

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 Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 5:00PM - ZOOM

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AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

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

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Adam Sles, Jaime Durodola

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

CALL TO ORDER BY SUPERINTEDENT GODINO.

- I. **ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE OFFICERS:** The Superintendent will open nominations for the following school committee positions.
 - A. Superintendent Godino opens the nominations for School Committee Chair. Member Chapman nominates Tracy Sheehan to continue as Chair. Member Piccirilli seconds. All in favor. Tracy Sheehan accepts the nomination. Vote: Unanimous
 - B. Superintendent Godino opens the nominations for School Committee Vice Chair. Tracy Sheehan nominates Anne Hagberg. Member Piccirilli seconds. All in favor. Anne Hagberg accepts the nomination. Vote: Unanimous.
 - C. Superintendent Godino opens the nominations for School Committee Secretary. Tracy Sheehan nominates Member Sharon Marble. Member Chapman seconds. All in favor. Sharon Marble accepts the nomination. Vote: Unanimous.
- II. **THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:**
- III. **STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** No student advisors present. Superintendent Godino speaks on their behalf.
 - A. The Butler School completed MCAS testing for Grades 3-6 today. Students completed one session of ELA, one session of Math, and Grade 5 students also completed one session of Science. Butler is

gearing up for lots of fun end of the year activities. Tomorrow is Field Day for K-5 and Friday is our first annual Grade 6 Fun Day. There will be games, food and even an ice cream truck! Next week we will hold our Kindergarten and Grade 6 Graduation Ceremonies in front of the Butler School.

- B.** AMHS – On June 5th under blue skies we graduated our seniors from Holbrook Middle High School. Thank you to the class advisors Mrs. Donna Conrad and Mrs. Diane Hill, and thank you to Holbrook Public Schools for hosting our graduation ceremony. On June 7th, we held our Fall 2 Sports Awards Night. It was wonderful to celebrate the accomplishments of our student athletes with their families in person. The award winners were:

- i. Boys Soccer: MVP – Quinn Self; Defensive Player – Ryan Luddy; Panther Award – Akil Grubbs
- ii. Girls Soccer: MVP – Mikayla von Ehrenkrook; Rookie of the Year – Ava Adams; Panther Award: - Dahlia Parent
- iii. Volleyball: MVP – Christa Merzeus; Most Improved – Nayemma Chery; Panther Award – Valencia Jean
- iv. Cross Country: MVP – Robert Moyes; Panther Award – Eli Bristol
- v. Football: MVP – Brady Sheehan; Defensive Player – Matthew Lind; Panther Award – Luis Ortiz

AMHS will be celebrating Spring Sports Awards Night on June 14th with our student athletes. Middle School Awards will be celebrated on June 17th, details are in the school calendar. High School Final Exams begin on the afternoon of June 14th, the schedule is also posted on our website. The last day of school is June 18th and it is half-day of school for students. Happy summer! Summer work will be distributed to students starting this Friday and will also be posted on our school website.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

V. INFORMATION:

A. Superintendent Report:

- i. Graduation was a wonderful day. Thank you to Holbrook for helping us for a second year in a row. The Scholarships and Award winners were put into the Dropbox for school committee members to view. As students were called up to the stage it was mentioned where they were going to school, if they were entering the armed forces or what section of the work force they were joining.
- ii. Resignations include Robin Harris – She has worked for the district for 16 years as a Speech and Language therapist. She has done an amazing job and is a skilled therapist. We thank her for her work. Two instructional assistants are also moving on (Anne Marie Gilbert and Madison Williams), and they have been an important part of our programs.
- iii. We would like to thank Officer Theil for serving as our School Resource Officer, and Officer Nancy will be taking over in the fall.
- iv. DESE updates – The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) issued updated COVID19 Guidance. For the remainder of this school year and throughout the summer, the mitigation strategies that have been implemented through the 2020-2021 school year will remain in place. DESE will lift all COVID19 health and safety requirements for the fall, and districts will no longer provide remote learning model. We are hoping this lasts and continues to move in a positive direction.

- B.** Health Teacher Position: We are looking to add a Health Teacher to AMHS. Health education provides students with knowledge, attitudes and skills to make health-promoting decisions. The class addresses the physical, mental, emotional and social dimensions of health. Good health is not a one-time decision, but a series of decisions continuing throughout our lives. Students will develop high level comprehension and understanding in the areas of personal wellness, mental and emotional health, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, body systems and disease, nutrition and fitness, consumer and environmental health and human sexuality. Health Education is crucial to enhance the overall health and well-being of individuals and their respective communities. Health will provide students with knowledge, attitudes, and skills to make health decisions for life-long health and wellness. (7th and 8th grade students - semester course) (Students would then have in 9th or 10th grade depending on scheduling)

- C. **Preschool Teacher Position:** Our preschool numbers have increased and the needs of the students are more substantial. We will have 17 preschoolers in the fall. It will be necessary to open another preschool classroom. This would be a full day program for children with significant needs. We will need to hire a severe special needs teacher, along with two assistants. Seven to eight children have significant disabilities. 7 children will be in a full day classroom and we would continue with the two half day preschools, including 5 in each session and peers will join each classroom to total approximately 11 students in each session to begin the year. Keep in mind, as children with disabilities turn 3, they will be added to either program based on educational profile. The half day preschool session or integrated preschool will need to be at AMHS as there is no open classroom at the Butler. When COVID began we had a clerical assistant at AMHS resign, so we would use that funding for an instructional assistant and we have a preschool revolving account and we would use for the other assistant. We have also had changes in staffing and have had savings in that area. We are also funding summer school through a grant and that will be a large savings to the district so we will be able to fund these positions.
- D. **NESDEC:** We have reached out to NESDEC to do an intense study to see where the town is going and where were moving. We want to look at student enrollment projections, demographic study, and facilities study. Superintendent Godino will meet with the subcommittees to bring recommendations back.

VI. FINANCIALS: None at this time

VII. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Request to approve the Health Teacher Job Description; moved by member Chapman, seconded by member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous
- B. Request to allow administrators to carry up to over 5 additional vacation days; moved by member Chapman, seconded by member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous

VIII. 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: 44 minutes

- A. Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2021; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Hagberg; Vote: Unanimous
- B. Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee minutes of March 19, 2021; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Hagberg; Vote: Unanimous
- C. Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2021; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Hagberg; Vote: Unanimous
- D. Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee minutes of March 26, 2021; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Hagberg; Abstain by Member Marble.

NEW BUSINESS:

IX. UPCOMING MEETING

- A. School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 5:00pm., Zoom

X. ADJOURN

The School Committee meeting was adjourned as School Committee will not return from Executive Session.