

# AVON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 6, 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

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The following School Committee Members participated in the meeting remotely:  
Anne Hagberg, Sharon Marble, Maria Piccirilli, Paul Chapman (joined late)

### CALL TO ORDER BY THE VICE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

#### I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:

#### II. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The School Committee Advisors were not in attendance. AMHS – Presented by Superintendent Godino - AMHS Project 351 student representative Robbie Moyes is currently running a clothing drive for Cradles to Crayons this

week. Donations for children's clothes are needed. Please bring clothes sizes newborn to adults small to put in the donation bin in the main hall. For Guidance, course selections are now open for students to choose electives and subject levels. These must be completed by April 11<sup>th</sup>. Directions are on the Avon Middle High School website. The registration deadline for the May 7<sup>th</sup> SAT is this Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. You can register online at collegeboard.com. Students need to visit Mr. O'Donnell or Ms. Cartwright if a fee waiver is needed. Boston Architectural College (BAC) is holding a summer program for high school students who are curious about starting a career in architecture, interior design, and landscape design. Sports Update: Spring sports are back in action. The winter sports awards recipients include: Girls Basketball Awards: MVP – Hanelie Cadet, Defensive Player of the Year – Dahlia Parent, Offensive Player of the Year – Kylie Mallett, Panther Award – Kylie Anderson. Boys Basketball Awards: MVP – Andre Condero, Defensive Player of the Year – Corey McKoy, Offensive Player of the Year – Corey McCoy, Panther Award – Nathan Maguire. Cheer: MVP – Nayemma Chery, Panther Award – Micaella Maguire. This year, Student Council sponsored a team in the Special Olympics Unified Bocce tournament. Elijah Belotte, Samuel Brutus, Maeve Hagberg and Jonas Millien competed against teams from area high schools at Pembroke High School on Saturday 3/19. They won two out of the three matches. Spirit week begins on Friday and each day will have a theme. Spirit week will end with a traditional Pep Rally and Class Banner Competition on Thursday 4/14.

Presented by Principal Sarah Shaw - Butler: Mr. Pond was the Rock, Paper, Scissors March Madness Champion. Butler students participated in a Love of Reading Poetry Contest for the month of March. Winners were Jami Mohnkern in Grade 4, Sofia Haynes in Grade 3 and Lealla Cartwright in Grade 1. Winners get their choice of a new book and the first place winner will have their poem printed on a t-shirt. Butler students in Grades 3-6 started English Language Arts MCAS this week. Students are working very hard to show what they know. The Butler ASA is sponsoring a family trip to the Red Sox game over April vacation.

- I. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Member Anne Hagberg opened up public comment and had a brief discussion regarding in-person and zoom school committee meetings.
- II. **INFORMATION:** Superintendent Godino – Superintendent Godino and Mike Hayes participated in a virtual event called “Addressing Hate and Bias in School Athletics: A Call to Action.” Attorney General Maura Healy announced her partnership with state leaders to help prevent and address hate and bias incidents in school athletic programs in Massachusetts. AG Healy announced a new collaborative project to expand programming around preventing and addressing hate and bias incidents in school sports. The AG’s Office and its partnering organizations will host an in-person conference at the beginning of the 22-23 school year for school administrators, athletic directors and referees, including panel discussions and workshops on best practices around creating a positive school environments and reporting hate and bias incidents. Regional trainings across the state will be conducted by Northeastern University’s Center for the Study of Sport in Society to provide more in-depth training and equip school and athletic program leaders with the tools they need to empower and support their students and to prevent and address hate. Covid cases remain extremely low, as there has only been 1 student case and no staff cases in the past week. Lastly, Sharon Marble has decided not to run for re-election to her position on the school committee. Superintendent Godino thanked Sharon for her many years of service. Sharon Marble spoke of her appreciation as well.  
Mike Hayes – Sports Update – Athletic Director Mike Hayes had a sports update and provided information regarding boys and girls spring and winter sports.  
Principal Sarah Shaw – Outdoor Classroom – The outdoor classroom has been a goal of ASA fundraiser and the ASA raised over \$20,000. The goal is to place an outdoor classroom in front of the Butler school.
- III. **FINANCIALS: FY23 Budget Reductions** – Superintendent Godino discussed the Public Hearing on FY23 budget (presentation)
- IV. **ACTION ITEMS:**
  - A. Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, a request to return to in person school committee meetings. Moved by Member Chapman, Seconded by Member Piccirilli. Discussion – Members discussed in-person, hybrid and virtual meetings and if those would be possibilities for the future. Members decided to table this action item until further discussion. Motion withdrawn. Action Item: Tabled.

B. Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, a request to amend the 2021-2022 calendar. Moved by Member Chapman, Seconded by Member Piccirilli. Discussion – Superintendent Godino discussed adding in Juneteenth to the school calendar. All those in Favor – Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Sharon, Aye Anne. Vote: Passed.

C. Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, a request approve the 2022-2023 calendar. Moved by Member Chapman, Seconded by Member Piccirilli. Discussion – Superintendent Godino discussed the 2022-2023 calendar. Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Sharon, Aye Anne. Vote: Passes.

D. Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, a request to approve Line-Item transfers. Moved by Member Chapman, Seconded by Member Piccirilli. Discussion – Kathleen McDonald discussed the line-item transfers. All those in favor – Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Abstain Sharon. Vote: Passes

## **V. 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 Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2022; moved by Member Chapman, Seconded Member Piccirilli. All those in favor – Aye Paul, Aye Sharon, Aye Anne, Aye Maria. Vote: Passes.
- B. Upon the Superintendent's request to vote on the minutes of March 3, 2022. Moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Piccirilli; All those in favor – Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Sharon, Aye Anne. Vote: Passes.
- C. Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2022; moved by Member Marble. Seconded by Member Piccirilli. All those in favor, Abstain Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Sharon, Aye Anne. Vote: Passed.
- D. Upon the Superintendent's request to vote on the minutes of March 16, 2022. Moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Piccirilli; All those in favor – Abstain Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Sharon, Aye Anne. Vote: Passes.
- E. Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2022; moved by Member Marble, Seconded Member Piccirilli. All those in favor – Abstain Paul, Aye Sharon, Aye Anne, Aye Maria. Vote: Passes.
- F. Upon the Superintendent's request to vote on the minutes of March 23, 2022. Moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Piccirilli; All those in favor – Abstain Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Sharon, Aye Anne. Vote: Passes.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

Any business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

## **X. UPCOMING MEETING**

- A. Annual Town Meeting at 7:00PM, Tuesday, May 3, 2022 - AMHS
- B. Regular School Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:00PM

## **XI. 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 (Administrator Contracts). The committee will enter into executive session and not return to regular session. Motion to enter into executive session and not return to public. All those in favor: Aye Sharon, Aye Maria, Aye Paul, Aye Anne. Vote: Passes.**