

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

September 20, 2023

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

Join Zoom Meeting

In Attendance:

AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Tracy Sheehan, Chair
Anne Hagberg, Vice-Chair
Maria Piccirilli, Secretary
Claudia Lucia, Member
Paul Chapman, Member

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Brynn Gaynor
Gianna Rosa

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

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- I.** The Meeting was called to order by the Chair of the School Committee, Tracy Sheehan.
- II. Student Advisory Report**
Butler Updates
Opening of School at Butler School and the first couple of weeks of school have gone well.

Butler School welcomed a brand new first grade teacher since Mr. E was at the School Committee. Anna Twiraga joined the first grade team and has 17 years of experience as a grades one and two teacher, and as a reading specialist, coach, and interventionist. Welcome, Ms. T.

This Friday is the Butler CARES course, the finale of the 2-week long fundraiser put on by the ASA. These funds go toward field trips for all grade levels and enrichment programs throughout the school year. The additional 2023 goal is to purchase extra Physical Education materials (for use by the school and our BOKS program). The goal of \$25,000 as been reached as of today! But it's not too late, Butler Families, to give. You can find out more by checking the School Story on Class Dojo or looking up Butler ASA on Facebook.

AMHS

Since the last School Committee meeting, there have been many exciting things happening at AMHS:

It has been a great start to the school year - the 6th grade has transitioned very well to AMHS and all students and staff are working hard to navigate the new rotating schedule.
Fall sports - Football, Volleyball, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Soccer, and Cross Country - have all started and are off to a great start. We look forward to all of the student athletes achieving great success during this fall

season. Last week we held successful Ice Cream Socials for all grades so that students could learn about and sign up for various clubs and activities throughout the school. Thank you to ACES for sponsoring the event for our students.

Last week we also held our annual Open House. We had a great turnout from families and had many students eager to help families navigate the school and meet their children's teachers. It was a great event and we look forward to having more community events throughout the year.

AMHS Boosters is beginning next week and we look forward to partnering with families to ensure we have an amazing school year.

Our teachers are participating in a project called "180 Days of Awesome" where they write down one Awesome thing that happened each school day. At the end of the year, they will have their own collection of 180 Days of Awesome. To share one thing from our new Assistant Principal, he states, "We had a terrific turnout at our open house! The auditorium was full of parents, students, and teachers all excited about the start of the school year. While walking the halls you could feel the enthusiasm from the staff, as well as the excitement from the students and their families. What stood out the most to me was the amount of students that returned this evening to simply help families navigate the building, find classes, and sell AMHS apparel. Our students have a real passion for their school and it is evident through their commitment to one another, and to our school community as a whole. Seeing them in action really does bring the Panther PRIDE acronym to life!"

III. Superintendent Report

On the day staff returned, the AMHS Boosters provided a fantastic breakfast to all staff. The Superintendent would also like to thank the boosters for the banner outside the school. The staff then met in the auditorium where they were welcomed by both Tracy Sheehan, School Committee Chair and the Superintendent, new staff were introduced and service awards were given. This year's service award recipients are:

Professional Status - Amanda Dowd, John Mach, and Ben Pond

10 years of Service - Riarco Ellis

15 years - Holly Fraser, Amanda Pyne, and Melody Kirkpatrick

25 years - Patty Cappuzzo and John McDonald

An ALICE training was also presented by Kerriann Whitworth and Leanne Barbosa. A meeting was held with the Mass School Building Authority to discuss the Butler last Wednesday September 13th. In attendance was Tracy Sheehan, Kathy McDonald, Chase Eschauzier., Eric Beckerman, the Select Board Chair, Deb Morin, the town treasurer, and Terry Provencal the new town accountant, the Superintendent along with 2 senior architects and 4 MSBA staff members. We met at Town Hall to discuss the Statement of interest which outlined the physical issues of the building and the capacity of the building to support the necessary educational programming, and the town's capacity to fund a building project. The Superintendent would like to thank Eric Beckerman and Deb Morin for their strong support of the project and for the use of the West wing for the meeting. The MSBA team then traveled to Butler to tour the building. It was at this point we were able to point out the issues that exist. The MSBA is looking very closely at our project. The Superintendent will be notified at the end of November on whether we will be invited into the program.

2023 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (CHPE) Framework has been updated and approved. The Framework was last updated in 1999.

As you know MCAS and accountability data was released yesterday. Avon has been classified a district not requiring assistance and making moderate progress towards our goals. The Superintendent has scheduled a Building based meeting this week to review data with administrators. We will present an in depth look at the district/school MCAS and accountability data at our next meeting.

IV. Project 351-Maeve Hagberg

Maeve Hagberg, a Senior at AMHS spoke about her experience participating in a 911 Service for Project 351. This was an all tribute service that they found to be very impactful. They were also able to put together 200 care packages for military members overseas and 500 for veterans facing homelessness. Another project they participated in was making cards for first responders in Avon. Kate Austrino, this year's project 351 ambassador

V. ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to ratify the Agreement between the Avon School Committee and AFSCME.

Moved: Member Lucia Seconded: Member Hagberg

All in Favor: Anne, Lael, Maria, Tracy. (Paul sustained) Vote Passes.

Motion to waive second reading of policy JKAA- Physical Restraint of Students/ Crisis Planning.

Moved: Member Chapman Seconded: Member Hagberg

All in Favor: Paul, Anne, Lael, Maria, Tracy. Vote Passes.

Motion to approve policy JKAA- Physical Restraint of Students/ Crisis Planning.

Moved: Member Chapman Seconded: Member Hagberg

All in Favor: Paul, Anne, Lael, Maria, Tracy. Vote Passes.

A Motion to approve the AMHS Drama Club's fundraising request to raise money for the production of the school musical, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.

Moved: Member Chapman Seconded: Member Hagberg

All in Favor: Paul, Anne, Lael, Maria, Tracy. Vote Passes.

A Motion to approve the "You've Been Booed" fundraiser hosted by the Boosters.

Moved: Member Chapman Seconded: Member Hagberg

All in Favor: Paul, Anne, Lael, Maria, Tracy. Vote Passes.

A Motion to approve the Bay State Textiles School Box Program fundraiser organized by the AMHS Boosters.

Moved: Member Chapman Seconded: Member Hagberg

All in Favor: Paul, Anne, Lael, Maria, Tracy. Vote Passes.

A Motion to approve Avon House of Pizza fundraiser organized by AMHS Boosters.

Moved: Member Chapman Seconded: Member Hagberg

All in Favor: Paul, Anne, Lael, Maria, Tracy. Vote Passes.

A request to approve a Denim Drive for Sole Hope organized by the NHS. (Tabled)

Moved: Member Chapman

Seconded: Member Hagberg

All in Favor: Paul, Anne, Lael, Maria, Tracy. Vote Passes.

VI. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Personnel Subcommittee:

Collective Bargaining Agreement between Avon Education Association (AEA) and the Avon School Committee.

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VII. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:

Motion to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee minutes of June 22, 2023.

Moved: Member Chapman

Seconded: Member Hagberg

All in Favor: Paul, Anne, Lael, Maria, Tracy. Vote Passes.

Motion to approve of the Regular School Committee minutes of June 22, 2023.

Moved: Member Chapman

Seconded: Member Hagberg

All in Favor: Paul, Anne, Lael, Maria, Tracy. Vote Passes.

. Regular School Committee minutes of August 23, 2023.-Tabled until next meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: N/A

IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30pm Wednesday October 13, 2023- Correction
October 18, 2023.

Policy Subcommittee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday October 25, 2023

Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30pm Wednesday November 15, 2023

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing AEA negotiations.

Moved: Member Chapman

Seconded: Member Hagberg

Roll Call Vote: Aye Lael, Paul, Anne, Maria, Tracy

XI. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn Regular School Committee Meeting.

Moved: Member Chapman

Seconded: Member Hagberg

All in Favor: Paul, Anne, Lael, Maria, Tracy. Vote Passes.

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