

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

January 27, 2020

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

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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
Rebecca Lundgren, Member-Absent
Paul Chapman, Member

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mikayla von Ehrenkrook, Samantha Tracey

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES:

Karen Romans

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

I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:

II. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Butler:

- ASA Family Bingo night was a success with over 100 people present.
- In honor of MLK, there was a Peace Builders event.
- On 1/31 there will be an AMHS night with fun activities planned for all.

Avon Middle High School:

- Basketball teams are doing great.
- Poetry Out Loud Performance

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

IV. FINANCIALS: None at this time

V. INFORMATION:

A. The Superintendent attended the M.A.S.S. Mid-Winter Conference where several topics were discussed, including the student opportunity act; DESE will provide information and templates for the plans and once voted on by School Committee, plans should be submitted to DESE by 4/1/20. The increase received in the Chapter 70 funds (\$375,000). In the FY 21 Budget, an ELL teacher and an Adjustment counselor will be hired at the AMHS and these positions are what the Chapter 70 funds are earmarked for.

She will be meeting with Mike Carter from GCG associates to go over the parking lot project plans with Kathy McDonald. DESE will give an orientation about the tired focus monitoring review process for the district parents at the AMHS. Mr. Ellis, AMHS Music teacher is proposing bringing music to the upper elementary school students. Thank you to RFX Inc. for the generous donation of office/school supplies.

B. Lindsey Kay and Jay Donavan, two teachers present to propose a new schedule for the Middle-High School to begin in August 2020. The reason for this change is to accommodate science classes and accompanying labs, over 10 benefits to students including increase access to the curriculum, offer more electives, freeing up teachers, and offer fluidity in all major classes with hopes to cut down missing time/learning in certain subject areas. There will be an adjustment period and the schedule committee will meet regularly to make made any necessary changes.

C. Chronic absenteeism report:

AMHS: There are ups and downs within the numbers when comparing last year's first two terms and this year's first two terms; overall numbers have increased since last year; tardiness has gone down, dismissals have gone down in comparisons to last year. Discipline is down due to cellphone use and being on time to school.

Butler Elementary: The state gives MCAS and academic targets as well as other targets such as chronic absenteeism. Chronically absenteeism= 10%, 18 days or more for the school year. Numbers have improved since last year, and hoping to decrease numbers by the end of this school year. Plans to help with attendance: Monthly attendance meetings, intervention programs, Dojo, letters and live phone calls following a Connect Ed message are helping.

- D.** North River Annual Report in drop box: The report summaries highlights of the pass school year. Information on the programs and services provide by the collaborative and audited financial statements.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

- A.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve AMHS yearbook fundraiser; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Chapman; 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:
 - a. SC Policy CBI Operations -Superintendent Evaluation.
5. Insurance Subcommittee:

XIII. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:

- A.** Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2020; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous

Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2020; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: TABLED due to members present having to abstain. Vote, next meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

X. UPCOMING MEETING

- A. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, February 10, 7pm AMHS Media Center
- B. Personnel Subcommittee/Executive Session School Committee, AEA Negotiations Meeting at 5:00 pm, Thursday, February 13 & 26, 2020, AMHS Medial Center
- C. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, March 2, 7pm AMHS Media Center
- D. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, March 16, 7pm AMHS Media Center
- E. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, April 6, 7pm AMHS Media Center
- F. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, April 27, 7pm AMHS Media Center
- G. Avon Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 7:30pm AMHS Auditorium

XI. Adjourn

Chair made a motion to adjourn @ 7:30 pm; moved by Member Marble,
seconded by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous