

RECEIVED

By City Clerk at 1:41 pm, May 27, 2026



City of Amesbury
Office of the City Clerk
1 Market St.
Amesbury, MA 01913

Joint City Council and School Committee Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026
6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by President Jessica Redfern.

School Committee roll call was taken, and members present were Ian Gillis, Abigail Jurist Levy, Brock Omohundro, Greg Noyes, and Mayor Gove.

Roll call was taken, and present were Councilor Amanda Haggstrom, Councilor Michael Hogg, Councilor Scott Mandeville, Councilor Steven Stanganelli, Councilor Maryann Welch, Councilor Claudel Frederique, Councilor Pam Gilday, and President Jessica Redfern.

Councilor Kelly Sullivan joined the meeting at 6:44 PM.

2026-003 School Committee Vacancy – appointment of candidate 2026-043 School Committee Vacancy – appointment of candidate

Brock Omohundro nominated Chris Hunt for the School Committee vacancy. Councilor Haggstrom seconded.

Abigail Jurist Levy nominated Debra Manseau for the School Committee vacancy. Brock Omohundro seconded.

Councilor Gilday nominated Thomas Cody for the School Committee vacancy. Brock Omohundro seconded.

Ian Gillis nominated Matt Lipson for the School Committee vacancy. Abigail Jurist Levy seconded.

Mayor Gove nominated Alexandra Laing for the School Committee vacancy. Councilor Haggstrom seconded.

Brock Omohundro nominated Pamela Simpson for the School Committee vacancy. Abigail Jurist Levy seconded.

Councilor Hogg recused himself at 6:37 PM due to a potential conflict of interest.

- Chris Hunt, 12 Perkins Street, introduced himself and spoke about his desire to fill the position.
- President Redfern allowed time for School Committee members and councilors to ask questions and provide comments
- Debra Manseau, 54 Lake Attitash Road, introduced herself and spoke about her desire to fill the position
- President Redfern allowed time for School Committee members and councilors to ask questions and provide comments.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith called the roll for the School Committee and the City Council. The following was recorded for the vote:

Ian Gillis-	Chris Hunt
Abigail Jurist Levy-	Chris Hunt
Brock Omohundro-	Chris Hunt
Greg Noyes-	Chris Hunt
Mayor Gove-	Chris Hunt
Councilor Haggstrom-	Chris Hunt
Councilor Mandeville-	Chris Hunt
Councilor Stanganelli-	Chris Hunt
Councilor Sullivan-	Chris Hunt
Councilor Welch-	Chris Hunt
Councilor Frederique-	Chris Hunt
Councilor Gilday-	Chris Hunt
President Redfern-	Chris Hunt

Mr. Hunt received 13 votes.

Chris Hunt was selected to fill the first School Committee vacancy.

2026-043 School Committee Vacancy – appointment of candidate

Ian Gillis nominated the remaining candidates. Councilor Welch seconded.

- Tom Cody, 7 Lake Street, introduced himself and spoke about his desire to fill the position.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith called the roll for the School Committee and the City Council. The following was recorded for the vote:

Ian Gillis-	Tom Cody
Abigail Jurist Levy-	Debra Manseau
Brock Omohundro-	Debra Manseau
Greg Noyes-	Debra Manseau
Mayor Gove-	Debra Manseau
Councilor Haggstrom-	Tom Cody
Councilor Mandeville-	Debra Manseau
Councilor Stanganelli-	Tom Cody
Councilor Sullivan-	Debra Manseau
Councilor Welch-	Debra Manseau
Councilor Frederique-	Tom Cody
Councilor Gilday-	Debra Manseau
President Redfern-	Debra Manseau

Debra Manseau received 9 votes; Mr. Cote received 4 votes.

Debra Manseau was selected to fill the second School Committee vacancy.

Adjourn

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 13-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Looney