

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

July 31, 2017

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 - Absent
Rebecca Lundgren, Member

Student Advisory Committee:

Return in September

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:

K. Chan and a small group of parents present to discuss the school's policy on "weapons in school".

IV. FINANCIAL:

V. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Back in September

VI. INFORMATION:

A. Congratulations are in order for Darrin Reynolds for receiving his Doctorate recently.

B. Welcome to the new hires for the upcoming school year; a list was distributed.

C. Attorney Dupere present to address the complaint filed with DESE. He reported the Program of Quality Assurance (PQA) found the school district had not complied with M.G.L. ch. 71 section 37L when DCF was not notified in circumstances of a dangerous weapon involving students. The District informed PQA they would correct this situation by having all staff advised of this reporting requirement which was acceptable to PQA resulting in the report being closed. Attorney Dupere also addressed the District's compliance with M.G.L. ch. 71 section 37P regarding a School Resource Officer (SRO). PQA's findings with respect to the SRO position was that the District was not in violation because an appropriation for the SRO position had been made, the town had been unable to assign an SRO because the town is in the process of filling police vacancies. A Parent began to comment during this portion of the meeting. Originally, the Chair informed the Parents the comment period had been at the start of the meeting, but the Chair did allow for some comments. After some comments, the Chair moved on from this topic announcing the commentary period had ended.

D. FYI, final report from DESE in regard to the closing of CHARMS.

E. FYI, signed Cooperative Sports agreement from Holbrook has been received.

F. FYI, Council for Exceptional Children Summit update: reimbursement goes to town's general fund not directly to school budget.

G. Results of the 8th grade parent survey; as expected, the most common reason for leaving is for the voc/tech education. Member Sheehan suggested a survey to parents electing to stay and the reasons why.

H. PCC summer update: very positive experience.

- I. Congratulations to the girls softball team for receiving the "Sportsmanship Award in the Mayflower Comprehensive League.
- J. Congratulations to athletic director, staff, and students for receiving the Darrah Harlow Sportsmanship Award.
- K. Congratulations to the recipients of the boys' baseball team receiving the Enterprise All Scholastic Award.
- L. Update: 37 students took the AP exams this year. Looking to improve scores next year.
- M. Congratulations to the Butler School Council members for receiving recognition for their "Safe Routes to School Initiative" from the Mass Dept of Transportation.
- N. Superintendent's evaluation documents are in drop box.
- O. Joint MASS/MASC Conference: early registration/room reservation. Please notify superintendent's office if interested in attending.

VII. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the 2017-18 Ralph D. Butler School/Parent Handbook; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- B. Upon the Superintendent's request to Avon Middle-High School Student/Parent Handbook; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous
- C. Upon the Superintendent's request to designate outdated technology items collected from both schools as surplus; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous

VIII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittees
 - 1. Budget Subcommittee:
 - a. Budget FY17, FY18
 - 2. Personnel Subcommittee:
 - a. Collective Bargaining Agreement between American Federation of State, County, & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the Avon School Committee
 - 3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
 - a. Capital Facilities Improvements
 - 4. Policy Subcommittee: Policy G (formerly Policy 7000) Personnel Policy for Avon Public Schools
 - 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 June 5, 2017; 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 June 5; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous

X. NEW BUSINESS: Any business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- A. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, August 28, 2017, 6pm, walk-through starting at the Butler, then AMHS.
- B. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, September 18, 2017, 7pm, AMHS Media Center
- C. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, October 2, 2017, 7pm, AMHS Media Center
- D. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, October 16, 2017, 7pm, AMHS Media Center

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee will enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters. The

Committee will not reconvene into open session.

The Chair took a roll call vote @7:43 pm

Member Marble: Aye, Member Sheehan: Aye, Member Lundgren: Aye, Chair Martineau: Aye

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