

AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

THE MISSION STATEMENT

To educate all students to be life-long learners and responsible citizens in global society.

MINUTES SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

November 21, 2016

Regular Meeting
Avon Middle High School Media Center

Monday Evening
7:00 p.m.

Avon School Committee:

Jeanne Martineau, Chair
Tracy Sheehan, Vice-Chair
Sharon Marble, Secretary
Anne Hagberg, Member
Rebecca Lundgren, Member - Absent

Student Advisory Committee:

Jodee Frias, Andre Siqueira

Superintendent of Schools:

Paul A. Zinni

Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services:

Christine Godino

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the Regular School Committee Meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

II. SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS:

IV. FINANCIAL:

School Management Report was distributed. Ms. McDonald will be present to answer questions at the next meeting.

V. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

AMHS

- Tryouts for winter sports have begun.
- Drama Club will be voting on the play to perform at Emerson College.
- ACADEC had first meet on Saturday. There were 15 medals and several honorable mentions. They came in 3rd place in Small School Division. 15% of HS are on the team.

VI. INFORMATION:

- A. There are currently 714 students enrolled in the Avon Public Schools.
- B. National Honor Society induction, December 8 at 7:30 pm, AMHS auditorium.
- C. Kudos to the girl's soccer team. A coach from another team called to praise our girls for their good sportsmanship.
- D. The trip to Paris scheduled for April 2017 has been pushed to 2018. After additional research it was decided that the trip would follow an "all tour" rather than "home-stay" format.
- E. Update from Attorney regarding Open Meeting Law/minutes presented for reference purposes.
- F. Presentation of a video made by students/staff on the topic of bullying.
- G. Boston Globe article reference to the water testing in schools. Results of testing in both schools shows lead and copper levels well within identified safety levels.
- H. Last year, AMHS students competed against students from neighboring school districts in a competition sponsored by District Attorney's office on the subject of substance abuse. The DA came to the school to present the students with their award. A team from AMHS is competing again this year.

- I. MassBio Teach Program: Ms. Shepley welcomed visitors from Switzerland to see how equipment, previously purchased through a MassBio Teach grant are being used in the classroom.
- K. Members of the Interact Club completed their annual "Fall into Leaves" project over a 2 day period. Students cleaned yards for Avon seniors.

VII. ACTION ITEMS: **(ANY VOTE UNANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR)**

- A. Upon the Superintendent's request to submit for second read and adopt the following policies: IKF Graduation Requirements, and KBA School/Parent Relations Goals; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous

Vote to waive the reading and adopt above referenced policies; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous

- B. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the school committee and the AFSCME union in order to pay a clerical assistant at the step 1 rate while substituting for the school secretary position; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Sheehan; Vote: Unanimous

VIII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittees
 - 1. Budget Subcommittee:
 - a. Budget FY17
 - 2. Personnel Subcommittee:
 - 3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
 - a. Capital Facilities Improvements
 - 4. Policy Subcommittee:
 - 5. Insurance Subcommittee:

IX. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:

- A. Upon the Chair's recommendation to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2016; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous

Upon the Chair's recommendation to accept the minutes of the Regular School Committee Meeting of November 7, 2016; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Hagberg; Vote:3-0-1 (Member Marble)

X. NEW BUSINESS:

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- A. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, December 12, 2016, 7pm, AMHS Media Center
- B. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, January 9, 2017, 7pm, AMHS Media Center
- C. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, January 23, 2017, 7pm, AMHS Media Center
- D. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, February 13, 2017, 7pm, AMHS Media Center

XII. ADJOURN:

7:50pm moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous