

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL
February 2, 2010**

Present at 7:00 p.m. were: Thatcher Kezer, Chair, Tom McGee, Gale Hanshaw, Bonnie Schultz, Stanley Schwartz, Ann Connolly King, David Jack, Superintendent of Schools, and Chanelle Havey, SAC Representative. Absent: Debra Bibeau.

The Chair called the meeting to order. Chanelle Havey led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Wayne Adams – Retirement February 5, 2010

Mayor Kezer recognized Wayne Adams for his 33 years of service as a teacher for the Amesbury Public Schools, as well as being involved in many athletic and other activities at Amesbury High School.

B. Amesbury High School Building Committee Final Remarks – Barbara Bode, Chairperson

Barbara Bode spoke to the school committee about her 10-year commitment to the Amesbury High School Building Committee. Mrs. Bode introduced the committee members that were present and thanked them for their hard work. She also acknowledged Lee LeBlanc, Clerk of the Works, for the fabulous job that he did. Mrs. Bode presented the school committee with a letter regarding the building's completion. Mayor Kezer read a list of committee members both past and present.

Motion by Bonnie Schultz, seconded by Gale Hanshaw, to take item B out of order and vote on the acceptance of completion of the Amesbury High School Project. Unanimous, Yes, Student Rep, Yes.

Motion by Stanley Schwartz, seconded by Tom McGee, to accept the completion of the Amesbury High School Project. Unanimous, Yes, Student Rep, Yes.

3. COMMENTS BY VISITORS, DELEGATIONS

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Curriculum Director – Telenia Imel

No report at this time.

B. Business Administrator – Michael Bergeron

Mr. Bergeron spoke about the cleaning contract. After discussing the proposals with the budget/finance subcommittee prior to this meeting, S.J. Services will be awarded a 3-year contract. Mr. Bergeron went on to say that they are the current contractors and that the bid came in about \$7000.00 less than the bid this current year.

C. Superintendent – David Jack

1. Karen Iworsky Nomination

Mr. Jack congratulated Karen Iworsky as the recipient of this years VFW Teacher of the Year Award. He also congratulated her on her nomination of the National Teacher of the Year, but stated that he had just been advised that a teacher from Michigan received the award. Mr. Jack stated that he is very proud of Mrs. Iworsky's hard work and her commitment to the students of Amesbury. Mayor Kezer congratulated Mrs. Iworsky for her connection with school children as well as veterans.

2. Superintendents' FY11 Budget Proposal Presentation

Mr. Jack presented the committee with a Power Point presentation of the FY11 budget. He stated that his proposal will be a level service budget, which means there will be no expansion of programs but simply maintain what we have and cost of carrying that forward to FY11. He stated that this is the early stage of developing the budget and all the relevant revenue from the state or the mayor and city council is unknown. Mr. Jack laid out the budget timetable for the subcommittee meetings. These public meetings, will be held on February 10th; February 24th; March 11th and March 13th (if necessary). Once the budget goes to the municipal council in June, it cannot be increased. Mayor Kezer spoke about how the revenues flattened out and are not going down at this point. The Chair spoke about how the Governor will level fund local aid and Chapter 70. Both the school and city will present a level funded budget which will be the same number as last year.

5. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OR EARLY CONSIDERATION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -January 19, 2010

Motion by Bonnie Schultz, seconded by Gale Hanshaw to approve the regular minutes dated January 19, 2010. Vote; 5 Yes, 2 Abstained (King & Havey).

B. School Committee Acceptance of Completed AHS Project

Taken out of order.

C. **WARRANT**

Motion by Tom McGee, seconded by Bonnie Schultz, to approve the warrant dated, February 11, 2010 in the amount of \$201,578.73. Unanimous, Yes.

6. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. **Subcommittee Reports**

1. **Budget/Finance Subcommittee**
Mr. Schwartz spoke about the meeting held prior to this meeting and that they had voted on the cleaning contract.
2. **Policy Subcommittee**
Mrs. Hanshaw stated that they will meet on February 9th.
3. **Personnel Subcommittee**
Stan Schwartz reported that they will meet again before the March school committee meeting.
4. **Student Advisory Council**
Chanelle reported that they will be having an open meeting with colleagues in March and that the Frost Fest is set for February.
5. **High School Building Committee**
Tom McGee thanked the School Committee as he finished his 2-year commitment to the building project.

B. **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Dave Jack thanked Susan Olsen for acknowledging the 2010 Scholastic Art and Writing Award winners. Mr. Jack congratulated the following students for their accomplishments: *Gold Medalists Winners: Maureen Kelly and Melina Mavroforas; Silver Medalists winners: Siobhan Dolan and Kaci Kus.*
2. Mr. Jack acknowledge the following students who were chosen to participate in the National History Day in March: Rebecca Crochiere, Colleen Brockmyre, Allyssa Deorocki, Roxanne Griffith, Chanelle Havey, Kristina Chase, Dana Zahoriuko, Mia Lufkin, Tyler Smith, Jon Fournier, Emily Noonan and Matt Regis.

7. **FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Principal's and Superintendent's Awards – March 2, 2010
2. Reception for Amesbury High School Renovation - TBD

8. **PRESS CONFERENCE**

None

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair stated that the committee needed to go into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations. He stated that the committee will not come back into open session.

Roll Call Vote at 8:15 p.m. Ann Connolly King, Yes; Gale Hanshaw, Yes; Tom McGee, Yes; Bonnie Schultz, Yes; Stanley Schwartz, Yes; Thatcher Kezer, Yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom McGee, Secretary

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.