from the committee.

Ms. Smith moved to approve the trip as proposed, second by Ms. Currie. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Webster moved to adjourn, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.

DRAFT