

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**August 15, 2022**

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

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- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:19)
- II. Comment by Visitors and Delegations (1:10)
  - Greg Noyes (8 Clark's Rd) – Mr. Noyes spoke about attending his first Whittier Tech meeting, hybrid-vocational education, and inquired about seeing testing results from the two elementary schools.
- III. Recognition of Accomplishment (5:00)
  - a. The following AHS sports teams were recognized by the committee: Boys Track – CAL Champs, Baseball – CAL Champs, Softball – CAL Champs, State D4 Champs. Coaches from each team took the opportunity to speak about the season and introduce their teams. The committee congratulated the coaches and athletes in their accomplishments
  - b. Spotlight Award – Mr. Tony Noon of Amesbury Community Television was presented with a spotlight for his work ensuring school committee meetings continued to be broadcast on various media outlets for the public to see.
- IV. Communications & Reports (26:05)
  - A. Superintendents Report – Superintendent McAndrews gave a report to the committee on the preparations under way for return to school including the conclusion of the leadership retreat, new teacher induction, opening day and professional development days. Questions and comments by the committee followed.
  - B. No SAC report.
  - C. Other Business – Mr. Webster requested the committee receive a presentation from the District's Food Service Provider and shared that DESE had increased standardized test scores for graduation. Mayor Gove shared that the committee will see a presentation on MAP and Dibels scores next month.
- V. New Business (41:30)
  - a. Superintendent's Goals – Superintendent McAndrews shared updated goals with the committee based on their feedback from the previous meeting. Dr. Jurist Levy noted the changes reflected the feedback of the committee.  
*Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve the Superintendent's Goals, second by Ms. Welch.*  
*Approved unanimously.*

- b. Policy EBCFA – Ms. Currie summarized the policy changes for the committee. The committee discussed the CDC guidance versus the guidance received from DESE and the state. The decision was made to table the policy approval.
- c. Approval of Handbooks – The committee discussed approval of the draft student handbooks for the upcoming school year. Superintendent McAndrews addressed several comments the committee had posed relating to the contents of the handbooks. The committee discussed the “student in good standing” section of the AMS handbook. The committee agreed they would revisit that portion of the handbook.  
*Mr. Webster moved to approve the handbooks with the stipulation that the AMS “student in good standing” section, and policy EBCFA would be reviewed and added for approval at a later date as well as other feedback provided by the committee, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.*
- d. Policy KHB – Ms. Currie summarized the policy relating to advertising in schools, this policy replaced the current policy.  
*Ms. Currie moved to approve the new version of KHB, second by Ms. Welch. Approved unanimously.*

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