

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL
January 3, 2017**

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Present at 7:00 p.m. were Mayor Gray, Chair; Deb LaValley, Tom McGee, Peter Hoyt, Rob Chamberlain, Gretchen Marinopoulos, and Nick Wheeler.

Absent were Dr. Gary Reese, Superintendent of Schools and Sydney Knowlton, SAC Representative.

Mayor Gray called the Organizational Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Deb LaValley led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement aloud.

Amesbury Public Schools Mission Statement

The Amesbury School District is unconditionally committed to every child, ensuring that all students experience success through the development of attitudes and skills necessary for lifelong learning by providing the highest quality staff, meaningful learning experiences, and a vitally involved community.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

II. Election of Vice Chair and Secretary

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Chamberlain to reelect Ms. LaValley as Vice Chair to the School Committee Board. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Chamberlain to elect Mrs. Marinopoulos as Secretary to the School Committee Board. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

III. Meeting Days and Times

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley to continue with the School Committee Meetings the 1st and the 3rd Monday of the month (unless there is a holiday on Monday then the meeting will be held the next day, Tuesday) at 7PM. Discussion: Mr. Chamberlain brought up the suggestion of meeting once a month and placing more focus on the sub-committee meeting. Ms. LaValley suggested tabling this agenda item until Dr. Reese was present to give his input.

Motion by Ms. LaValley, seconded by Mr. Hoyt to table agenda item III. Meeting Days and Time to the next School Committee meeting for more discussion. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

IV. Sub-Committee Appointments

- a. **Budget/Finance Subcommittee –**
Rob Chamberlain, Chair; Peter Hoyt and Deb LaValley
- b. **Personnel Subcommittee –**
Nick Wheeler, Chair; Gretchen Marinopoulos and Deb LaValley.
- c. **Policy Subcommittee –**
Peter Hoyt, Chair; Nick Wheeler and Gretchen Marinopoulos
- d. **Joint Education Subcommittee –**
Deb LaValley, Chair; Rob Chamberlain and Nick Wheeler.

Motion by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to name the above as Chair and Vice Chair of the appropriate Subcommittees. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

V. Other Appointments

Athletic Liaison – Deb LaValley
Legislative Liaison – Rob Chamberlain
Parliamentarian Liaison – Nick Wheeler
High School Handbook Liaison – Peter Hoyt
SPED PAC Liaison – Gretchen Marinopoulos

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Mrs. Marinopoulos to name the above as the Liaisons of the specific areas. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

REGULAR MEETING**I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Gray called the regular meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

II. COMMENTS BY VISITORS, DELGATIONS

None

III. PRESENTATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**A. Principal's/Superintendent's Award**

Elizabeth McAndrews, AHS Principal, introduced this years' recipient of the Superintendent's Award, Hailee Gibadlo. Mrs. McAndrews spoke about Hailee's achievements in academics, sports, community services and team player all while achieving being #1 in her class. Mrs. McAndrews presented Hailee with a Certificate and a book entitled, *The Runners Guide to the Meaning of Life*. A copy of this book will also be available in the school library with Hailee's name in it.

Mrs. McAndrews then presented the Principal's Award to, Jacob Sunnerberg. Jacob is #2 in his class and has also represented achievements in academics, community service, Math Team, and many more. Ms. McAndrews presented Jacob with a certificate and a book entitled, *Start with Why, How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone To Take Action*. A copy of this book will also be available in the school library with Jacob's name in it.

Mrs. McAndrews concluded the presentation with thanking the two for all of their accomplishments, but also acknowledged their parents and grandparents, who were in the audience, for instilling a drive to succeed.

Ms. LaValley stated that she was impressed with all of their accomplishments, helping others find their way and the right path and looking forward to hearing from them in the future.

Mr. Hoyt echoed the accolades and asked the two recipients about their pathways. Hailee stated that her first choice is Beckley and Jacob, Yale or MIT.

Mrs. Marinopoulos spoke about the diversity and taking advantage of AHS' opportunities – congratulations.

Mayor Gray concluded with stated these are outstanding individuals and seeing faith and hope in the future.

B. Report of the Superintendent

None

IV. COMMUNICATION

A. Student Advisory Council – Sydney Knowlton

none

B. Other

Ms. LaValley stated that the end of 2016 brought a lot of outstanding performances/activities in the schools which most will be broadcasted on cable TV. Next week will begin the budget meetings.

V. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OR EARLY CONSIDERATION

A. Approval of Minutes: 12/19/2016

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley to accept the minutes of School Committee meeting on December 19, 2016. Discussion: Mr. Hoyt stated that under the Academic Presentation: Model UN Program, should reflect Moulton not Knowlton. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

B. Approval of Warrants: \$142,839.41 (1/05/17)

Motion by Mrs. Marinopoulos, seconded by Mr. Hoyt to accept the Warrant dated January 5, 2017 in the amount of \$142,839.41. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

C. Policies – Second Reading:

a. GCAA – Coaches/Advisors

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to accept policy GCAA – Coaches/Advisors as presented. Discussion: Ms. LaValley stated that after reviewing this policy, she would like the following changes to this policy: #2 b = interviewing team define by 5 members: principal, staff, Booster rep, community member, parent; #3 a = add appointed annually; #3 b = appointed annually; #2 d = add evaluation must be completed 30 days after the sport season in completed. Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Mrs. Marinopoulos to accept policy GCAA – Coaches/Advisors with the above four changes. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

b. KE – Communication Channels

Motion by Mr. Hoyt, seconded by Ms. LaValley to accept policy KE – Communication Channels as presented. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Finance/Budget Subcommittee

Mr. Chamberlain stated that they have not met, but will be meeting prior to the January 17th School Committee meeting. He reviews the dates and time of the Budget Meetings. The dates are as follows meeting at 7PM AHS Library.

- 1/9/17 = Curriculum, Maintenance, Central Office, Transportation
- 1/12/17= AMS, AHS, AIHS, Athletics/Activities
- 1/19/17 = CES, AES, Technology, Special Education

2. Policy Subcommittee

Mr. Hoyt stated they will be meeting Jan. 23rd at 5:30 discussing city policy and surplus equipment.

3. Personnel Subcommittee

Mr. McGee stated they met prior to this meeting discussing the following:

- Job description of Assistant Principals of AMS & AHS – changed a few items; evaluation of staff, Professional Development, Training.

- Need to look at structure and enrollment.

Mr. McGee concluded with congratulating Mr. Wheeler of his appointment to the Subcommittee.

4. Joint Education Subcommittee

Ms. LaValley stated they will be meeting March 27th at 6:30 off the AHS lobby.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. Budget Goals/Initiatives:

- January 9, 2017 – Curriculum, Maintenance, Central Office, Transportation
- January 12, 2017 – Middle School, High, Innovation, Athletics/Activities
- January 19, 2017 – CES, AES, Technology, Special Education

B. Presentation by Eryn Maguire, Principal of Amesbury Innovation High School (1/17/17)

Mr. Chamberlain added subcommittee – discussion/review of School Committee meeting one time a month.

Ms. LaValley stated that this is Tom McGee's official last meeting. Mr. McGee thanked the committee and stated that he will be here on the 17th to speak and say good-bye. He went on to say to the community that he will be turning his official letter in tomorrow and the city will then have 30 days to pick his replacement. He went on to state that this would be a perfect time for someone to try this position out and see if they like it, be a part of the solution.

Mr. Hoyt stated that he was not present last meeting to hear the news that Tom was leaving, but saw the news on Facebook. He went on the state that he was honored and proud to be seated next to Tom for these years. Tom's career began when he was a sophomore in high school, no one will be able to fill his shoes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gretchen Marinopoulos, Secretary