

# 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

November 4, 2020

Regular School Committee Meeting, **5:00 p.m.**, via ZOOM

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### AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

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

### STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Adam Sles, Jaime Durodola -Both Absent

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

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CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: 5:00 pm

- I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:
- II. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

#### IV. INFORMATION:

- A. Superintendent Report: A person in the Butler School community has tested positive for COVID-19. All staff and families of the Butler School have been notified. Sarah Shaw notified all close contact families and all the families within the classroom. Superintendent Godino sent a connect ED out. Sarah followed up with an email to the grade level to address upcoming instruction. Avon will continue to work closely with Kathleen Waldren, the Avon Health Agent to ensure all safety protocol is adhered to. There have been some questions about Governor Baker's revised order in regards to wearing face coverings in public. This does not in pack the schools. Avon will continue to follow the guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. On Monday the department held a meeting for the Superintendents to notify them, that they all will be surveyed and the survey arrived on Tuesday and the survey is about structure learning time. It's basically a deeper dive into our current learning model and they are really looking at the time spent on learning and the quality of learning. Avon is currently working on the survey and all data is due to the department on Friday and all data across the state will become available to the public. Kathleen McDonald and the Superintendent Godino have been in touch with Mike Carter in regards to the parking lot project. We have to revisit the parking lot design based on what the current cost of the project will be. Mike is reworking some of the numbers. Once the Superintendent hears from Mike with an update, the hope is to bring more information shortly. The John and Abigail scholarship has been given to serval of our students. The scholarships have been given to Jeffery Charles, Toby Joseph, Chirsta Merzeus, Ethan Morgan, Andrew Panagopoulos, Azaree Rodriguez, Jahri Rodriguez, Quinn Self, Adam Sles, Samantha Tracey, and Mikayla Von Ehrenkrook. Congratulations to all of these students. This scholarship is based on merit and they have been awarded because they scored in the proficient to advance scoring rage on the 10<sup>th</sup> grade MCAS in either, ELA, Mathematics, or Science. They are also required to meet the same qualifications on the remaining two tests and be in the top 25 in their school district.

##### School Updates:

Butler: The Butler in person students, grades K-5 visited Demarco Park last week to see the community scarecrows. Students participated in scavenger hunts and other fall fun activities. In an effort to continue to promote the Butler Cares values, students will be focusing on one value per month and working towards the school for earring a spirit day at the end of the month. The month of November will focus on corporation; students will collect 100 reasons why corporation throughout the month to win a PJ day. Thank you to the Butler ASA, who provided all the staffs with an October treat as apart of teacher appreciation. The ASA has committed to a teacher a month to the Butler staff.

AMHS: From the student council: On 10/28 they had 48 players for the Halloween Trivia, 21 from the Middle school 24 from the high school and 3 faculty members. The next event will be teacher trivia on 11/18 look for information on Instagram and the on AMHS website. Also, on 10/28 as a part of red ribbon week, ACES sponsored an uplifting virtual event that featured Ms. Ivy Watts. She is a mental health empowerment speaker who promotes mental awareness and works to reduce the stigma around mental illness. More information can be found at her website at [www.ivywattsspeaks.com](http://www.ivywattsspeaks.com). Reminders: on 11/11, there is no school for Veteran's Day. Virtual Parent-Teacher conferences will be held 11/12, 6pm – 8:30pm. Friday, 11/13 from 12pm – 2:30pm. The link is located in the bulletin section of the Avon Middle-High School website. 11/13 will be a half day for students due to parent teacher conferences. Wednesday, 11/18 live sessions for advisory the topic is Addiction and how to make positive choices. Please check the school website for calendar dates for: Student Council, Diversity Club, and ACES. These are all virtual meetings.

- B. MASC Resolutions: Anne is representing at the conference. The Committee is not in favor of the voting age being changed to 16 for municipal positions.
- C. Green Project: There has been a heating control issue at the Avon Middle-High School. It's been a part of the capital plans for many years. It will cost about \$250K to replace it. Kathy has been working with a company called Vision Energy; they work with National Grid and Eversource. The analysis performed by Vision Energy, the cost of the Green Project is about \$270K. They are offering utility incentives from National Grid and Eversource which leaves a balance of \$106K to

complete the project. Vision Energy will come and replace and install everything and then charge the costs to the energy bill. There is no upfront cost for this project. If the controls are installed it will save Avon about 974.00 a month. If approved the project needs to start immediately. This project is a 2 phase project. They have to start the first phase before the end of the calendar year. The second phase would be completed the project next year.

- V. FINANCIALS:** Kathleen McDonald: Operating Budget; things are fine. The Cafeteria revolving account, due to free lunches and COVID, the cafeteria isn't bringing in the money like previous years to support the program. Avon will receive federal reimbursement for the free lunches but it is not enough to support the entire program this year. Kathy suggests that the program be supported by the operating budget. Supplement the program.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS:** *None at this time.*

**VII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Subcommittees:**

1. Budget Subcommittee: FY21
2. Personnel Subcommittee:
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 October 21, 2020; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous

Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of October 21, 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.** Executive Session School Committee, AFSCME Negotiations Meeting at 4:00pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2020, Zoom
- B.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- C.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- D.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- E.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Zoom

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Committee will vote to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Separate minutes. **Roll Call Vote: Member Chapman-Aye, Member Marble-Aye, Member Piccirilli-Aye, Member Sheehan-Aye**

**XII. ADJOURN**

Chair made a motion to adjourn @ 5:29 pm; moved by Member Marble, second by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous

Enclosures:

- SC Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2020
- MASC Resolutions
- Financials