

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.

MINUTES SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

December 11, 2017

Regular Meeting Monday Evening **7:00 p.m.** AMHS Media Center

The meeting is recorded by local cable and shown multiple times on channel 9. Links to view the meeting are on Avon Cable Access website avontv.org, as well as, Avon Public School's website, www.avon.k12.ma.us. Anyone wishing to record the open session must inform the committee so that such recordings can be properly announced.

Any community members wishing to speak during public comment must complete the sign-in sheet to be recognized during that portion of the agenda.

AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Tracy Sheehan, Chair
Anne Hagberg, Vice Chair
Sharon Marble, Secretary-Absent
Jeanne Martineau-Absent
Rebecca Lundgren

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Jodee Frias - Absent

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Paul A. Zinni

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR PUPIL SERVICES:

Christine Godino

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: 7:10 P.M.

I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL

II. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Jodee Frias-absent

- The Superintendent reported for both schools.
- AMHS: Fall sports are underway; Holiday Concert, Thursday, December 14, @ 7pm.
- Butler Elementary School: Epic Build Presentation, Monday, December 11th student demonstrated their coding skills to family and community members; Holiday Shop, scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th. Thank you to ASA.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: none

IV. INFORMATION:

A. Superintendent updated committee on Avon election process for April 2018.

V. FINANCIAL:

Ms. McDonald, Coordinator of School Business Services was present.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A.** Coffee Hour: Hot coffee and cider were offered to a small group of parents. Parent questions directed the meeting conversation. One topic suggested for next meeting is the CHOICE program.
- B.** National Honor Society induction ceremony was held on Monday, November 27th. Mr. Morss, the founder of the society, was honored at the event. Eight seniors received their cords.
- C.** It has been decided that rather than having one annual sports banquet at the end of the year, it would be more beneficial to have one at the end of each sport season to recognize the accomplishments made during that season. The fall event was held on Thursday, November 30th. Thank you to the Boosters for providing refreshments.

VII. ACTION ITEMS:

- A.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve an ASA Type 2 fundraiser: Annual Trivia Night, March 2, 7pm; moved by Vice Chair Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous
- B.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the proposed FY19 Operating Budget; moved by Vice Chair Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous
DISCUSSION: This budget is a level service budget with three areas of increase (salaries, longevity, special ed). Through cautious management, we have frozen this years budget already. The Committee expressed concerns around curriculum needs (math/reading), additional staff (guidance assistant), and needed health classes.
- C.** Upon the Superintendent's request to ratify the AFSCME contract; moved by Vice Chair Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous DISCUSSION: 3%-2%-2%
- D.** Upon the Superintendent's request to move policies from Policy Subcommittee to the School Committee; moved by Vice Chair Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous
- E.** Upon the Superintendent's request to rescind the following policies as they are obsolete or covered in a newer policy: DJG Vendor Relations, IHAE Physical Education (see ADF), IJJ Textbook Selection & Adoption, IJK Supplementary Materials Selection & Adoption, IJM Special Interest Materials Selection & Adoption, JBA Student-to-Student Harassment, KEB Public complains about School Personnel, KEC Public Complains about the Curriculum or Instruction Materials, and KJA Relations with Booster Organizations.*; moved by Vice Chair Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous
- F.** Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading and approve the following policies as amended: ADC Smoking on School Premises Prohibited, BBA School Committee Powers & Duties, BBBA/BBBB School Committee Member Qualifications/Oath of Office, BEDA Notification of School Committee Meetings, BEDB Agenda Format, BHE Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members, BIBA SC Conferences, Conventions, & Workshops, CBI School Committee Operations – Evaluation of Superintendent, CHA Development of Procedures, CHC Procedures Dissemination, DJE Procurement Requirements, Policy G Personnel Policy for Avon Public Schools Support Personnel, GBA Equal Opportunity Employment, GBEA Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest, GBED Use of Tobacco Products on School Property Prohibited, GCF Professional Staff Hiring, GCJ Professional Teacher Status, GDQD Suspension & Dismissal of Support Staff Members, IHB Special Instructional Programs & Accommodations, IHBEA English Language Learners, IK Student Progress Reports, IMG Animals in Schools, JHD Exclusions & Expulsions from School Attendance, JII Student Complaints & Grievances, JJE Student Fund Raising Activities, JLCB Inoculations of Students, JLCC – Communicable Diseases, JQ – Student Fees, Fines, and Charges, KDB Public's right to know, KE – Public Complaints, KHB – Advertising in Schools, and LDA Student Teaching & Internships.*; moved by Vice Chair Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous

- G.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the first read and to adopt policies: CBD Superintendent's Contract, DGA Authorized Signatures, FFA Memorials, GBGE Domestic Violence Leave, and GBGF Family and Medical Leave.*; moved by Vice Chair Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous

VIII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A.** Subcommittees
1. Budget Subcommittee: FY18
 2. Personnel Subcommittee:
 3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
 - a. Capital Facilities Improvements
 4. Policy Subcommittee:
 5. Insurance Subcommittee:

IX. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:

Upon the Chair's recommendation to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2017; moved by Vice Chair Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous

Upon the Chair's recommendation to accept the minutes of the Regular School Committee Meeting of November 13, 2017; moved by Vice Chair Hagberg, seconded by Member Lundgren; Vote: Unanimous

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Any business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair. No new business was presented.

XI. UPCOMING MEETING

- A.** Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2018, 7:00 P.M., AMHS Media Center.
- B.** Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, January 22, 2018, 7:00 P.M., AMHS Media Center.
- C.** Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, February 12, 2018, 7:00 P.M., AMHS Media Center
- D.** Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, March 5, 2018, 7:00 P.M., AMHS Media Center
- E.** Regular School Committee Meeting, Monday, March 19, 2018, 7:00 P.M., AMHS Media Center

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Tabled

XIII. ADJOURN

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:06pm; Vice Chair Hagberg, AYE, Member Lundgren, AYE.