

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

August 10, 2020

Regular School Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m. Remotely via ZOOM

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AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Tracy Sheehan, Chair
Anne Hagberg, Vice-Chair
Sharon Marble, Secretary
Paul Chapman, Member
Maria Piccirilli, Member

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: 4:00 pm

I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

III. INFORMATION:

- A. Avon Education Association (AEA) Statement made by Amanda Pine: Members of the Avon School Committee, thank you for taking the time to consider the Avon Education Association's position regarding the start of the 20-21 school year. The AEA believes it is essential to start the school year

off with the safety of students, families, colleagues and community in mind. At this time the AEA believes the best option to start the school year with a fully remote plan. Students social interactions will be altered, student and teacher will be altered and sanitizing will become the priority. It will also be a negative effect on learning. From July 31 – Aug 4, 2020 AEA conducted a survey of their membership. The vast majority felt that it would be safest to start the school year off remotely, 82.8% and transition to hybrid when it is safe to do so. Due to the changes from DESE and the allotted extra 10 professional development days. The AEA feels they would be able to make the Remote Learning experience and more rigorous and rewarding experience. Time will not be lost on learning due to having to implement movement and mask breaks and desk washing. Starting remotely will help students in the long run. Thank you for the consideration. –The AEA executive board.

- B. Superintendent Report:** We recognize that circumstances are different for every family and safe member and ultimately no plan will satisfy everyone in the committee. Guidance from DESE clearly stated the safe return of as many students as possible to in person school setting to maximize student learning to address student's holistic needs. A feasibility study was conducted and the results was the hybrid model. The hybrid model will all teachers to meet with their students every week and address academic and social needs. The hybrid model allows teachers to form relationships with their students. Precautions taken to reduce the risk of transmission include: frequent hand washing, masks, cleaning, social distancing and dividing students into cohorts. Prepared to make adjustments along the way if public health condition and any variable change over time Avon has developed three plans: in person with safety precautions, hybrid and remote. These plans have been developed by the reopening committee and we have the plans to move to the plans when necessary.

A great event: The Class of 2020 was held on Saturday. 47 students graduated, thank you to Principal Stockwell, Assistant Principal Centerrino and to the class advisors: Jay Donavon and Matt Ferro and many of the AMHS teachers who helped out with the ceremony. Deep appreciation to Holbrook for allowing Avon to use their facilities. Brain Fisher the class president gave a very touching speech where he spoke about his father Carl Fisher. Sadly, Carl Fish father to Brain and Joe passed away on Sunday. Carl was a respected and admired member of not only the Avon Public School Committee but the Avon Committee at large. Sending our deepest condolences to the Fisher Family. Moment of silence to remember Carl.

IV. FINANCIALS: None at this time

V. ACTION ITEMS:

- A.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the request to vote on School Committee Subcommittee assignments and alternates (Budget, personnel/negotiations, policy, maintenance and insurance) for 2020 – 2021 school year; moved by Member Marble, seconded by member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous
- B.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the request to vote on the reopening open model for the 2020 – 2021 school year (Hybrid); moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Marble; Vote: Unanimous

VI. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Subcommittees:**
1. Budget Subcommittee: FY21
 2. Personnel Subcommittee:
 3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
 - a. Capital Facilities Improvements: Butler parking lot project.
 4. Policy Subcommittee: SC Policy CBI Operations – Eval. of Superintendent
 5. Insurance Subcommittee:

VIII. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:

- A. Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2020; moved by Member Hagberg, second by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous

Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2020; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Chapman; Member Chapman, Vote: Unanimous, Sharon and Ann-abstained

- B. Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2020; moved by Member Marble, second by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous

Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2020; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Any business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

X. UPCOMING MEETING

XI. ADJOURN

Chair made a motion to adjourn @ 4:38 pm; moved by Member Marble, second by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous

Enclosures:

- SC Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2020 & July 30, 2020
- SC Subcommittee and alternates Assignments

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