

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

September 9, 2020

WALKTHRU & Regular School Committee Meeting - Wednesday Evening **4:00 p.m.**
@ BUTLER, immediately following AMHS, &
Regular School Committee Meeting, **5:30 p.m.**, via ZOOM

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AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Tracy Sheehan, Chair
Anne Hagberg, Vice-Chair
Sharon Marble, Secretary
Paul Chapman, Member
Maria Piccirilli, Member -Absent

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: 5:30 pm

I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

III. INFORMATION:

- A.** Superintendent Report: Avon has hired a few new people this school year; at the Butler: Meghan James, SPED teacher, John Mark, PE teacher, Amanda Dowd, School Nurse, Erin Galvin, 3rd Grade; she was a long term sub last year, Ben Pond who was IA will now be teaching Technology, Heather Brenic, 3rd grade LTS, Rebecca Hassler, 6th grade LTS and Stephanie Peterson, IA. At the Avon Middle-High School, Keegan Kerr, Spanish teacher, Joel Tenenbaum, Physics. New ESL teacher who will be in both buildings, Kelly Doherty. Welcome to all of our new people. We are still working on a MOA with the AEA and will meet next week. Unfortunately, the Chromebooks have been pushed back and will be in Oct . We order 450 Chromebooks which was funded through a federal Competitive grant (Remote Learning Technology Essential Grants) and Elementary Schools emergency relief fund. Avon has been checking with families to see who needs technology and we do have devices available for families who need them. Hope the devices will be in on 10/1 and Avon will be able to upgrade devices for families. Sarah Shaw and Superintendent Godino met with the YMCA, and the Y will be providing daycare services for our families and working with them to coordinate lunches and transportation to pick up and drop off students at the Grace Church where the program will be located. Superintendent Godino also met with Chief Sperr, Kathleen Waldren and Greg Enos to keep abreast the COVID situation in the town; currently Avon has no cases but they will be meeting regularly to make sure we are well informed about the cases and what's happening in the Town. This week our teachers have been participating in Professional Development; Mary Blackburn and Amanda Dowd, our school nurses, have trained staff on the use of PPE. Lindsay Kay and Diane Hill prepared 3 technology presentations where teachers could participate in all three or they could pick the one that addresses their needs. Amanda Pyne facilitated a book club, The Distance Learning Play Book grades K-12, teaching for engagement and in pack in any setting. The teachers involved were; Sue McCabe, Lindsay Kay, Kerriane Whitworth, Kayla Scott, Joe Regonlinski, Beckie Hewitt, Donna Conrad, Kathy Joyce, Susie Joyce, Beth Shepley, Diane Shanks-Correia, Beckie Howe and Kerrie Vrabel. It's a bonus when staff can provide the PD. Finally, the planning board approved the parking lot 9/3/20.
- B.** Michael Hayes – Athletic Report: On 8/28/20, we had an Athletic Directors meeting with MAC and the athletic Board and they decided to use to the MIA's floating season (MIA release a district 8 proposal to add in a second season of football and the fall sports between the winter and spring seasons 2/21-5/5/2021) The MAC decided to use the floating season to move all fall sports out of fall 1 to fall 2. On 9/2, Jay Perceko, the exec board president presented it to the DAC and they approved to use the Fall 2 as the sports schedule. The Mayflower conference is moving all fall sports including football to the fall season.
- C.** Avon Middle-High School building update by Principal Stockwell: Most of the signs are up at the Middle-High School, one way hallways and stairways, up and down, panther paws 6 feet apart, plexi glass is up for all common areas like the main office and the Nurses office. The Library and the Caf are the two eating areas which are 6 apart. The Middle School teachers will be moving on carts to get to the students. Hand sanitizer and soaps are up; PPE is ready to go. The SB community portal is open and students can see their schedules and teachers. Meetings coming up: Friday at 6pm Full Remote students will meet, at 7pm hybrid students will meet. Monday at 7pm having the technology meeting for all students and their families. Hoping to get devices out next week.
- D.** Ralph D. Butler Elementary building update by Principal Shaw: All set and the building is ready. 6 foot marking indoors and outdoors. The Caf and the Gym is all set for Lunches. The classrooms are all set, some teachers are still putting their finishing touches and everything is in good shape. The teachers and assistants have been working hard. An email went out to all Butler families for the meetings: 6pm parent orientation for full remote families, 7pm is for Hybrid and in person. The first day of school they will be modified: bring the A cohort in for ½ a day to meeting with their teacher face to face.

IV. FINANCIALS: None at this time

V. ACTION ITEMS:

- A.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the Ralph D. Butler Elementary School Student/Parent Handbook Changes 2020-2021; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- B.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the Avon Middle- High School Student/Parent Handbook Changes 2020-2021; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- C.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the 2020-2021 School Physician Contract; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- D.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the amended Town of Avon Financial Policy Manual; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous

VI. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A.** Subcommittees:
1. Budget Subcommittee: FY21
 2. Personnel Subcommittee:
 - a. Collective Bargaining Agreement between Avon Education Association (AEA) and the Avon School Committee.
 3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
 - a. Capital Facilities Improvements: Butler parking lot project.
 4. Policy Subcommittee: SC Policy CBI Operations – Eval. of Superintendent and SC Policy ACAB
 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 August 19, 2020; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2020; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Member Marble abstained, Unanimous
- B.** Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2020; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2020; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Any business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

X. UPCOMING MEETING

- A.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 4:00pm Monday, September 14, 2020, 4:00 p.m., Zoom
- B.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 4:00pm Monday, October 5, 2020, 4:00 p.m., Zoom
- C.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 4:00pm Monday, October 19, 2020, 4:00 p.m., Zoom

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee will vote to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Separate minutes.

XII. ADJOURN

Chair made a motion to adjourn @ 6:10 pm; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous

Enclosures:

- SC Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2020
- SC Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2020
- School Physician Contract
- AMHS Handbook
- Butler Handbook
- Town of Avon Financial Policy Manual

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