

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 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/gYOSgaPjIK/>

- I. Call to Order/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:22) – Ms. Welch read the mission statement and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (1:30)
 - Greg Noyes, 8 Clark’s Rd – Mr. Noyes discussed his observance of lunch at CES, as well as his experience at the recent AMS site council and SEPAC meetings. He also informed the committee of an upcoming open house at Whittier Tech.
- III. Communications & Reports (5:50)
 - A. Educational Leadership
 1. Superintendent McAndrews – The Superintendent updated the committee on several items including the AES building project, Title IX Self Audit progress, 2022 MCAS trends, hiring and private out of district tuition increases (14% for FY 24). The committee asked questions concerning the various items discussed.
 2. Director of Facilities - Matt Bennett updated the committee on projects that were completed over the summer as well as ongoing projects including HVAC replacements at CES, AMS roof repairs, AHS fire panel, and AMS boiler replacement. The committee discussed the repairs and projects that Mr. Bennett highlighted and asked questions of Mr. Bennett and the Superintendent.
 3. Student Advisory Council – Ms. Yee updated the committee on SAC. Ms. Yee stated that SAC had begun meeting, including the addition of three freshman representatives. SAC is looking at scheduling one project per quarter to better utilize their time.
 4. Mascot Committee - Ms. Smith updated the committee on the recent actions by the Mascot Committee including a recent survey that was taken of the student body. Ms. Smith noted the committee will not be recommending the changing of school colors, and that a community survey is currently open to the public. The committee asked several process questions of Ms. Smith.
 5. Subcommittees
 - a. Mr. Webster stated the next budget and finance subcommittee meeting would be held on Oct 17 at 6pm. The committee discussed the budget closeout, revolving accounts, need for certain repairs in the district, and approved transfers at their last meeting.
 - b. Dr. Jurist Levy noted the next meeting of the Personnel subcommittee would be Oct 6.

- c. Ms. Currie noted the committee discussed the progress on the baseball field project and noted at the subcommittee's last meeting that Joan Liporto cautioned against continued use of school choice funds. The committee briefly discussed the school choice revolving account.
- d. Ms. Currie stated the policy has not met in September.
- e. Ms. Welch updated the committee on behalf of the Teaching & Learning subcommittee including updates on grant allocations, ESSER spending, MTSS literacy presentation at the recent SEPAC meeting, interventions, professional development, and technology progress.
- f. Other Business – Mayor Gove noted the upcoming Whittier Forum on the proposed building project on Oct 6.

IV. New Business (1:28:15)

- A. Fair Share Amendment – The committee discussed the possibility of the committee endorsing the proposed ballot question. Several committee members expressed their support for endorsing the question. Mayor Gove noted a vote on a resolution would be considered at the next school committee meeting.

V. Consent Agenda (1:33:45)

- A. *Mr. Webster moved to approve minutes dated June 27, Aug 1, Aug 15. Dr. Jurist Levy seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.*
- B. *Ms. Welch moved to approve the following warrants: August 12 \$513,573.70| September 8 \$436,573.15| September 22 \$271,834.50. Ms. Currie seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.*

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