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

#### *March 15, 2023*

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

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**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:** None at this time.
4. **INFORMATION:**
5. **Student Advisory Update**

**Butler-**

The Butler School is celebrating Love of Reading month with activities every Friday for the month of March. Last Friday students participated in a Drop Everything and Read event, this Friday will be guest readers, and the following Fridays will be Dress like a book character and Read with Friends!

The Butler ASA hosted a Special Someone Dance on Friday March 10 for Butler families. There was food, fun, and dancing! Our Grade 4 students were able to participate in an art program through the South Shore Art Center. Members of the art center presented a 2hour program at the Butler and they even brought a therapy dog with them! On March 31st, the Butler ASA will be hosting a family BINGO night for families. There will be prizes and snacks!

**AMHS-**

The Skill of the Month for February is Synthesis. In each class, students will have at least two focused opportunities where they read multiple texts and generate a specific written response. Targeted feedback given by teachers will focus on "Synthesis". Tomorrow night, AMHS will be hosting a Student Transition Night for the incoming 6th and 7th graders at AMHS. The night will highlight all the great things we offer at AMHS. The band, chorus, and cheerleaders will perform, we will have a mini art show, there will be information and sign-ups for clubs, activities, and sports, and all of our teachers and many students will be here to welcome the incoming students and their families. We are looking forward to our Winter Sports Awards night being held next Wednesday, March 22nd, where we will be able to recognize all of our Winter athletes. Our Girls Varsity Basketball Team made the tournament for the first time in 10 years! They fought hard, but ultimately lost in the first round. We are looking forward to the team continuing to work and grow for next year's basketball season. Current 8th-11th grade students are selecting courses for next year. MCAS testing begins this month and continues through April, May, and June. The 10th Grade ELA MCAS is scheduled March 28th and 29th. We are finalizing logistics and look to have a successful testing session with our students.

1. **Superintendent Report**-

Contract negotiations continue with the AEA. Contract negotiations with AFSME will

begin on 3/29.There was a joint meeting with Finance Committee last week. Questions

about our budget were able to addressed and we would like to thank them for the

opportunity to further explain our request. At the Select board meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 the board will vote on the school budget and the submission of a Statement of Interest to the MSBA for a school

building/renovation project for the Butler. As you know it is necessary to have both the

School Committee and the select Board support the submission.

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1. **Update on Superintendent’s Goals**-

The Superintendent presented an update of 2021-2023 Leadership Goals. Included in District Improvement goals, SMART goal 1, were efforts to maintain school safety and supportive learning environment. This included

* COVID tests given to staff and students for the holiday breaks
* Funds from ESSER III used to:
  + support afterschool/summer tutoring
* Focus groups for curriculum and instruction
* Additional support for school nurses and custodians
* Purchase of curriculum materials
* Chromebooks

Over the past two years we have hired a 2 adjustment counselors, 2 English Language Learner teachers, a special education teacher and a health teacher.

A full day preschool class was developed to support 3-5 year olds with complex disabilities

SMART Goal 2 focuses on areas on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Superintendent and leadership team have participated in professional development opportunities. SMART Goal 3 is to develop and implement a comprehensive facilities plan for the Avon Public Schools. Updates for this year include the transition for 6th grade moving to AMHS.

* A middle school schedule has been developed
* Room assignments for staff next year have been established in both buildings
* A transition night for parents was held
* A transition night for parents and students will be held this week.
* Step up day for both grades 5 and six will be on June 5th.
* The grade levels will visit the school separately
* The preschool classroom will move to the Butler
* The Statement of Interest for a building project/renovation of the Butler will go before the Board of Selectman tomorrow night.

SMART Goal 4 focuses on student learning and working directly with building principles to ensure teacher evaluations reflect a shared understanding of classroom instruction of an overall proficient educator. To work towards this goal, the following steps are being executed.

* Walk through’s have been conducted with Shawn Desmond and Sarah Shaw.
* After each walk through meetings with principals are held for the purposes of:
* Calibration is the result of ongoing, collaboration to come to a common, shared understanding of what practice looks like at different performance levels (unsatisfactory, needs improvement, proficient and exemplary) to have a consistent evaluation process.
* Professional Development - the evaluation process is key in determine the professional development needs of individual teachers and the district/school needs.

1. **Cable Advisory Committee Update-**

The Cable Advisory Committee voted unanimously for the purchase of camera equipment, accessories, MacBook Pro, and the Final Cut Editing Program for Avon Middle High school. These funds were gifted to the Avon Public Schools in the 90’s to be controlled by the Cable Advisory Committee.

1. **FINANCIALS-** None at this time
2. **ACTION ITEMS:**
3. A fundraiser request to host a Spring Carnival to raise money for senior activities requested by the Senior Class 2023. Vote Item.

Motioned by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Piccirilli. All in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy, Aye Claudia. Vote passes.

1. A fundraiser request to conduct a used book donation collection and donate to “School on Wheels” requested by AMHS NHS. Vote Item

Motioned by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Piccirilli. All in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy, Aye Claudia. Vote passes.

1. A fundraiser request to collect and donate clothing to “Cradles to Crayons” requested by Project 351. Vote Item

Motioned by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Piccirilli. All in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy, Aye Claudia. Vote passes.

1. **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
2. Subcommittees:
3. **KEEP THIS IN ALL AGENDAS**
4. Budget Subcommittee: FY23, FY24
5. Personnel Subcommittee:
   1. Collective Bargaining Agreement between Avon Education Association (AEA) and the Avon School Committee.
6. Maintenance Subcommittee:
7. Policy Subcommittee:
8. Insurance Subcommittee:
9. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:
   1. Regular School Committee minutes of February 15, 2023-Request to waive reading of Regular School Committee minutes of February 15, 2023 motioned by member Chapman, seconded by member Piccirilli. All in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy, Aye Claudia. A motion to vote on Regular School Committee minutes of February 15, 2023 motioned by member Chapman, seconded by member Piccirilli. All in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy, Aye Claudia.
10. **NEW BUSINESS:**
    * 1. -Any business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.
11. **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**
12. Personnel Subcommittee Meeting at 6:00 pm Tuesday, March 21, 2023-Executive Session
13. Professional Development Workshop for School Committee at 5:30 pm Wednesday March 22, 2023
14. Personnel Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30pm Wednesday, March 29, 2023-Executive Session
15. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm Wednesday, April 26, 2023
16. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm Wednesday May 17, 2023

**XI. ADJOURN:**

Motion to Adjourn made by member Chapman, Seconded by member Piccirilli. All in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy, Aye Claudia.

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