

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2022

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

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://amesbury-school.vod.castus.tv/vod/?video=b50c48c9-6d5c-461d-9e65-5c64d2f0ff62>

- I. Call to Order/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:15) – Ms. Currie called the meeting to order. Ms. Welch read the mission statement and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (1:18)
 - Greg Noyes, 8 Clark’s Rd – Mr. Noyes discussed the gift to AHS for athletic scholarships and commented he would like for students to have the opportunity to thank the organization that gave the donation.
- III. Communications & Reports (3:30)
 - A. Educational Leadership
 1. Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on the recent Professional Development Day held at the High School, upcoming safety drill being coordinated with the police, and an update on facilities with topics including the middle school roof. The committee discussed next steps for obtaining funding for roof repairs.
 - B. Student Advisory Council – Ms. Yee updated the committee on ongoing focuses of SAC including bathroom access at the High School due to recent vandalism, including stocking student bathrooms with feminine hygiene projects.
 - C. Liaisons
 1. Mascot Committee – Superintendent McAndrews announced that the Mascot Committee had recommended the Red Hawks as the next AHS identifier. The next step in the process would be a vote by the school committee.
 2. Superintendent McAndrews provided an update on recent progress relating to the Shay Memorial Building Project including updates on change orders and construction progress.
 - D. Subcommittees
 1. Budget & Finance – Mr. Webster summarized the recent meeting of the subcommittee including discussions on vehicle surplus and South Hampton Tuition.
 2. Personnel – Dr. Jurist Levy updated the committee on the recent negotiations as well as upcoming meetings.
 3. Buildings & Grounds – Ms. Currie updated the committee on topics including the AMS boilers, AMS roof, AHS fire panel, and gym bleacher inspection. A discussion took place on recent changes relating to the bid proposal that recently closed and the need to potentially re-post.

Mayor Gove joined the meeting at 7:52pm.

4. Policy - Ms. Currie stated that Policy KF – Facilities Use was still under review by the subcommittee as well as a proposed Title IX policy that was before the committee that evening.
5. Teaching & Learning – Ms. Welch discussed the most recent meeting of the subcommittee including input received from the public, recent and future data presentations, and grants the district had received.

IV. New Business (55:53)

- A. Review of Superintendent Goals – Dr. Jurist Levy led the discussion which was designed to prepare the committee for the formative evaluation in December. Superintendent McAndrews briefly summarized her goals as well as progress that continued to be made. The committee asked clarifying questions as well as highlighted areas of focus and/or question.
- B. Title IX Policy – Ms. Currie summarized the proposed policy for the committee.
Ms. Welch moved to waive first read and adopt the policy, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- C. Transfers – Mr. Webster noted that the finance subcommittee recommends approval.
Mr. Webster moved to approve transfers in the amount of \$5,912, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- D. Vote to Surplus - Mr. Webster noted that the finance subcommittee recommends approval of both items.
Dr. Jurist Levy moved to surplus the utility van, second by Ms. Welch. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
Ms. Welch moved to surplus the SPED van, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

V. Consent Agenda (1:27:00)

- A. *Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve minutes from Sept. 6 & 19, second by Mr. Webster. Approved unanimously.*
- B. *Ms. Currie moved to approve the following warrants: Aug 26 \$572,339.13 | Sept 9 \$592,188.31 | Sept 23 \$694,284.88 | Oct 6 \$212,732.61 | Oct 7 \$625,765.99 | Oct 20 \$356,200.08 | Oct 20 \$28,767.00 | Oct 21 \$627,425.54 | Nov 3 \$278,650.12. Second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.*
- C. *Ms. Welch moved to accept the following gifts & grants with thanks:*
 1. \$1,000 - anonymous donation for purchase of staff sweatshirts at AHS
 2. \$6,000 - Richard A. Eaton Charitable Foundation for AHS athletic user fees
 3. \$520 - Greenstone Gives Inc. for Camp Bournedale Trip Sponsorship
 4. \$750 – Amy & Rod DeMello for Bournedale/NYC trips
 5. \$250 – Steve Stanganelli for Bournedale trip
 6. \$750 – Chris Clocher for NYC trip
 7. \$82,900 – Research to Practice: Evidence-Based Literacy Grant*Dr. Jurist Levy seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.*

VI. Executive Session (1:30:20)

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) for the purpose of discussing strategy as it relates to collective bargaining with the AFT Amesbury Teachers/Nurses Unit, the AFT Amesbury Multi-Purpose Facilities Technicians/Maintenance Unit, and the AFT Amesbury Paraprofessionals/Tutors Unit as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee, as declared by the Chair;

Welch moved to suspend policy BDD and move to executive session, returning for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by Mr. Webster. Roll call: 5 yes, unanimous.

Upon returning from executive session Ms. Currie moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.

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