

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

February 10, 2021

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- Absent
Maria Piccirilli, Member

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Adam Sles, Jaime Durodola

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

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

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

Adam Sles - Butler Updates: The Butler School is celebrating Black History Month with lots of different activities. Each classroom has chosen and learned about a famous black American. Students are sharing their knowledge during morning announcements. We are also having a school-wide bulletin board contest with a Black History theme. Music and Art classes are focusing on Black artists and composers for the month of February.

The Butler students are focusing on the CARES value of Empathy for the month of February. Students are working towards 500 Empathy tallies to earn "Sports Day" at the end of the month. Our 5th and 6th grade students are also submitting lyrical poetry to name this month's CARES Pals which are a heart and a lady bug.

Officer Thiel from the Avon PD, visited the Butler school and raffled off gifts for students in each classroom! Thank you Officer Thiel!

Jaime Durodola - AMHS update: -Reports cards are still available in the Community Portal. If you have trouble accessing the site please contact the main office.

-Fall 2 Sports: AMHS has decided to participate in the Fall 2 Sports season which is set to begin for the Mayflower Athletic Conference on March 10. There will be a League vote on Thursday 2/11 regarding this sports season, we will follow up with more information after the vote.

-Advisory: Today's advisory focused on in Grades 7-8: Why Compassion Matters; in Grades 9-10: Daily Affirmation Statement; in Grades 11-12: Meditation. Please ask your students about what they learned today!

-Calendar: School vacation week 2/15-2/19; 2/22 @ 2:05 pm Middle School Yearbook Virtual Meeting; 2/23 @ 2:45 pm SALSA Virtual Meeting

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

IV. INFORMATION:

- A. Superintendent Report: Evelyn Anton passed away on January 27, 2021. She was an AVON Middle-High School Cafeteria worker for 35 years, condolences to her family. Jen Meek had her baby. Conrad Chafer was born January 30, 2021, weighing 6 pounds and 5 ounces. Both Jen and Conrad are doing well. The town has requested for the School to take another look at the budget, the finance committee and the select board. Avon asked for a 7% increase and Superintendent Godino will reach out later this week to the budget subcommittee to talk about the request. Special Town Meeting is being held on February 20, 2021 at 10am. There are two articles on the warrant. The 1st article is to vote to transfer from the Butler parking lot stabilization account, the sum of \$363,243.56. The second article to vote to see if the town will transfer from free cash, the sum of \$150,000.00 for the school parking lot. The 150K will be used for asepsis removal and the demolition of the church for the parking lot to be completed. Please attend the Special Town meeting to get those articles approved. Last month, the Legislator authorized the state Coronavirus Prevention Fund program. The money in this program is to support Coronavirus prevention efforts and improve education quality during the pandemic. The Avon Public schools have been awarded \$34,237.50 to use on Chromebooks for additional technology.
- B. Sports Update: Michael Hayes: AMHS is wrapping up the 2nd week of Winter Skills and Drills. It's going great so far. Between 4-10 kids every day. The kids love it; they come out and work hard. During this time, Mr. Hayes is able to see many of the future athletes (7th, 8th and 9th grade classes). The athletic department completed the fall 2 survey and sent it out to the student body to get a better understanding of the sports the students would be interested in playing in addition to their 2nd and 3rd interests. Received 80 responses from students. The fall 2 athletic season will have all sports: Club Cross Country, Girls Volleyball., Boys and Girls Soccer and Football. Currently looking to host 10-12 games which were outlined in the Mayflower Athletic conference but that is dependent on who participates. Mr. Hayes will be meeting with the other Athletic Directors and he will have more information about the schedule. The season will begin March 10 and end around the beginning of May, about an 8 week season.
- C. Ralph D. Butler School Update: Sarah Shaw: Butler is in the process to change the specialist schedule, to give students an opportunity to have different specials on their in person days. There is currently a mock schedule and this will begin 2 weeks after vacation. In an effort to bring in more kids, Butler brought in addition Kindergarten students. Currently Butler has 30 K and 1st grade students on Wednesdays. There are currently three different groups going, with three different

subjects and there are 3 teachers working with 3 groups of 10 students per group with the help of some assistance.

Attendance update: When looking at attendances there are two categories, 15 plus days absent and the 5-10 day absent. Students who are under 5 days, they tend to not be too concerned about. There are currently 13 students who have been absent 15 or more days. 2 of those are due to COVID related illness. The other 11 are due to students not completing their work on asynchronous days. In the 5-10 range there are 39 students who were absent between 5-10 days. 20 are COVID related. Many of the students were close contacts or exposed outside of school and have to quarantine. 15 are related to not completing their work on remote days and the other four are due to miscellaneous reasons. If a student is quarantining and not sick, Butler tries to accommodate to fit the student into one of the cohorts but it may take a few days.

- D. Avon Middle-High School: Dawn Stockwell: Working to get more students into the building, AMHS has identifies students who need more assistances with completing the work or learning skills. There is a small group of students who come in 4 days a week. Looking to bring more students back, excited about parents calling and saying they want their students to come back to the building. It may take a few days to get the schedule worked out but seeing some positive trends. Attendance update: 10 or more days absent: 5 students; 5-10 days absent category: 25 students. AMHS did not add the students who were out due to COIVD because they were put in a remote status and was able to get their work completed unless they were sick. The absences are due to students missing their live sessions or not completing their asynchronous work.

V. FINANCIALS: None at this time

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve a Type 2 Fundraiser for AMHS Boosters to sell raffle tickets; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous

VII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittees:
 - 1. Budget Subcommittee: FY21 & FY22
 - 2. Personnel Subcommittee:
 - 3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
 - a. Capital Facilities Improvements: Butler parking lot project.
 - 4. Policy Subcommittee:
 - 5. Insurance Subcommittee:

VIII. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:

- A. Upon the School Committee's request to postpone the reading and the vote of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020 and January 6, 2021; tabled
- B. Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2021; moved by Member Marble, second by Member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous

Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2021; moved by Member Marble, second by Member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Chapman would like a breakdown of the attendance for all students in the district.

IX. UPCOMING MEETING

- A. Special Town Meeting at 10:00am Saturday, February 20, 2021, 10:00am., AMHS Auditorium
- B. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 5: 00 p.m., Zoom
- C. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- D. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- E. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- F. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 5:00pm., Zoom
- G. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 5:00pm., Zoom

H. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 5:00pm., Zoom

I. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 5:00pm., Zoom

X. ADJOURN

Chair made a motion to adjourn @ 5:26 pm; moved by Member Marble, second by Member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous

Enclosures:

- SC Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020 and January 6 & 27, 2021
- Type 2 Fundraiser

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