

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Draft SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Aug 21, 2023

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

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://fb.watch/ndj9rW9XL2/>

- I. Call to Order/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:30) – Ms. Currie read the mission statement and the committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (1:25) – No Comments
- III. Communications & Reports (2:50)
 - A. Building Principals – Principals Maguire, Ricci, Viladenis, Montanari, and Mascia took turns discussing their student handbooks as well as presenting the bell schedule for the upcoming year. Committee members asked questions about the schedule regarding time dedicated to lunch and recess.
 - B. Director of Finance & Operations–Ms. Liporto shared a Fy23 budget closeout update with the committee including information on transfers from choice and circuit breaker initiated to balance the budget, as well as the standing of the district’s revolving accounts. The committee asked questions based on Ms. Liporto’s report.
 - C. Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent McAndrews gave a presentation to the committee introducing her goals for the upcoming year. Goals for 2023-2024 deal with continuous learning, curriculum work, HR management and development, and family and community engagement. The committee asked questions of the superintendent based on her report and gave general feedback.
- IV. New Business (1:09:30)
 - A. Declaration of Vacancy: Whittier Tech School Committee
Ms. Currie moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Noyes and declare a vacancy, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote: 5 Yes. Passes.
 - B. Superintendent’s Goals – The committee received the Superintendent’s goals as a first read.
 - C. Approval of Student Handbooks
Mr. Webster moved to approve the handbooks, second by Ms. Currie.
Ms. Welch asked that the CES handbook be revised to correct the mission statement and Mr. Webster noted the improvement in the handbooks from years past.
Vote: 5 Yes. Passes.
 - D. School Committee Goals – Mayor Gove highlighted the revisions made to the goals based on feedback at previous meetings. The committee discussed the goals as presented and potential revisions. No action was taken.

- E. Approval of Facility Use Policies KF & KF-R – Ms. Liporto summarized the policies and revisions as presented. The committee discussed the policies and potential further revisions. Mayor Gove noted that Landry stadium was not operated by the district so could not be included in the fee schedule.

Mr. Webster moved to approve the policies as presented, second by Ms. Welch. Mr. Webster then moved to amend the policies by making the following changes: Change “Soccer fields” to “Rectangular fields”, remove Landry Stadium from fee schedule, clarify language relating to gambling, and clarify language relating to stage equipment, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Vote on the amendment: 4 Yes, 1 No (Currie). Passes. Vote on the main motion: 4 Yes, 1 No (Currie). Passes.

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