

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

December 9, 2019

Regular School Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. AMHS Media Center

This meeting is being recorded by local cable. It will be shown multiple times on channel 9. Links to view this meeting can also be found on Avon Cable Access's website, avontv.org, as well as, the Avon Public School's website, www.avon.k12.ma.us. Anyone wishing to record this open session must inform the committee so that such recordings can be properly announced.

Any community members wishing to speak during public comment must complete the sign-in sheet to be recognized during that portion of the agenda.

AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Tracey Sheehan, Chair
Anne Hagberg, Vice Chair
Sharon Marble, Secretary - Absent
Rebecca Lundgren, Member
Paul Chapman, Member - Absent

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mikayla von Ehrenkrook, Samantha Tracey

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES:

Karen Romans - Absent

CALL TO ORDER BY THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: 7:10 pm

I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:

II. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

IV. FINANCIALS: None at this time

V. INFORMATION:

A. Principal Mid-year Reports

AMHS - School Improvement Plan: Curriculum, RTI is up and running, secure schools/safety – all staff trained, drill in the spring; Advisory curriculum – positive feedback from students/faculty. Communication improvements have been made. Student Counsel is working with DOE – data retrieval. Professional Development: trauma sensitive; suicide prevention – social/emotional impact. The loss of Isiah in the fall has caused the student body to deal with emotions. The students have done many things to honor him – basketball game shirt present and a back to school block party. Lori Sass retired, Jeanne Cartwright moved

out of the main office to take that spot. Red Ribbon week, Middle School Pumpkin Run, Drama play about being a teenager, Project 351 – pass the torch – Maeve Hagberg. Gillette for the third year in a row for the MIAA Sportsmanship award. Aces – great American smoke out. Winners of the Spirit Week challenge were the 12th graders. Very busy, a lot of good things happening.

BUTLER - School Improvement Plan: Curriculum – Katie Frias. Butler had a 2 day training for the new science program during professional development. RTI process – the focus is to make it more simple/streamlined giving every grade level measures social/emotional behavior. Culture – Tier I. Safe schools – staff is trained and drills are planned for the spring. Spike Zone – sensory kits and special boards in place. Transition program for the 6th graders is working well – HS mentors spend time every 2 mos. CARES – more excitement through monthly assembly. School Council has instituted a “value of the month”. Bullying is a concern – working on monthly lessons to bring awareness. Community culture – more parent/family involvement. Booster-thon raised \$25K and had 65% participation this year. Diversity – book club to explore the topic. “Winter Olympics” - Student Council – 1000 can drive.

- B. Norfolk County Sheriff's Task Force report: Member Sheehan was impressed by the presentation of material on discipline, rehab, lack of funding at the state level. She will attend the next meeting and will share the date once set up.
- C. Report from the MASS/MASC Conference: Member Sheehan – discussion around the MTEL testing – how valid is it, drop it, what will it be replaced with? Banning of styrofoam in schools. Member Hagberg – “Being average is not good enough” was a saying she felt was important; “diversity – refraining to include everyone” was empowering phrase. There was a panel from the Dedham schools that was very powerful and effective.
- D. Annual Town Meeting is January 6. Members Lundgren and Sheehan are up for re-election. Calendar of Town events for 2020 shared.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve a Type 2 Fundraiser for AMHS Drama Club; moved by Member Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous
- B. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve a Type 2 Fundraiser for the National Honor Society; moved by Member Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous

VII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittees
 - 1. Budget Subcommittee: FY20, FY21
 - 2. Personnel Subcommittee:
 - a. Collective Bargaining Agreement between AEA and Avon School Committee
 - 3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
 - a. Capital Facilities Improvements: Butler Parking Lot Project
 - 4. Policy Subcommittee: Policy CBI Operations -Superintendent Eval.
 - 5. Insurance Subcommittee:

VIII. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:

- A.** Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2019; moved by Member Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous

Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2019; moved by Member Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: 2-0-1 (Member Sheehan)

- B.** Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019; moved by Member Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous

Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019; moved by Member Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: 2-0-1 (Member Sheehan)

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

X. UPCOMING MEETING

- A.** Personnel Subcommittee/Executive Session School Committee, AEA Negotiations Meeting at 5:00pm Thursday, December 19, 2019, 5:00 p.m., AMHS Media Center.
- B.** Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, January 6, 2020, 7pm, AMHS Media Center.
- C.** Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, January 27, 7pm, AMHS Media Center.
- D.** Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, February 10, 7pm AMHS Media Center.
- E.** Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, March 2, 7pm AMHS Media Center.
- F.** Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, March 16, 7pm AMHS Media Center.
- G.** Regular School Committee Meeting at Monday, April 6, 2020, 7pm, AMHS Media Center.
- H.** Regular School Committee Meeting at Monday, April 27, 2020, 7pm, AMHS Media Center.
- I.** Regular School Committee Meeting at Monday, May 4, 2020, 7pm, AMHS Media Center.
- J.** *Avon Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:30 p.m., AMHS Auditorium*
- K.** Regular School Committee Meeting at Monday, May 18, 2020, 7pm, AMHS Media Center.
- L.** Regular School Committee Meeting at Monday, June 1, 2020, 7pm, AMHS Media Center.
- M.** Regular School Committee Meeting at Monday, June 15, 2020, 7pm, AMHS Media Center.

XI. Adjourn

Vice Chair made a motion to adjourn @ 7:50pm; moved by Member Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous