

# 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

May 16, 2016

Regular Meeting  
Avon Middle High School Media Center

Monday Evening  
7:30 p.m.

Avon School Committee:

Jeanne Martineau, Chair  
Tracy Sheehan, Vice-Chair  
Sharon Marble, Secretary - Absent  
Kathleen O'Reilly, Member - Resigned  
Anne Hagberg, Member

Student Advisory Committee:

Gina Earley-Ashby/Fabienne Dessalines

Superintendent of Schools:

Paul A. Zinni

Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services:

Christine Godino

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

II. SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS:

IV. FINANCIAL:

None at this time.

V. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Butler Elementary

- Mr. Reynolds and kindergarten teachers presented the Focus K-2 kindergarten program at a conference sponsored by DESE.
- Student Counsel has just begun "Store-on-a-Cart" to sell school gear.

AMHS

- 5/5 was step-up night for the fifth and sixth graders and their parents which consisted of tours and presentations.
- 5/6 Mr. Avon staff competition.
- 5/13 AMHS Jr/Sr Prom..
- Sports: only 2 weeks left for the season...softball/baseball working hard to the finish.
- ACADEC team ranked 9<sup>th</sup> nationally in small school division. Congrats to a great year.
- 5/17 – Creative writing class will share their original works at a 6pm Coffee House to be held in the library.
- 5/19 – Spring Concert, 7pm
- 5/20 – Middle School semi-formal, 7pm
- 6/3 – Jr. Class car wash fundraiser, after school, \$5
- 6/3 – Lego Night, 5:30 pm, more information to come.
- PARCC, MCAS, AP exams throughout the month of May.
- This Thursday, 5/19, is the last "spirit day".
- Seniors: last day Friday, Sr. Banquet 6/2 @ 5:30, Graduation, 6/4 @ 11am

VI. INFORMATION:

A. Stephen Prone was not present.

B. A congratulatory welcome to Dawn Stockwell and Karen Romans, the new Administrators at the AMHS. They both introduced themselves and shared a little piece of their stories with the board. At this time Supt. Zinni announced that Ms. Sarah Shaw will be the new Asst. Principal at the Butler Elementary.

C. NCTA Awards Banquet will be honoring Mrs. London and Mrs. McDonald.

D. Supt. Zinni shared the NY Times article on how district budgets impact student success. Avon is performing at 1.5 grades about the average according to the national study.

E. Final college acceptances for this year's senior class are up from last year. Students have stretched their options and applied to a variety of diverse schools.

F. The board has received a letter of resignation from Member Kathy O'Reilly. The Board thanked her for her service

G. Girls STEM symposium is being hosted by Avon on 5/25. Guests will bring a brown bag lunch.

H. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen, the Fin. Comm., and the townspeople for accepting and approving our budget for 2016-2017 school year.

I. The Supt. will submit documentation on his year end summary evaluation.

J. June meeting dates were discussed and changes were made: there will be NO meetings on June 6 and June 20. A meeting on June 13 will take place instead. Discussion for changes in 2016-17 will take place at next meeting.

VII. ACTION ITEMS: **(ANY VOTE UNANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR)**

A. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the proposed School Committee Subcommittee assignments for 2016-17 school year; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Hagberg; DISCUSSION – CHAIR ASKED TO TABLE UNTIL A FULL BOARD IS IN PLACE. MEMBERS AGREED TO CONTINUE SERVING ON PRESENT BOARDS UNTIL NEW ASSIGNMENTS ARE GIVEN. Vote: Unanimous

B. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the newly updated employee job descriptions; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Hagberg; DISCUSSION – CHAIR ASKED TO TABLE UNTIL NEXT MEETING, REQUESTING MARK-UP COPIES OF CHANGES MADE TO MAKE THEM MORE VISIBLE. Vote: Unanimous

C. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the AMHS student's future trip to Paris in spring, 2018; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Hagberg; DISCUSSION - Attorney Dupere reviewed a "parental release of liability" for all school travel going forward. Chair's main concern, stated again, is that host families are not CORI checked. Vote: Unanimous

D. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve an ASA Type 2 Fundraiser: Flamingo Flocking. The funds will be used for field trips and enrichment for the Butler School; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Hagberg. Vote: Unanimous

E. Upon the Superintendent's request to appoint a member of the school committee as a representative to the North River Collaborative BOD for the 2016-17 school year; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Hagberg. DISCUSSION – MEMBER HAGBERG OFFERED TO TAKE ON THIS ROLE...CHAIR MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT, SECONDED BY MEMBER SHEEHAN. Vote: Unanimous

F. Upon the Superintendent's request to be appointed as representative on the CHARMS Collaborative BOD for 2016-17 school year; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Hagberg; Vote: Unanimous

E. Upon the Superintendent's request to be appointed to serve as a member of the Project Contemporary Competitiveness (PCC) for the 2016-17 school year; motion by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Hagberg; Vote: Unanimous

VIII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Subcommittees

1. Budget Subcommittee:

a. Budget FY17

2. Personnel Subcommittee:

3. Maintenance Subcommittee:

a. Capital Facilities Improvements

4. Policy Subcommittee: Expense Reimbursements DKC, Pest Management EBAB, First Aid EBB, Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials EDC, School-Based Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) 5131, and School Cancellation Procedures 5135, Retirement of Facilities FCB, Naming New Facilities FF, Personnel Goals GA, Staff Ethics 7113, Staff Conflict of Interest 7113.1, Staff Personal Security and Safety GBGB, Employment of Principals GCBB, Family and Medical Leave 7116/GCCC, Support Staff Contracts and Compensation Plans GDB, School Nurse 7720, School Food Service Department Policy EFDA, Curriculum Development, Revision & Adoption IGA/IGD, Support Services Programs IGB, Bilingual Instruction IHBE, English Second Language IHBEA, Health Education 9220/IHAMIHAMA/IHAM-R, Health Education IHAM, Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol, & Tobacco IHAMB, Health Ed Exemption Procedure IHAM-R, Homebound Instruction IHBG, Instruction Curriculum Extensions Home Education 9246, Evaluation & Monitoring Home Ed 9246.1, Continuation of Home Ed 9246.2, Home Schooling IHBG, Summer Schools IHCA, Student Publications JICE, Library Materials Selection & Adoption IJL, Library Resources IJLA, Access to Digital Resources IJND, Empowered Digital Use Policy IJNDB, Internet Publication IJNDC, Facebook & Social Networking Web Sites IJNDD, and Animals in School IMG.

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 May 3, 2016; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Hagberg; Vote: 2-0-0

Upon the Chair's recommendation to accept the minutes of the Regular School Committee Meeting of May 3, 2016; moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Hagberg; Vote: 2-0-1 (Chair Martineau)

X. NEW BUSINESS:

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

A. TBD Maintenance Subcommittee School Committee Meeting.

B. Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, June 13, 2016, 7:30 pm, AMHS Media Center

XII. ADJOURN:

8:35 pm moved by Member Sheehan, seconded by Member Hagberg; Vote: Unanimous