

AVON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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MISSION STATEMENT

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – 6:00PM - Zoom

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AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Tracy Sheehan, Chair
Anne Hagberg, Vice-Chair
Sharon Marble, Secretary
Paul Chapman, Member
Maria Piccirilli, Member

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Jaime Durodola, Jessica Salawu

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:

II. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Jaime Durodola, Jessica Salawu

- A. Butler Update: The Butler School collected over 1,000 cans for the Avon Food Pantry. As a reward, they had a "Can Dance" on the day before vacation. Music was played over the intercom at various times throughout

the day for students to get up and dance. In honor of Martin Luther King Day, Butler students were challenged to complete Acts of Service. These included helping out around the house, helping a neighbor, teaching someone a new skill, and making a gift for someone. Over 300 Butler students completed their acts of kindness and earned a special CARES pal. Butler Student Council is sponsoring "Fancy Friday" spirit day this Friday. Students will come dressed in their fanciest clothes.

- B.** AMHS Update: High School mid-term/final exams and middle school MAP testing will take place during the week of 1/24. Students are expected to be in school for the entire day. Report cards for term 2 will be available in the portal starting 2/3. Today's Advisory engaged students in a fun activity that allowed each member to consider how well they actually know their peers and teacher. It was titled Snowball Fight where each student wrote a fun fact about themselves on a piece of paper, crinkled it up into a "snowball" and then others had to guess who it belonged to. For sports, the Football Mayflower League All-Stars included Anthony Pettijohn, Matt Lind, Brady Sheehan and the second team all scholastic was Brady Sheehan. For Volleyball it was Val Jean, for Boys Soccer it was Harley MacDonald, and for Girls Soccer it was Emma MacDonald. On Wednesday, 1/12, the AMHS Boys Basketball team defeated Holbrook 56-19. Thomas Edwards led the team scoring 16 points. Robbie Moyes and Kailer Pettijohn were explosive on defense being major contributors in stopping Holbrook's offense. On Thursday, the AMHS Middle School Boys Basketball Team defeated Calvary Chapel 46-22. Thomas Edwards led the team scoring 17 points with Cam Skinner scoring 10. They are currently undefeated. The Avon Girls Basketball Team beat Atlantis Charter 46 to 25. Leading the Panthers were Kylie Mallett with 18 points and Hanelie Cadet with 17 points, while Dahlia Parent had a great defensive game for Avon.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

IV. INFORMATION:

- A.** Superintendent Report: Superintendent Christine Godino formed a committee to review the NESDEC report and make recommendations. The committee consists of staff members, parents and school committee members. The meetings will be held Wednesdays at 3:15-4:15PM virtually for 4 weeks. During Winter Break, the Avon School District was able to pick up KN95 masks from the Department of Education and were provided with enough masks to supply the employees for six weeks. A sincere thank you was extended to Kathy McDonald and Scott Hulien for picking up the masks. The mask mandate was extended until February 28th. On New Years Day, Superintendent Godino picked up rapid tests for all staff allowing them to test before returning from break. The number of kits received were reduced from the original amount, so the kits needed to be split. Superintendent Godino sends her appreciation to Jennifer Meek and Sarah Shaw for assisting with that task, along with distributing to staff prior to their return. The new COVID testing program was recommended by the Department of Public Health and DESE, and the program would eliminate contact tracing and test and stay shifting the focus to symptomatic individuals. Each staff member and student would receive an at home test to test each week through 4/22. Participants would need to opt in to the program, and reports would be reported to the schools, and the positive case numbers would continue being reported to DESE.
- B.** Special Education Parent Advisory Council: Jen Meek discussed the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. It is a requirement in the state to have one in the district. Jen Meek has received 5 parent responses so far and is hopeful to get more soon. More information will be coming soon on this.

V. FINANCIALS:

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

- A.** Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, a request to approve changes to the Director of Pupil Services job description. Moved by Member Chapman, Seconded by Member Anne Habgerg, All those in Favor - Aye Paul, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes.

VII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A.** Subcommittees:
1. Budget Subcommittee: FY22 and 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 Budget Subcommittee School Committee Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2021; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Hagberg. All those in favor – Aye Paul, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes.
- B. Upon the Superintendent's request to vote on the minutes of December 9, 2021. Moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Hagberg; All those in favor – Aye Paul, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes.
- C. Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2021; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Hagberg. All those in favor – Aye Paul, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes.
- D. Upon the Superintendent's request to vote on the minutes of December 15, 2021. Moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Hagberg; All those in favor – Aye Paul, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Any business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A section 21(a)(2): to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct contract negotiations personnel (Business Manager). This required a roll call vote and will not reopen into regular session. Vote to enter into Executive Session: Anne Aye, Paul Aye, Tracy Aye.

XI. UPCOMING MEETING

- A. Regular School Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:00PM
- B. Regular School Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:00PM