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Hello all,

This school committee meeting on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> will officially be my last as a School Committee member. I campaigned more than two years ago under very different life circumstances. I worked fully remotely and oversaw a team of 2. Now, I'm the Executive Director of a nonprofit, where I'm in the office 5 days a week and I oversee a staff of 72. Due to the significant demands of my full-time job (and the increase in evening activities), I have to step back from my other commitments.

I have felt very lucky to work alongside such a talented, resourceful, and intrepid committee, superintendent, central office team, administrative team, and the mayor. I am immensely proud of the work that we've done under the most difficult of financial circumstances. I am immensely proud to have advocated for teachers, administrators, and students alike through my work on the Policy and Personnel Committee, the Curriculum and Inclusion committee, on several hiring teams for open roles within Amesbury Public Schools, and alongside my colleagues who co-wrote the Playful Learning Institute grant and successfully brought playful learning to Amesbury.

Thank you all for your time, your energy, and your generosity. I'll see you over Zoom on Monday.

Best wishes,  
Kate Slater, Ph.D.