

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2024

Present were Mayor Gove, Chair, Maryann Welch, Kurt Mansperger, Abigail Jurist Levy, Greg Noyes, Brock Omohundro, and Elizabeth McAndrews.

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- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (2:20)
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (3:40)
 - Ceiligh Cacho-Negrete – Sanborn Ter – Ms. Cacho-Negrete is an AHS grad who now a senior at Wellesley college. She spoke about the Wellesley College Observatory and extended an invitation to APS students to visit the Observatory as a field trip.
- III. Communications & Reports (6:55)
 1. Director of Finance – Ms. Liporto presented a quarter 4 budget report to the committee. Ms. Liporto shared that the FY24 budget was closed with \$80 being returned to the city. She shared that she was concerned about the continued cost overruns in electricity. Ms. Liporto also spoke about the carryover balances in the revolving accounts, she was pleased with the balances in these accounts. The committee asked questions of Ms. Liporto concerning encumbrances of the revolving account funds.
 2. Math Pilot Report – ~~Lyn Jacques~~ – Ms. Jacques presented a report to the committee on the recently completed math pilot in the district. The report covered the rationale for the change, the process, survey trends, pro/cons of each curriculum, the recommendation of a new curriculum and finally what funding source would be used to purchase it. The committee asked questions of Ms. Jacques regarding the process as well as funding.
- IV. New Business (38:25)
 1. Approval of School Committee/District Goals – The Mayor summarized the goals which were up for approval. The Mayor noted several edits she had made to the document. The committee discussed the goals relating to communication.
Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve the goals, seconded by Ms. Welch. Approved unanimously.
 2. Approval of Handbooks – Each building principal was welcomed by the committee to share relevant changes/updates to their school handbooks. Changes included addition of a restorative justice class at AIHS, and cell phone policy changes at AHS & AMS. Morning detention, school security, pick-up/drop-off procedure, and absenteeism were also addressed.
Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve the handbooks, seconded by Mr. Omohundro. Approved unanimously.

3. The Superintendent provided a summary of her proposed goals to the committee. The goals reflect an emphasis on community and family engagement. The goals were organized by one Professional Practice, one Student Learning, and two District Improvement goals. The committee will review the goals and provide feedback to the Superintendent. The committee briefly discussed how progress towards the goals would be measured and demonstrated.

Ms. Welch moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Omohundro. Approved unanimously.

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