

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2023

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

Mayor Gove called the meeting to order at 8:08am

1. Goals

Mayor Gove briefly reviewed the provided materials and offered time for questions. The materials included: Understanding & Respect for Roles, Protocols Worksheet – How do we do Business?, and the 2022-2023 District & School Committee Goals approved on August 1, 2022.

School Committee members identified any concerns they had under the “issues” column on the Protocols Worksheet. The School Committee discussed ways to improve how they do business including: adding a future business item to agendas that will provide a time for the chair to share upcoming topics and for the members to make topic requests, increasing the student voice at the table, standardizing subcommittee reports, adjusting executive sessions to reduce meeting length, providing expectations for presentations, and looking to see if there is a MASC procedural guide.

The School Committee Created a First Draft of their goals:

1. (Keep goal #1) The School Committee will employ a strategic and inclusive budget process, prioritizing the support of students and staff in their academic and personal growth.
 - a. January through April, develop a budget that incorporates opportunities for staff, student, and community input.
 - b. Advocate for appropriate funding at the local and state levels.
 - c. Collaborate with the administrative team to implement and monitor the annual budget.
2. The School Committee will develop a plan for sustaining and enhancing a high quality and desirable educational experience/program in an era of limited resources.
 - a. Continue to assess and enhance in-district enrollment and retention opportunities.
3. The School Committee will develop a process for onboarding new SC members that clarifies roles, responsibilities, protocols, and expectations.
 - a. Create a new member guide.
4. The School Committee will increase the student voice while enhancing communication with the greater Amesbury Community.

2. Review of Superintendent evaluation forms and protocol. (Mr. Webster left at 10:00am.)

Dr. Jurist Levy briefly reviewed the timeline for the upcoming Superintendent evaluation and shared the forms and examples. School Committee members asked questions and the Committee recommended looking into the Superintendent’s contract renewal clause.

Dr. Jurist Levy moved to adorn the meeting at 10:15am. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Yes, unanimous.

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