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

#### *December 21, 2022*

**Regular School Committee Meeting 5:30 AMHS Media Center**

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**Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify themselves by name and address and shall speak for no longer than 3 minutes. No citizen may speak more than once without permission of the Chair. All citizens shall speak to the full committee through the Chair and shall not address individual members or administrators. Individuals may address topics on the agenda, items specified for public comment, or items within the scope of responsibility of the School Committee.** **Improper conduct and remarks will not be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. If a speaker persists in improper conduct or remarks, the Chairperson may terminate that individual's privilege of address.**

**AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Tracy Sheehan, Chair**

**Anne Hagberg, Vice-Chair**

**Maria Piccirilli, Secretary**

**Claudia Lucia, Member**

**Paul Chapman, Member**

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Gianna Rosa and Brynn Gaynor

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Christine Godino

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:
2. **THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** -
   1. Megan Mallet and Marci Kovack both spoke on their concern with the sports fees being charged to enter athletic games. They spoke on the costs being too high for parents and families to watch students play. They also added the sports fees may be a deterrent to people coming to watch students play and voiced their concerns on charging for certain sports and not others.
4. **INFORMATION:**
5. Student Advisory Committee
   1. **AMHS Update-**National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Inductions were held on December 6th. After MCAS Data analysis by the Teacher Leadership Team, AMHS has decided to implement a skill of the month to focus on. December’s skill is inference and January’s will be supporting ideas with evidence. The Art Show and Winter Concert were both held 12/20 and the Basketball and Cheer have both started their seasons. Friday, 12/23 students and staff will be showing off their talents at an AMHS talent show organized

by a sub- committee of Student Council.

* 1. **Butler Elementary Update-**The Butler school held the Grades 4-6 Holiday concert on December 14, Students sang holiday songs to a full Butler Cafeteria and Gym. The Butler Student Council sponsored a holiday can drive for the Avon Food Pantry. Students brought in cans with a goal of 1,000 canned food items. Students exceeded this goal and won a movie day. The Butler Student Council is also sponsoring an Ugly Sweater spirit day/contest on Friday December 23rd. Each classroom will pick a winner and the classroom winners will go up against one another for a school wide winner during our CARES Assembly Friday.

1. **Superintendent Report-**
   1. Last week the BOS voted to have a special town meeting on Saturday, January 28, 2002. The purpose of the meeting is to fund the ratified contract between AFSCME employees and the town. They are also accepting articles; at this time, we do not have any. The BOS has opened the warrant for article submissions with a closing date of Wednesday, January 4 ,2023.  Articles will be reviewed, and warrant finalized at the BOS’s regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023.
   2. The submission of Statements of interests to the MSBA will open January 13th and close in April. At the January meeting the Superintendent will be bringing you information about the state of the Butler School, so you can vote on whether or not to submit a statement of interest for a Butler project. If approved by the School Committee, the request will be brought to the Select board for a vote.
   3. School Administrators are planning a transition night for fifth and sixth grade parents at 5:30pm on March 16 at AMHS.
   4. We have contacted Jim Hardy from MASC about professional development for the Committee. He is available Wednesday January 11 or 25 for an in- person work shop.
   5. Avon is a member of the South Shore Early College Consortium where the goal is to bring college credits to high school students.  Diane Hill is our liaison and the Superintendent is also on the Board. They are in the process of looking at 2 models, the first being courses that we already teach and the second, being courses taught by a college professor either Hybrid, Synchronous and/or Asynchronous.
   6. Superintendent gave updated enrollment. Our current enrollment is 730 which is up 15 students from last year.
   7. Fifteen of our students have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship provides a tuition credit for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. The scholarship covers tuition only; fees and room and board are not included. The scholarship must be used within six years of a student’s high school graduation. Eligibility to earn a John and Abigail Adams Scholarship is based on student’s first-time scores on high school MCAS tests.
2. **FINANCIALS**
   1. **Financial Update**-Kathy McDonald gave a financial update and reviewed FY2024 Budget. Included in the FY2024 budget are 4 new positions. These positions include a district wide Curriculum Director, an additional assistant principal at AMHS, so there can be an assistant to focus on the middle school and one for the high school, a Music teacher and an Instructional Assistant.
3. **ACTION ITEMS:** 
   1. A request to approve the official FY2024 Budget- Vote item. Member Chapman moved; Seconded by member Lucia. All in favor. Aye Paul, Aye Claudia, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes.
   2. A request to approve a donation from the ASA of a book vending machine to Butler Elementary School-Vote item. Member Chapman moved; Member Lucia seconded. All in favor. Aye Paul, Aye Claudia, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes.
   3. A request to accept 6 free passes to Altitude Trampoline Park. Member Chapman moved; Seconded by member Lucia. All in favor. Aye Paul, Aye Claudia, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes.
   4. Upon on the Superintendent’s recommendation a request to approve sport’s game entrance fees. Vote tabled until next meeting.
   5. Upon on the Superintendent’s recommendation a request to determine if next meetings format will be hybrid or all in Person. Member Chapman moved; Seconded by member Lucia. Discussion- Next meeting will be hybrid. All Members should be in person if possible. Public may be in person or virtual. All in favor. Aye Paul, Aye Claudia, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes.
4. **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
5. Subcommittees:
6. **KEEP THIS IN ALL AGENDAS**
7. Budget Subcommittee: FY23, FY24
8. Personnel Subcommittee:
   1. Collective Bargaining Agreement between Avon Education Association (AEA) and the Avon School Committee.
9. Maintenance Subcommittee:
10. Policy Subcommittee:
11. Insurance Subcommittee:
12. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:
    1. Regular School Committee minutes of October 19, 2022-motion to waive reading of regular school committee minutes from October 19, 2022 moved by member Chapman, seconded by member Lucia. All those in favor –Aye Paul, Aye Lucia, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes. Motion to vote on the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2022 Motioned by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Lucia, all those in favor –Aye Paul, Aye Claudia, Aye Vote: Passes
    2. **Regular School Committee minutes of November 16, 2022-** motion to waive reading of regular school committee minutes from November 16, 2022 moved by member Chapman, seconded by member Lucia. All those in favor –Aye Paul, Aye Lucia, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes. Motion to vote on the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes from Nov 16th, 2022 Motioned by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Lucia, all those in favor –Aye Paul, Aye Claudia, Aye Vote: Passes
13. **NEW BUSINESS:**
    * 1. Any business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.
14. **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**
15. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm Wednesday, January 18, 2023
16. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm Wednesday, February 15, 2023
17. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm Wednesday, March 15,2023
18. Personnel Subcommittee Meeting at 6:00pm Tuesday, January 3, 2023-Executive Session

**XI. ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn by member Chapman, seconded by member Lucia. All in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Claudia, Aye Tracy.

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