

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

**October 21, 2024**

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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/1BhLtuVxgB/>

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (0:35)
- II. Comments by Visitors & Delegations (1:40)
  - Katherine Mock, 22 Linwood Pl – Ms. Mock is a teacher and parent of an incoming kindergartner in Amesbury. Ms. Mock spoke about the Playful Learning Institute grant from DESE. Ms. Mock encouraged the district to apply for the grant.
- III. Spotlight Award (4:48) – Greenstone Gives Inc. was recognized as the next Spotlight Award recipient. Greenstone was recognized for their fundraising efforts in the community to support students participating in extracurricular activities. Members of Greenstone thanked the committee for the recognition and highlighted the 52 students they have been able to support so far.
- IV. Presentations and Reports (8:50)
  1. Report of the Long-Range Planning Committee – Dr. Jurist Levy gave a report to the committee on behalf of the subcommittee. Dr. Jurist Levy began with a summary of past work of the committee including community forums, fact finding with other districts, surveys and questionnaires. Dr. Jurist Levy also summarized the student discussions that happened at AIHS, AHS, and AMS specifically as well as general considerations regarding building space and more efficient use of our buildings. The committee discussed the process as outlined and shared thoughts on possible next steps/actions to be taken. The committee discussed finding alternative locations, possibly among city owned buildings, for the Innovation school.
- V. New Business (28:30)
  1. AMS Field Trip Approval - 8th Grade Trip – Mr. Costello summarized the planned overnight trip to Boston. The trip will include stops at the state house, aquarium, and Fenway Park. The Superintendent thanked staff leading the trip for their work and highlighted a change in dates that was worked out with the high school. The committee discussed the trip and ongoing fundraising efforts.  
*Ms. Welch moved to approve the trip, seconded by Dr. Slater. Approved unanimously.*

*Dr. Slater moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Omohundro. Approved unanimously.*