

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

June 15, 2022

Regular School Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

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

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

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

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:

- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Susan Diminico – Would like AMHS to form a hockey coop with Stoughton or Brockton. Currently there are over forty children playing. Would like to encourage athletic director to get it started so by the 23-24 school year something is in place.

Brandi Clinton – In support of AMHS hockey program.
Cheryl Belvin – In support of AMHS hockey program.
Shannon Coffey – In support of AMHS hockey program.
Shannon Sabree – In support of AMHS hockey program.

III. INFORMATION:

- A. AMHS Athletics Report (Michael Hayes)** –Thank you to all the parents that supported the spring softball/baseball day. Thank you to Principal Shaw for her help. I would like to put together a Butler Day for each season.
- Fall 2021 – Cross Country – First year as a team under Coach Regonliski. The team made state qualifications. Robbie Moyse ran at the State Championships. Football team record 4 wins 3 losses. Twenty four players from Avon. Coach Hallam Holmes Depina running defense under Coach Case. Graduated 2 players but have many coming back. Varsity volleyball did well under Coach McCarthy who retired after the season. JV volleyball coached by Mary Blackburn won multiple games. Girls soccer coached by Ric Dockendorff had a successful season. They won 4 games.
- Boys soccer coached by Kris Miguel graduated 3 seniors.
- Boys Basketball team had a tough year with a difficult schedule. We had some really big wins.
- Girls basketball performed well under Coach Dockendorff. They had some big wins.
- Cheerleading coached by Lysa Bennett had a good season.
- Softball coached by Tom Speroni had some big wins.
- Baseball coached by Joe Regonlinski made it to the tournament (9-7). Lost to Blue Hills in the first round.
- Hockey Program – was informed interest in Hockey by families. We had a hockey program but as the numbers dwindled joined a tri-op then disbanded. It is something to look into. The issue is another town accepting us. Mike Hayes has not spoken to Brockton.
- Paul Chapman – Co-op concept initiated by Avon and Holbrook. Mike should look into a co-op. It would help to keep kids here. Football is flourishing. Other sports should be looked into.
- Chris Godino- We can put out feelers to schools in the area. We can do an interest survey earlier and communicate with youth leagues.
- Mike Hayes – Holbrook does not have many players interested in Hockey. What grade are the Butler students. (8 -5th graders). I will have to check MIAA standards.
- Maria Piccirilli – There are children in many grades boys and girls.
- Mike Hayes – co-ops are submitted two years at a time.
- Lael – I think it is wonderful and will keep students here. There is a need for communication to Butler families about AMHS events.
- Notes – district wide calendars
- AMHS athletics has a twitter account.
- B. SEPAC (Jennifer Meek)**- Jennifer Geroski is the SEPAC Chair. There were two virtual meetings. A google survey was sent out to all parents to investigate topics and format of meetings. There were 58 responses. A SEPAC pamphlet will be developed and available at both buildings. Parents are interested in community resources. Workshops will be held.
- Jennifer Geroski – Time will be allotted to just parents to support each other.
- C. Superintendent Report**
- Butler Updated– The Butler Elementary School celebrated Flag Day .In attendance were the VFW and Women’s Auxilliary and may family members.
- Tomorrow is field day.
- Preschool, Kindergartend and 6th grade graduations are next week.
- AMHS – Today and exhibition game by AMHS baseball and softball players for Butler students.
- Thank you to Marci Kovick and Jen Mayo for providing snacks.
- Thank you to Recreation department for the banners for softball and baseball team.
- Eight grade graduation is tomorrow.
- An update on professional development. The school year started with Civil Rights training. Others trainings included: COVID, CPR, ALICE, CPR, Special Education trainings. AMHS participated in a Vision of a Graduate training.
- The school years ends on 6/24.
- Hiring many positions.
- One retirement, Sharon Johnson one of our bus drivers.
- Update on Superintendent goals.

Goal 1 - Work directly with the building principals and district administrators to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment is maintained.

- Parent Information Session (Virtual)
Update on Avon COVID cases (Kathleen Waldron)
Update on Masks, Mitigation Strategies, COVID Protocols and COVID testing in schools (Christine Godino)
Building Updates (Dawn Stockwell and Sarah Shaw)
- Symptomatic testing and Test and Stay
- Test provided to teachers before return from winter break
- At-home testing program implemented for staff and students
- All DESE and DPH protocols followed
- ESSER III survey sent to stakeholders.
- Esser III grant was written to support COVID initiatives, address learning loss, and strengthen instructional programming

Goal 2-Develop and implement action plan to address Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

The leadership team participated in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion professional development led by Nadja Reilly and Kris Taylor from Teachers 21.

With a DEI lens the six sessions addressed:

- Student data by subgroups
- School Culture
- Leadership styles and how they impact the team and school culture
- Improving professional practice

I am currently planning teacher professional development with Nadjaa Reilly for 22-23

Goal 3 - Develop and implement a comprehensive facilities plan for the Avon Public Schools.

- Hired NESDEC to conduct study of the district
- NESDEC presented the report to the School Committee
- A committee was formed to review the report
- It was voted 6th grade will move to AMHS for the 23-24 school year
- Steps to initiate a building project with the MSBA will begin this summer.

Goal 4 - Work directly with the building principals to ensure teacher evaluations reflect a shared understanding of classroom instruction of an overall proficient educator.

- Walk-throughs were conducted somewhat inconsistently – Impacted by COVID
- Focus groups will be formed this summer to address areas of concern (Literacy Centers and Curriculum materials).
- All evaluations were of teachers were read – feedback to teachers was monitored.

Mike Hayes – A group of AMHS students went to the Butler today with Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Conrad to have an information session about athletics and clubs at AMHS. The students asked great questions. All students received health cards required of student athletes.

Anne Hagberg – The trip to Washington DC was amazing.

Thank you to all the teachers for all their hard work during a difficult year.

IV. FINANCIALS: None at this time

V. ACTION ITEMS:

- A request to approve the MOA between the Avon School Committee and AFSCME. Motion Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passes.
- A request to approve future meeting times and dates of the Avon School Committee for the 2022-2023 School year. Motion to table Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael. Vote passes.

VI. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Subcommittees:

1. Budget Subcommittee: FY22 FY23
2. Personnel Subcommittee:
3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
4. Policy Subcommittee:
5. Insurance Subcommittee:

VIII. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:

- A.** Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the School Committee Meeting Minutes of April 28,2021; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Piccirilli. All those in favor – Aye Paul, Aye Anne, Aye Maria. Vote: Passes.
- B.** Upon the Superintendent's request to vote on the minutes of April 28, 2022. Moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Piccirilli; All those in favor – Aye Paul, Aye Anne, Aye Maria. Vote: Passes.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Any business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

TBD

IX. 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. Executive session is cancelled.

- A.** Adjourn - Motion to Member Chapman, Second Member Piccirilli. All those in favor Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Lael