



W&M Purpose and Mission Statements

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Tue, Nov 14, 2023 at 11:48 PM

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Good evening all,

We had a productive meeting today (Matt will provide draft minutes for everyone to review). One of the items we determined would be best to figure out via email vs. among the 4 of us in attendance at tonight's meeting is the wording used on the SAU 39 site to describe the W&M committee.

***** Please note we will be including this email thread as part of the minutes to our next meeting to document our discussion.*****

This is the wording as it currently stands on the website:

Ways & Means Committee (W&M)

We hope this webpage serves as an effective and transparent source of analyses, information, and work performed by the ASD W&M Committee. We welcome suggestions regarding other types of information we ought to include.

Mission Statement

The Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee is an appointed group of Amherst community members who are tasked to review, and provide input of the Amherst School District's budget, prior to the budget being presented to the voters.

My suggested wording for the mission statement is as follows: *The Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee is a group of community members who are appointed to objectively review and comment on the school budget and related fiscal requests while considering the needs of the schools and community it serves.*

It reads slightly different than the current mission statement. My other suggestion would be for the wording directly under the W&M committee header to be removed entirely (as it is not our job to provide analysis) and replace with more of a neutral lead in. *Welcome to the Ways and Means Committee site for the Amherst School District. Please find our contact information below as well as agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes of past meetings. We value your input and engagement with the budgeting process.*

Please feel free to suggest other wording or make changes to above.

Thank you all!

Caitlin

Matt Comstock <mcomstock@sau39.org>

Wed, Nov 15, 2023 at 8:20 AM

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Good morning Caitlin,

Thank you for sending this out. I am in support of your version of the description and mission.

Thanks,
Matt Comstock
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I like it!

On Tue, Nov 14, 2023 at 11:48 PM Caitlin Thompson <cthompson1@sau39.org> wrote:
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Ellen L. Grudzien
Amherst School District Moderator

Matt Borden <mborden@sau39.org> Wed, Nov 15, 2023 at 12:21 PM
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I approve of statements as written.

Thanks,
Matt
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