

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 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 (0:25) – Dr. Jurist Levy 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 the upcoming school improvement plans and requested a report on if goals were achieved from previous plans.
- III. Communications & Reports (5:50)
 - A. Educational Leadership
 1. Superintendent McAndrews – The Superintendent shared the success of the recent safety drills performed in the schools and then made a statement making a recommendation to the committee that the Red Hawks be the new AHS identifier.
- IV. Declaration of Vacancy (9:34) – The Mayor read a resignation letter from Mr. Peter Hoyt resigning from the committee. The committee thanked Mr. Hoyt for his many years of service to the Amesbury community.

Ms. Smith moved to declare a vacancy, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
Ms. Currie moved to appoint Mayor Gove as the school committee liaison to the Amesbury Elementary School Building Committee, second by Mr. Webster. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- V. School Improvement Plans (17:50) – Superintendent McAndrews provided an overview of the purpose of school improvement plans and then welcomed the building principals to present their plans. Principals Mascia, Montanari, Haas, Ricci, and Maguire each took turns presenting their school improvement plans to the committee. Over the course of each presentation the committee asked clarifying questions relating to each presentation. The committee requested an overview of past plan results to be provided to the committee at their next meeting.
- VI. Executive Session (1:32:15)

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;

Mr. Webster moved to enter executive session, second by Ms. Smith. Roll Call: 6 Yes.

Upon returning from executive session

Mr. Webster moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Currie. Vote: Yes, unanimous.