

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

November 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-Absent
Claudia Lucia, Member
Paul Chapman, Member

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Brynn Gaynor and 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 at 5:30pm.
 - II. **Update on AEA Contract Negotiations-See attached.**
 - III. **Student Advisory Report**

Butler Updates-

Mrs. McGrath, fifth grade ELA teacher at Butler school, reports that several Fifth Graders have written Spooky Saga Stories and are going to be published in a book upon approval from their parents/guardian.

Congratulations to our fifth grade writers!

The Butler ASA is holding its annual Holiday Workshop on December 1 during the school day. At this event, students get the opportunity to shop for items for their families for the holidays. Butler Families, please keep your eyes on the School Story on Class Dojo for updates and details.

Family/Teacher Conferences are this Thursday and Friday at Butler School. Thursday are evening conferences from 5:30- 7:30 and on Friday, students have an early release day in order to accommodate afternoon conferences from 12:30-3:00.

Today, Butler School welcomed back regular School Nurse Amanda Dowd. We are lucky to have long term substitute Ellen Keefe remain with us through the end of December to assist with the Health Office as the team completes various health screenings.

AMHS Updates

Fall Sports have all concluded their seasons, with the exception of Football. Last week, 93 student athletes were recognized for their work during the Fall sports season. Congratulations to all of the student athletes for their great work! The girls' soccer team made the Tournament for the second year in a row. Although the team did not advance beyond the first round, they had a great season. We look forward to the Fall 2024 season for this team! Last week, the AMHS Student Council and AMHS Boosters hosted the Fall Homecoming Dance. It was a great night for all of the students that were able to attend. Thank you to all of the students, parents, and staff that came together to put on such a great event. For Term 1, 40% of our students have been placed on the Honor Roll and High Honor Roll. We are proud of all the students for their high academic achievement and look to increase the percentage of students earning spots on the Honor Roll throughout the year. This weekend, on Friday and Saturday night at 7:00pm, the AMHS Drama Club will present *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown!* The students have put in a lot of hard work and we are excited to see the production.

IV. Update on Contract Negotiation Status- Tracy Sheehan, Chair

See attached.

V. Superintendent Report-

An update was given to the superintendent by Diane Hill on Early College-15 students are doing great in the Intro to Business course through Massasoit, grades are all A's and B's. Semester II, Massasoit will be offering Intro to Psychology for these students. The 5 students in the concurrent course, Intro to Computer Science all have A's. Diane also submitted 2 more courses to run concurrently through Middlesex Community College in the Spring, a music course run by Janine Neprud and a drama course run by Amanda Pyne. All information has been submitted and we are just waiting for approval. Diane is meeting with Massasoit to discuss offerings for the school year 2024-2025. Currently we have 3 open teaching positions in the district Dan Sullivan ELL teacher at AMHS has retired, and the AMHS special education position and computer science position are still open. A special education teacher at the Butler will be leaving at the end of month and Donna Conrad will be retiring at the end of December. We are currently interviewing for all of those positions.

Curriculum Update from Laura Louko: As part of our efforts to target student writing across the district, the RACE writing strategy was introduced to all Middle School teachers in November. The intention is that all students will have a common organization strategy for written responses. This was introduced to students in their writing classes and then rolled out across all content areas at the middle school. At the Butler School, Benchmark writing has started and a process for rubric calibration among teachers, and a process for using the data to

inform instruction was shared with teachers at the last faculty meeting.

Johnathan Beder, the Town Administrator and the Superintendent have been in discussions revolving around how the schools and town can work together and share resources. The town will be conducting a feasibility study on a new town hall. We have discussed adding the school Central Offices to Town Hall. He will be reaching out to see the needs of the district. Kathy McDonald will head those discussions. We are also discussing a shared facilities director. We should be hearing from the MSBA by the end of the month on the status of the Butler School.

VI. MASC Conference

November 8-10 The MASC Joint Conference was held in Hyanis. Tracy Sheehan, Chair, Anne Hagberg, Vice Chair, Maria Piccirilli, Secretary, Paul Chapman, Member as well as the Superintendent were all in attendance.

VII. FINANCIALS:

VIII. ACTION ITEMS:

A request to accept a donation for Butler School of \$1140.10 from the ASA for Physical Education Equipment. Vote Item

Moved: Member Chapman Seconded: Member Hagberg

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

IX. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

X. Subcommittees:

Budget Subcommittee: FY23, FY24

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

Maintenance Subcommittee:

Policy Subcommittee:

Insurance Subcommittee:

XI. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:

Motion to waive the reading of Regular School Committee minutes of October 18, 2023.

Moved: Member Chapman Seconded: Member Hagberg

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

Motion to approve of the Regular School Committee minutes of October 18, 2023.

Moved: Member Chapman Seconded: Member Hagberg

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

XII. NEW BUSINESS: N/A

XIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Special Town Meeting at 10:00am Saturday, November 18, 2023 at AMHS
Personnel Subcommittee Meeting at 4:00pm Tuesday, November 21, 2023-Executive Session
Policy Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30pm Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30pm Wednesday, December 13, 2023
Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:30pm Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Policy Subcommittee Meeting at 5:30pm Wednesday, January 24, 2024

XIV. ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn.

Moved: Member Chapman

Seconded: Member Hagberg

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:26pm.