

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**December 2, 2024**

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Present were Mayor Gove, Chair, Maryann Welch, Brock Omohundro, Kate Slater, and Elizabeth McAndrews.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1DMMPjqgoo/>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (10:10)
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (7:50)
  - Steve Stanganelli, 12 Amidon Ave – Mr. Stanganelli spoke about looking into the installation of bus cameras, communication surrounding the disposition of AES, and the creation of the Joint Ed Committee.
- III. Communications & Reports (14:30)
  1. Superintendent's Report – Superintendent McAndrews updated the committee on staffing changes/needs within the district, shared a breakdown of Esser III spending, and finally discussed Career Pathways program at AHS. The district would not be utilizing grant funding from the state for this program in the near future due to the class size requirements the state is looking for. The committee discussed the report as well as the career pathways program.
  2. Student Advisory Council – Ms. Snow updated the committee on Student Advisory Council. Elections were recently held and approximately 10 new members were elected. SAC also recently held a Chromebook speed test.
  3. Whittier Tech Update – Ms. Lowell update the committee on recent happenings at Whittier including innovation pathways programs, upcoming meeting dates, a recent submittal of a RFP to begin the repair project on the wastewater treatment plant, and continued exploration of a shared campus with Northern Essex Community College.
  4. SEPAC Report – No Report.
  5. Shay Memorial Building Report – No Report.
  6. Subcommittees
    - a. Finance & Facilities – Ms. Welch shared an update from the most recent subcommittee meeting including updates on the AMS roof project, protocol for reserving Landry Stadium, financial reporting, and Circuit Breaker. Ms. Liporto also shared ideas for sharing budget information with the community.
    - b. Curriculum & Inclusion – Ms. Welch stated the next round of Spotlight nominations would be due December 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Welch also noted the subcommittee had provided guidance to the administration on upcoming presentations, ongoing evaluation of Title 1 services, and the drafting of an action plan to DESE regarding the drop out rate of special education students, and finally an update on ongoing MTSS work.

- c. Policy & Personnel – Mr. Omohundro stated the most recent meeting was concerning relationships with private schools in the district, a representative from MASC joined the subcommittee at their last meeting to provide insight on this process. The subcommittee also begin drafting a new member guide.
- d. Long Range Planning – There is an upcoming meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> where community members who indicated they are interested in being part of a task force are welcome to attend.

7. Requests of Committee

- Mayor Gove asked Superintendent McAndrews to summarize the process the district has used to clear out AES. The Superintendent provided an in-depth, step by step report on all the actions taken to clean out the building to prepare for disposition.
- The Mayor noted that appointment to the Joint Ed Committee would take place at the next meeting. 3 members of the committee would serve on this committee.

IV. New Business (1:14:05)

1. Policy IJNDB: Responsible Use – The policy was before the committee for a 2<sup>nd</sup> read. Mr. Omohundro summarized the changes to the policy.  
*Dr. Slater moved to approve, second by Mr. Omohundro. Approved unanimously.*
2. South Hampton Tuition – Ms. Liporto summarized the memo she provided to the committee regarding the annual setting of tuition. The annual increase is equivalent to the budget increase of the prior year. The committee briefly discussed the proposed increase. The new rate would be \$15,115.69. The committee discussed ways to encourage more S. Hampton students to attend AHS.  
*Ms. Welch moved to approve, second by Mr. Omohundro. Approved unanimously.*
3. Appoint School Committee Member to Student Services Interview Committee  
Dr. Slater indicated she would be interested in serving on the committee.  
Mr. Omohundro nominated Dr. Slater, second by Dr. Slater. Approved unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda (1:23:05)

1. *Mr. Omohundro moved to approve the following warrants: Nov 1 \$ \$640,570.55 | Nov 14 \$ \$514,896.26 | Nov 28 \$ \$1,840,847.16. Dr. Slater seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.*

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