

# 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 26, 2019

Walk Through both buildings starting @ 6:00 P.M. & Regular School Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. AMHS Media Center

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### AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Tracy Sheehan, Chair  
Anne Hagberg, Vice Chair  
Sharon Marble, Secretary  
Rebecca Lundgren, Member  
Paul Chapman, Member

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Will resume September 16th

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Christine Godino

DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES: Karen Romans

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CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: 6:10 pm at the Butler Elementary School for a walk-through of the building. The committee continued to the Avon Middle High School for inspection. Both buildings were reported to be in good shape with a few last minute projects to be completed by Thursday's opening. The Regular School Committee Meeting convened in the AMHS Media Center at 7pm.

- I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:
- II. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- IV. FINANCIALS: None at this time
- V. INFORMATION:
  - A. District Improvement Plans are continuing to be worked on.
  - B. Opening day events: Breakfast was provided by AMHS Boosters and was very much appreciated. Building principals introduced new staff; welcome speeches

were delivered by AEA Rep (Donna Conrad), SC (Tracy Sheehan), and Superintendent Godino. At the Butler: Staff had summer training around safety (ALICE), the PA system and front door are installed, parking lot hopeful for the spring. Curriculum is a work in progress, Lindsey Kay has assisted with updating technology in the area of school forms. The coordinating teachers will provide new staff introductions to the system. At the high school: cultural training took place and staff recognition was presented. The afternoon was given for classroom preparation.

- C. A list of staff updates in drop box.
- D. An updated list of staff with professional status was provided in drobox.
- E. Principal Shaw shared a new proposal through a grant written by Nicole Ruggles, School Adjustment Counselor. It is called "Do Kind Challenge" where children will be challenged to fill out a tic-tac-toe board over 48hrs doing kind things. This grant will be worth \$500 for which an outdoor picnic table will be purchased for eating lunch outside.
- F. Mrs. Shaw reported on the progress of the School Improvement Plan for the Butler Elementary: the math curriculum has been completed. The science curriculum will continue for K-6 (3/6 units complete), the RTI (data collection) process will continue to be looked at for growth across the board; Safe/Secure schools will be secured through drills for staff and students adhering to suggestions from the Fire Department. New sensory tools have been installed for social/emotional balance. Instituting a parent liaison for each classroom as an initiative for more parent involvement.
- G. AMHS School Improvement Plan is centering around curriculum mapping, diversity, common planning time at grade level/departmental. ALICE training and drills to ensure rally points for everyone, the Advisory Meeting time has been changed to Monday mornings for 30 min. and will institute themes/common language across all grades. Creating topics for discussion for parents to build a stronger relationship/trust between school/home.
- H. North River Collaborative has increased the capital reserve account to \$7000.
- I. Delegate for the MASC/MASS Conference: Member Hagberg is the delegate and Member Chapman is the alternate delegate.
- J. Document with changes to the Butler School handbook were shared.
- K. Document with changes to the AMHS handbook were shared.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve four AMHS Booster Type 2 fundraisers (all have been done previously); moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous
- B. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve a Scavenger Hunt Type 2 fundraiser to benefit the Germany trip; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: 4-0-1 (Member Sheehan)
- C. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the Ralph D. Butler Elementary School Handbook; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous
- D. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve The Avon Middle High School Handbook; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous

- E. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the 2019-20 Cooperative Sports Memorandum of Agreement between Avon & Holbrook Public Schools; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous

**VII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Subcommittees
  - 1. Budget Subcommittee: FY20
  - 2. Personnel Subcommittee:
  - 3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
    - a. Capital Facilities Improvements:
  - 4. Policy Subcommittee:
  - 5. Insurance Subcommittee:

**IX. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:**

- A. Upon the Chair's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2019; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous  
Upon the Chair's request to accept the minutes of the Regular School Committee Meeting of June 27, 2019; moved by Member Lundgren, seconded by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**IX. UPCOMING MEETING**

- A. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, September 16, 7pm, AMHS Media Center
- B. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, October 7, 7pm, AMHS Media Center
- C. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, October 21, 7pm, AMHS Media Center

**X. Adjourn**

Chair made a motion to adjourn @ 8:15 pm; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous

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