

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2022

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

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: https://fb.watch/fEwC-k7p_U/

1. Call to Order/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (3:16) – Ms. Welch read the mission statement and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Solace Yee was introduced as the new student representative from SAC.
2. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (4:40)
 - Greg Noyes, 8 Clarks Rd. – Mr. Noyes spoke about the need to include site councils in the budgeting process for each school in addition to inquiring about whether testing scores were still being sent home to parents and Kindergarten recess.
3. Educational Leadership (8:50)
 - a. Superintendent’s Update – Superintendent McAndrews provided updates on the following topics: Goals, School Building Committee, Leadership Retreat, Hiring, Phone Installation, Fields, and an overview of the Student Handbooks. During these reports the committee members took the opportunity to ask clarifying questions of the Superintendent and provide feedback relating to these topics.
 - b. Student Advisory Council – Solace Yee: Ms. Yee introduced herself as the new student rep and talked briefly about plans for implementing a new freshman orientation program to start the year.
 - c. Subcommittees
 1. Mr. Webster noted the budget subcommittee was off during the summer but expected to have a year-end budget update in the future from Ms. Liporto.
 2. Dr. Just Levy briefed the committee on recent meetings of the personnel subcommittee, the negotiation process, and possible upcoming meetings.
 3. Ms. Currie drew the committee’s attention to a facilities updated submitted by Matt Bennett covering topics including AHS gym floor resurfacing, AMS roof repair, and CES HVAC progress.
 4. Ms. Currie noted there were polices on the agenda based on work of the policy subcommittee.
 5. Ms. Welch provided an update on possible report card changes, the Title I literacy camp and upcoming Spotlight awards.
 - d. Other business – Mr. Webster asked about start dates for school, the status of a new girls’ basketball coach, solar panels on the AHS roof, and tech update. Superintendent McAndrews addressed Mr. Webster’s comments. Ms. Currie shared a concern about the class assignment timing.

Ms. Currie moved to suspend policy BDD, second by Ms. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.

4. New Business (1:47:00)

- a. Approval of District/School Committee Goals – Mayor Gove read the proposed goals.
Mr. Webster moved to approve the district goals, second by Ms. Smith. Approved unanimously.
Ms. Welch moved to approve the school committee goals, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.
- b. Declaration of Vacancy – Mayor Gove noted the committee had received a resignation letter from one of the 2 representatives on the Whittier Tech School Committee.
Dr. Jurist Levy moved to declare the vacancy, second by Ms. Currie. Approved unanimously.
- c. Review of Policy JFCB-GBCBC – Ms. Currie informed the committee the policy must be reviewed by the committee every 2 years. No action was required.
- d. Policy IIAC – Ms. Currie provided an overview of the policy before the committee for a first read. The committee shared feedback with Ms. Currie on the policy.
- e. Policy EFDA – Ms. Currie provided an overview of the policy before the committee for a first read, noting the changes that had been made by the subcommittee. The committee discussed the changes that had been made.
Ms. Welch moved to approved, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.
- f. *Other: Ms. Currie reminded the committee to send her feedback on KHB policy.*

5. Consent Agenda (2:05:55)

- a. *Mr. Webster moved to approve minutes dated June 13, second by Ms. Smith. Approved unanimously.*
- b. *Mr. Webster moved to approve the following warrants: June 16 \$420,726.71 | June 17 \$587,121.84 | June 30 \$853,111.42 | July 1 \$530,781.43 | July 15 \$543,793.09 | July 28 \$488,457.76. Ms. Currie seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.*

Ms. Curie moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Smith. Approved unanimously.