

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

December 12, 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

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 7:06 pm.

II. SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS:

Community members shared concerns regarding a recent safety issue at the Ralph D. Butler School. They expressed frustration regarding the lack of specificity and timeliness of the notification to parents. A request had been made prior to the meeting for the committee to create a policy regarding communication to parents. This request was reiterated by the visitors. Chairperson Martineau explained that school committee policy normally requires a community person to put forth specific policy language when requesting a new policy be adopted and suggested that the community person might want to offer specific language for the policy subcommittee to consider.

IV. FINANCIAL:

Ms. McDonald was present to answer any questions on the School Management Report.

V. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

AMHS

- NHS/NJHS – Induction of 12 new members, the most in a long time.
- Drama production on 1/6 and 1/7 NHS will host a pasta dinner fundraiser prior to each show.
- Thank you to so many town organizations who supported the Homecoming Dance. It was a great success.
- Interact participated in “Breakfast with Santa” put on by the Randolph/ Avon Rotary Club. There were over 500 people in attendance.
- Interact club is collecting coats and blankets.
- Spirit Week/Pep Rally for winter sport season just ended.
- Winter sports are all underway.

VI. INFORMATION:

- A. Town offices up for re-election: April 11, 2017. List of open positions was distributed
- B. Foxborough Regional Charter School Amendment request to add 400 additional slots was approved by DESE.
- C. Superintendent shared an article regarding Massachusetts' performance on the 2015 PISA exam.
- D. Presentation of the annual District Curriculum Accommodation Plan.

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

- A. Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Scholastic's Patterson Grant for \$4000 awarded to the Butler Elementary School; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- B. Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, a request to create a new policy on parent communication was referred to subcommittee; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- C. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Avon School Department and the Avon Police Department regarding the position of a school resource officer; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- D. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve a fundraiser for the National Honor Society, FUNDrives-collection of gently used clothing & household items; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- E. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve 2 fundraisers for the Butler School conducted by ASA (restaurants visits and bingo night on 1/20); moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- F. Upon the Superintendent's request to declare two old pianos located at AMHS surplus; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- G. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve an amendment to the Charms Collaborative agreement; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
DISCUSSION: Split surplus between the 5 towns – no debt. Funds go to the Town.
- H. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve FY17 line item transfers; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- I. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the proposed FY18 School Department Operating Budget request; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
DISCUSSION: Position adjustment-counselor to FT (5.7%), fees absorbed into budget

VIII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittees
 - 1. Budget Subcommittee:
 - a. Budget FY17, FY18
 - 2. Personnel Subcommittee:
 - 3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
 - a. Capital Facilities Improvements
 - 4. Policy Subcommittee: Communication
 - 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 21, 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 21, 2016; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: 4-0-1 (Member Lundgren)

X. NEW BUSINESS:

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- A. PERSONNEL Subcommittee Meeting, Wednesday, December 14, 2017, 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
- E. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, March 6, 2017, 7pm, AMHS Media Center
- F. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, March 20, 2017, 7pm, AMHS Media Center
- G. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, April 10, 2017, 7pm, AMHS Media Center
- H. Avon Annual Town Election, Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 7pm, Avon Town Hall
- I. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, May 1, 2017, 7pm, AMHS Media Center
- J. Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 7:30p, AMHS Auditorium

XII. ADJOURN:

7:55 pm moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous

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