

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL - AUDITORIUM
May 22, 2018**

Present at 5:30 p.m. were Mayor Gray, Chair; Deb LaValley, Peter Hoyt, Rob Chamberlain, Gretchen Marinopoulos and Amy Sherwood.

Absent was Tim Kisieleski and Dr. Gary Reese, Superintendent of Schools

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. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM and Mrs. Sherwood led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement aloud.

***Motion by Ms. LaValley seconded by Mrs. Marinopoulos, to move Item III ahead of Item II
Vote: Yes, Unanimous.***

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations and to conduct negotiations with non-union personnel, being the Superintendent of Schools.

III. SUPERINTENDEN VACANCY SEARCH PROCESS

Mayor Gray opened the discussion with options moving forward in hiring a Superintendent (interim or permanent placement with a subcommittee).

Ms. LaValley stated that she is in contact with Mike Gilbert from MASC, which worked out great with Dr. Reese.

Open discussion of the following:

- Names of others possible candidates that members have been approached by – email those names to Ms. LaValley so that she can forward to Mike Gilbert
- Open pool – put all folks on table and look through
- Establish criteria
- Time frame – critical hire – cannot rush – questioning on legal aspect of the statute of limitation on length of posting – Ms. LaValley will look into the legal part with Attorney McNulty – by the end of the meeting Ms. LaValley had heard back from Attorney McNulty via text that there is no statute of limitation.
- Announce vacancy
- Was a smooth transition with working with MASC – Mr. Gilbert made recommendations but Mayor Gray saw all resumes.
- Move forward, get resumes and recommendations from Mike Gilbert, and set a date to reconvene.

- Reconvene June 4 and cancel all subcommittee meetings before the regular school committee meeting, review resumes and continue discussion. Will need to set a second date to meet. Helen will email members to see best dates to meet again.

After much discussion the following is the criteria set for interim superintendent:

- MA experiences
- Management and Leadership skills
- Classroom and administration experience
- Problem solver
- Financial – budget experience
- Longer commitment
- Wide range of experience
- Building project experience
- Becoming a member of the community – partnership with city organizations
- Knowledge of curriculum

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Sherwood seconded by Mr. Hoyt, to adjourn the regular School Committee meeting at 6:07 and go into Executive Session.

Roll Call Taken. Mayor Gray, Yes; Ms. LaValley, Yes; Peter Hoyt, Yes; Mr. Chamberlain, Yes; Mrs. Marinopoulos, Yes; Mrs. Sherwood, Yes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gretchen Marinopoulos, Secretary