

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2024

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

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- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Mission Statement/Pledge of Allegiance (1:10)
- II. Comment by Visitors and Delegations (2:15) – No Comments
- III. Communications & Reports (3:40)
 1. Director of Technology – Tech Update – Mr. Steve Hare provided a Tech update to the committee on recently completed, ongoing, and upcoming tech projects. Projects include the upgrading of cameras at AHS and AMS, PA system upgrades at AMS and AHS, implementation of Chromebook insurance, drafting of new tech policies, separation of city/school servers, and Google workspace upgrades. The committee discussed the report and asked questions of Mr. Hare based on his report.
- IV. New Business (26:12)
 1. Field Trip Approval: Camp Bournedale – Mr. Rinaldi spoke about the proposed trip and summarized the activities offered to the committee. The committee asked questions of Mr. Rinaldi based on what he shared including opportunities for continued learning after the trip and options for students who were not attending.
Dr. Slater moved to approve the trip, seconded by Mr. Omohundro. Approved unanimously.
 2. Approval of Superintendent’s Goals – Superintendent McAndrews summarized the changes she had made to her proposed goals based on feedback from the previous meeting. The committee asked clarifying questions of the Superintendent based on the proposed goals.
Dr. Slater moved to approve the Superintendent’s goals, seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved unanimously.
 3. Policies for Approval
 - a. IMG – Animals in School – Dr. Jurist Levy summarized the policy as rationale for offering it for approval. The committee members asked clarifying questions based on the proposed changes.
Dr. Slater moved to approve the policy and then rescinded her motion.
The mayor then noted two revisions that needed to be made to the proposed policy.
Dr. Slater then moved to approve policy IMG as amended, second by Ms. Welch. Approved unanimously.

- b. GCF – Employee Hiring – Dr. Jurist Levy then summarized the policy and provided clarification provided by Atty. McNulty on how the committee should deal with the changes. Atty. McNulty recommended the committee adopt the language as proposed.

Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve the policy as proposed, seconded by Dr. Slater. Vote: 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Gove). Passes.

Mr. Noyes asked for a point of clarification regarding waiving the first reading of a policy. It was noted the committee was acting within its right.

- c. IKFA – Graduation – Dr. Jurist Levy noted the policy change allows the principal the flexibility over setting a graduation date to avoid conflicts with MCAS and other factors. The committee discussed the policy as proposed relating to when a date would be determined each year.

Mr. Omohundro moved to approve as presented, seconded by Ms. Welch. Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Transfers – Ms. Liporto summarized the proposed transfers for the committee. Mr. Noyes asked the mayor about electricity bills/accounts in the city in relation to the solar fields in the city.

Dr. Slater moved to approve the transfers, seconded by Mr. Noyes. 5 yes, 1 abstention (Omohundro).

5. Approval of Michelle Parsons as nurse at Amesbury High School – The approval would take place based on policy GCF.

Mr. Omohundro moved to approve, seconded by Dr. Slater. Approved unanimously.

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