

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank – Community Room
August 21, 2016**

Present at 5:30 p.m. were Mayor Gray, Chair; Deb LaValley, Tom McGee, Peter Hoyt, Gretchen Marinopoulos, Nick Wheeler, and Dr. Gary Reese, Superintendent of Schools.

Absent was Rob Chamberlain.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 5:56 PM.

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.

II. Subcommittees

Mike Gilbert was in attendance representing MASC. He began the meeting by asking the members about subcommittees. Questions? Issues?

Discussion by members:

- Are subcommittees aligned with Strategic Plan
- Student Achievement subcommittee
- Should we add subcommittees or is this typical for a district

Mr. Gilbert added that academics should be left to the professionals but that the School Committee has a legal responsibility to approve changes to the curriculum. He added that the fewer the better for subcommittees. Mr. Hoyt spoke about the Backwards Design being worked on this summer. Lyn Jacques will be keeping us updated on the progress. Question about the student rep. voting during the meeting. Mr. Gilbert stated that the rep. can have a voice, but not a vote.

III. Protocols

Mr. Gilbert handed out protocols from three different districts (Tewksbury, Melrose and Arlington). He stated that having protocols gives the School Committee working relationships, best practice, how people understand how they work together, build relationships, business with each other and communicate with each other.

The members then read through the three districts protocols and discussed what they would like their protocols to read. They focused on Tewksbury and tweaked it to fit Amesbury School Committee's needs and wants.

A protocol was emerged for a full review and vote at the next School Committee meeting September 6, 2016.

IV. Goals review

A review of the Goals that were set last meeting were reviewed and discussed. Mrs. Marinopoulos, who was not in attendance last meeting, discussed the need of measurement of the goals are key and how are we doing this. A couple of key goals were discussed and revised.

Educational Goals –

#1-D: Identify resources to create an “Educational Dashboard”. Dr. Reese spoke about the “I” Dashboard program that is a bit costly, but if budgeted for next year will help in identifying the “Educational Dashboard”.

#2 – D: Add in School Attendance officer

Operational/Financial Goals –

#1 – add E – support administration to take advantage of new grants and partnership opportunities

#1 – add F – By Summer 2017 – will have reviewed Central office job description.

Public Relations Goals –

#2 – E: take out Utilize and replace with Increase

#2 – add F – Create survey of a vision of graduation students

V. School Committee Dates:

November 7, 2016 date is AEFI – Need to change to October 31, 2016

Tentative dates for Budget hearing:

- December have principals meet with Superintendent
- January principals will present their goals
- March principals with have their numbers

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to MGL c 30A, S21 (a) (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. AFT Teachers, Paraprofessionals, MPFT.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Gray to adjourn into Executive session. Roll Call was taken: Mayor Gray, Yes; Ms. LaValley, Yes; Mr. McGee, Yes; Mr. Hoyt, abstain; Mr. Wheeler, Yes; Mrs. Marinopoulos, Yes. Adjourned regular meeting at 7:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Tom McGee, Secretary