

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL
August 4, 2015**

Present at 6:00 PM: Mayor Gray, Debra LaValley, Bonnie Schultz, Christian Scorzoni and Rob Chamberlain.

Absent were Tom McGee and Peter Hoyt

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order and Christian Scorzoni 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.

I. COMMENTS BY VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

None

II. STATUS ON SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

Motion by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Ms. LaValley to approved the interim Superintendent contract that was discussed last week for the next school year. Discussion: Ms. LaValley stated that they had a great night of interviews and Dr. Reese really shined. The community also agrees. Mrs. Schultz concurred and added she welcomes Dr. Reese and his wife and is very exciting to have everything in place. Mr. Scorzoni agreed also and very happy to Have Dr. Reese as the interim, big catch for Amesbury. Mayor Gray echoed what everyone else stated and the community is also in agreement. Official date will be September 1st.

Mrs. Schultz asked to table her motion until the status of the contract is discussed, seconded by Ms. LaValley.

Ms. LaValley stated that they have received the contract which goes from September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016; \$159,000. as compensation and everything else is standard. Mr. Scorzoni stated that in the interview, with Dr. Reese stated that he was interested not only with the interim position but also with the permanent position as Superintendent. How are we thinking about permanent position, waiting for after the election. How will we proceed? Mayor Gray suggested that we put it on the January agenda so that we can move forward.

Reconvene motion by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Ms. LaValley to vote on the contract for Dr. Reese beginning on September 1, 2015 and ending on August 31, 2016 at the salary of \$159,000. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

Dr. Reese thanked the members of the Committee and is very excited to join the community in Amesbury. Looking forward to meeting everyone and hit the ground running.

Mrs. Schultz asked about voting on when the current Superintendent is done. How is that done? Mayor Gray stated that we would need to vote on an acting Superintendent if Dr. Robinson's

contract ends now. Dr. Reese stated that there will be a transition period but having enough resources (Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Principals) to facilitate that process. Ms. LaValley stated that in the past there were emails, phone call if Dr. Reese needs and also stated that Dr. Robinson would come back if needed.

Mayor Gray asked for a date for the last day of Dr. Robinson's contract. Discussion regarding prorating times for Dr. Robinson, when Deirdre would be back from vacation, August 18th
Need to vote – Mayor suggested voting on August 20, 2015, being the last day of Dr. Robinson's contract.

Motion by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Ms. LaValley to suspend the current Superintendent's contract on August 20, 2015 with 2 vacation days. Discussion: Mr. Scorzoni asked if Ms Farrell would be compensated for being acting Superintendent. Ms. LaValley stated that she would not, only a week and a half, just like vacations. Vote: Yes, Unanimous.

***Motion by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Ms. LaValley to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: Yes, Unanimous.***

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom McGee', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Tom McGee, Secretary