

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2024

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

A recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18TGcbAqR5/>

I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (11:00)

Ms. Welch moved to take item III-a out of order, second by Mr. Omohundo. Approved unanimously.

III-a – (12:55) – Cashman Principal Amy Mitchell was joined by 4 students from CES who spoke about their participation in the Fall STEM festival and demonstrated their catapults and trebuchets. Students talked about the troubleshooting they did during the project in order to develop a working model.

II. Comments by Visitors and Delegations (26:00)

- No Comments

III. Presentations & Reports (27:30)

b. Q1 Budget Report – Ms. Liporto shared a Q1 budget update with the committee. Ms. Liporto shared more information on the budget freeze that had been implemented, the freeze was necessary due to unknown out of district and special education costs, as well as electricity rates. Joan is confident the budget will still balance. The committee discussed the electricity bills with Ms. Liporto. Mayor Gove asked about the prospective savings from the freeze. The committee then discussed special education programming and usage of the District's revolving account balances.

c. MCAS Report – Lyn Jacques – Mayor Gove stated it was the committee's preference to postpone the presentation in order to allow more time to review the data. Ms. Jacques briefly gave an overview of some of the terms contained in the presentation. The committee asked questions of Ms. Jacques relating to the presentation.

IV. New Business (1:23:45)

1. School Committee/District Goals Review – Mayor Gove led the committee in a mid-year review of the goals, highlighting actions taken by the committee to improve communication, optimize resources, increase accessibility, and ongoing work on the new website.

Dr. Slater moved to adjourn, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.