

AVON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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THE MISSION STATEMENT :

To educate all students to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens in a global society.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

August 17, 2022

Regular School Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.

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AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Tracy Sheehan, Chair
Anne Hagberg, Vice-Chair
Maria Piccirilli, Secretary
Claudia Lucia, Member
Paul Chapman, Member

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

The following School Committee Members participated in the meeting remotely: Tracy Sheehan, Paul Chapman, Anne Hagberg, Maria Piccirilli and Lael Lucia.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

- I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- III. INFORMATION:
 - A. Superintendent Report

I would like to introduce Shawn Desmond the principal of AMHS. Julie Minahan will be joining Shawn as the assistant principal. Unfortunately, Julie could not be with she has had vacation scheduled for quite some time.

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education held a special meeting **on Monday, August 15 at DESE's offices in Malden**. he Board voted to establish a new passing standard for the Competency Determination (CD) for the classes of 2026 through 2030 for English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science and technology/engineering (STE). Students in the classes of 2026–2029 would be required to earn a scaled score of at least **486** (the scaled score just beyond the midpoint within the *Partially Meeting Expectations* achievement level category) on the ELA (472) and mathematics MCAS and a scaled score of at least **470** on the STE MCAS tests to earn their competency determination in those subjects

DESE and DPH issued a [joint memo](#) with COVID information for the upcoming school year aligned with the new CDC guidance released last week.

This upcoming school year, districts and schools should focus their COVID mitigation strategies towards vulnerable and symptomatic individuals, while minimizing the need for more restrictive districtwide COVID policies.

The Commonwealth is not recommending universal mask requirements, surveillance testing of asymptomatic individuals, contact tracing, or test-to-stay testing in schools. there is no testing requirement for schools and we will not be testing

The Educational Stability Program Review, which will cover programs that support students who are homeless, in foster care, and in military families will be conducted in the Fall. A desk review of the documents will be conducted. Later on the agenda I requested policies be voted into subcommittee. Those policies align with the audit.

Staff are working at hard at both buildings to prepare for the opening of schools. Our staff returns on Monday August 29th , Our students in grades 1-6 return on Wednesday August 31st and our prK –K students return on Tuesday September 6th.

I met with the building principals, Chief Bukunt, and Chief Spurr this morning to discuss School Saftey. We have schedule ALICE drills, fire drills and a School Safety Committee meeting that will take place in October. I will be inviting interested stakeholders to join in the near future.

Next Monday and Tuesday we will have mentoring and inductions training for our new staff and their mentors. The Mentoring training is led by Jen Meek and coordinating teachers Emily Haworth and Caterina Fransico

B. New hires

Candida Alves

Allycia Fortes

Hope Kennedy

Joshua Schilmeister

Meredith Mahoney

Elisabeth Tyler

Melanie Blood

John Kinsman

Daniel Sullivan

Christina Berardi

Elizabeth Early

Julie Minahan

Shawn Desmond

Kim Carvette
Tara Delmonaco
Rebecca Keohane
Lindsey Naticchioni
Jake Lester
Leisha Bartolo
Lisa Silvia
Sharon Swain

IV. FINANCIALS: None at this time

V. ACTION ITEMS:

- A.** A request to approve the 2022-2-23 Handbook Changes for the Butler Elementary School. Motion Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Tracy, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passed.
- B.** A request to approve the 2022-2023 Handbook Changes for Avon Middle High School. Motion Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Tracy, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passed.
- C.** A request to approve the 2022-2023 Program of Studies changes for Avon Middle High School. Motion Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Tracy, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passed.
- D.** A request to approve the Football Sports Agreement between the Avon Public Schools and the Holbrook Public Schools. Motion Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Tracy, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passed.
- E.** A request to approve the Cross Country Sports Agreement between the Avon Public Schools and the Holbrook Public Schools. Motion Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Tracy, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passed.
- F.** A request to approve the meeting format for the 2022-2023 school year (virtual, hybrid, in-person, combination). Motion to have meeting format flexible Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Tracy, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passed.
- G.** A request to approve the Avon School Committee Calendar for the 2022-2023 School year. Motion Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Tracy, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passed.
- H.** A request to vote policy JF- School Admissions, policy JFABE- Educational Opportunities for Military Children, policy JFABF – Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster care, and policy JFABD – Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services into Policy subcommittee. Motion Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Tracy, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passed.
- I.**

VI. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A.** Subcommittees:
 - 1. Budget Subcommittee: FY23
 - 2. Personnel Subcommittee:
 - 3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
 - 4. Policy Subcommittee:
 - 5. Insurance Subcommittee:

VIII. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:

- A.** Regular School Committee minutes of May 16, 2022. Motion Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Tracy, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passed.

- B. Regular School Committee minutes of June 8, 2022. Motion Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Tracy, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passed.
- C. Regular School Committee minutes of June 15, 2022. Minutes tabled.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Any business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Superintendent requests that the committee enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the strategy with regard to the Superintendent's contract.

The committee will not reconvene into open session.

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