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

#### *October 19, 2022*

**Regular School Committee Meeting 5:30 AMHS Media Center**

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**Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify themselves by name and address and shall speak for no longer than 3 minutes. No citizen may speak more than once without permission of the Chair. All citizens shall speak to the full committee through the Chair and shall not address individual members or administrators. Individuals may address topics on the agenda, items specified for public comment, or items within the scope of responsibility of the School Committee.**

**AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Tracy Sheehan, Chair**

**Anne Hagberg, Vice-Chair**

**Maria Piccirilli, Secretary**

**Claudia Lucia, Member**

**Paul Chapman, Member**

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Gianna Rosa and Brynn Gaynor

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Christine Godino

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TRACY SHEEHAN.

1. **THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:**
2. **Student Advisory Committee update**-The High School Student Council is up and running.  There are generally about 50 students that attend the weekly meetings and many of them have taken leadership roles in running various sub-committees that also meet on a weekly basis.  The students are all stepping up to ensure we are doing great things to support all students.

This Friday from 6:00-9:00pm we are holding the Middle School Fall Dance here at AMHS.  The middle school students are all very excited and working closely with Ms. Conrad to ensure we have a successful night.  The High School Student Council, in association with the AMHS Boosters, are organizing a Fall Homecoming Dance for Friday, November 4th, to be held at the Avon VFW.  The Student Council has a sub-committee dedicated to organizing the event.

Sports Teams are doing well!  We held a Butler night for Volleyball last week and will have Butler nights next week for both Girl’s and Boys’ Soccer.  For the soccer games, students will be welcomed to the games, receive Panther Clappers, and have opportunities to take “shots on goal” throughout the game. We also have Senior nights coming up for Fall Sports where all the Seniors will be recognized.

The Volleyball Teams held a “Dig Pink” game at the beginning of October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.  Throughout October, the team is collecting items like thick socks, puzzle books, hats, and scarves that will be donated to families in need that are affected by Breast Cancer.

This week, the National Honor Society held the Fall Blood Drive.  Many students, 16 years and older, along with staff, were able to donate blood through the Blood Drive.  We want to thank Ms. Rebecca Howe for organizing the event with the National Honor Society students and look forward to holding another Blood Drive in the Spring. Teachers have been and will continue to analyze data in relation to MCAS, Grades, and E-hall pass and reflect on their own practices.  Through Faculty Meetings and Professional Development Days, teachers have a focus on working together to ensure we are supporting all students to strive for excellence.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Susan Delmonaco commented on the MCAS results from Avon seen in the Globe. She would like to see improvement in both ELA and Math, but is specifically concerned about the lack of improvement in ELA.
2. **INFORMATION:**
3. Superintendent Report- The district has received an allocation grant of $170,989 Improving

Ventilation and Air Quality in Public Schools Districts are eligible if they

serve high concentrations of economically disadvantaged students and

English learners  , defined as their percentage of low income or English

learners (the unduplicated, combined count) that is equal to or above the

state average (46.1%) during the most recent statewide DESE data collection

(March 2022 SIMS). Superintendent will be scheduling a Capital sub-committee meeting

to develop a capital plan and outline how the funds will be used next school

year.

As Superintendent Godino, has mentioned in the past, the South Shore Early College Consortium.

have be awarded $100,000 through DESE as start- up funding. The group

includes East Bridgewater, Holbrook, Attleboro, Hanover, Easton, Norton,

Holbrook, King Phillip, Taunton, and Brockton. The group will be focusing

on working will colleges to develop Early college experiences for our

students.

A School Safety Committee Meeting was held on October 5th . The Agenda

included Fire Drills, Alice, Avon Police Department Autism Awareness, and

Handle with Care. Jen Meek will discuss the Autism Awareness Program a

little later. I would like to discuss Handle with Care. Shawn Desmond and I

attended a Norfolk County District Attorney’s Office workshop that

discussed the program.

1. Accountability/ MCAS-Principal Sarah Shaw from Butler Elementary and Shawn Desmond Principal of AMHS spoke on MCAS scores and plans for improvement in both ELA in Math at both schools.
2. Special Education Parent Advisory Council-Jennifer Meek gave update on Special Education Parent Advisory Council. First meeting was October 17th and had a great turnout form parents and staff. This meeting included a meet and great with special education staff and parents.
3. MASC Resolutions-A copy of resolutions were handed out for Nov 2-4 MASC Conference.
4. **FINANCIALS:** None at this time
5. **ACTION ITEMS:**
   1. Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation a request to increase substitute teachers rate of pay- $75 a day without a Bachelor’s degree and $100 a day with a Bachelor’s degree. Motioned by member Chapman, seconded by member Piccirilli. Discussion- Rates vary between a range 0f 90-130 a day in surrounding districts. Motion to increase to 100 w/o a bachelor’s degree and 125 with a bachelors’ degree. Motioned by member Lucia, seconded by member Piccirilli. All in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Claudia, Aye Tracy. Vote Passes.
   2. Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation a request to accept a donation from Nesralla’s of 20 pumpkins for the Butler Elementary School. Motioned by member Chapman, Seconded by member Piccirilli. All in Favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Claudia, Aye Tracy. Vote Passes.
   3. A request to appoint a delegate to the MASC delegate assembly. Motioned by member Chapman, seconded by member Piccirilli. Member Anne Hager is appointed as delegate. All in Favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Claudia, Aye Tracy. Vote Passes.
   4. A request to approve the AMHS Student Council Fundraiser. Motioned by member Chapman, Seconded by member Piccirilli. All in Favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Claudia, Aye Tracy. Vote Passes.
6. **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
7. Subcommittees:
8. **KEEP THIS IN ALL AGENDAS**
9. Budget Subcommittee: FY23
10. Personnel Subcommittee:

a. Collective Bargaining Agreement between Avon Education Association (AEA) and the Avon School Committee.

1. Maintenance Subcommittee:
2. Policy Subcommittee:
3. Insurance Subcommittee:
4. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:
   1. Upon the Superintendent’s request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes Sept 21, 2022. Moved by member Chapman, seconded by member Piccirilli. All those in favor –Aye Chapman, Aye Maria, Aye Ann, Aye Tracy, Aye Claudia. Vote: Passes. Motion to vote on the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes Aug 31, 2022 Motioned by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Piccirilli, All those in favor –Aye Chapman, Aye Maria, Aye Ann, Aye Tracy, Aye Claudia Vote: Passes
   2. **NEW BUSINESS:** Appoint Alternate delegate for MASC conference 11/2. Member Maria Piccirilli appointed. All in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Claudia, Aye Tracy. Vote Passes.
5. **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**
6. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm Wednesday, November 16, 2022
7. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm Wednesday, December 21, 2022
8. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm Wednesday, January 18, 2023
9. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm Wednesday, February 15, 2023

**XI ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn, Member Chapman. Seconded by Member Piccirilli. All those in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy.

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