

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2022

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

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- I. Call to Order/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:15)
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (1:40)
 - Lauren Snay – 17 Woodwell Cir. – Ms. Snay spoke as an APS employee 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 the resolution.
- III. Presentations & Reports (5:55)
 - A. Superintendent – Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on the ongoing practice drills being conducted in the schools. Lockdown drills will be taking place in the future and parents were receiving advanced notice. The committee discussed the ongoing drills.
 - B. Director of Finance – Q1 Budget Update. Ms. Liporto provided a summary of the current budget through September 30 including updates on spending, E-rate, revolving accounts, transfers, and special education spending. The committee discussed the report and asked questions of Ms. Liporto.
 - C. Testing Data Presentation – Director of Teaching & Learning Lyn Jacques and District Tiered Reading Support/Dyslexia Specialist Holly Cole presented a report to the committee on recent K-4 ELA testing results, progress, and next steps. At the conclusion of the presentation Ms. Jacques and Ms. Cole answered questions posed by the committee members.
- IV. New Business (1:06:36)
 - A. Fair Share Amendment Resolution – Committee Legislative Liaison Mr. Webster summarized the draft resolution that had been prepared for the committee’s consideration. Mr. Webster spoke in favor of the resolution.
Mr. Webster moved to endorse the Fair Share Amendment, second by Ms. Smith. Vote: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

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