

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

October 21, 2020

Regular School Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., via ZOOM

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AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

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

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Adam Sles, Jaime Durodola

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: 5:06 pm

- I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:
- II. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Adam Sles: The AMHS progress reports are now available on the School brains community portal. If a family needs access, please contact the main office. Free breakfast and lunch has been extended until the end of the school year. Lunch pick up for students who are not in the building is between 10-11AM Monday through Friday on the right side of the building at the cafeteria door. If you are unable to access lunch, please contact the main office. The virtual open house videos are now posted on the school's website under the bulletin section. Please check it out if you were unable to attend. Chromebooks are in and have been distributed to the students. If a student is fully remote, a Chromebook can be picked up any day between 8am-2pm.

Jaime Durodola: The Butler School is hosting a virtual ASA pumpkin carving/decorating contest for Butler families. Families are to submit their photos to the ASA and the winners will be announced 10/31. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. All butler students have been issued a Chromebook; they use both at home and school. Next week Butler ASA will be sponsoring freeze pops in the fall in replacement of the ice cream social. All students will receive a freeze pop during their masks breaks.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

IV. INFORMATION:

- A.** Superintendent Report: Snow days, the commissioner has determined for this School Year only, days that the schools must close, due to weather or emergencies, districts may choose to treat those days as snow days to be made up later or to provide all students with remote learning on those days in manner that is constant with the regulatory requirements. Superintendent Godino, will explore those options and discussions will be situation specific. Superintendent Godino, will discuss with the principals. The US department of Agriculture announced that universal free school meals have been extended through June 30th. Students and families can pick up lunches in either building 10-11 each day. If families have issues with pickups, please contact the building principals so we can support those families. October is national principal's month and Superintendent Godino would like to thank our principals for all the efforts put into ensuring we had a smooth reopening and that our students, families and staff feel safe and secure in our school settings and they continue to do an exceptional job maintaining our schools to this point; a big thank you for them. Red Ribbon week is next week and red ribbon week is to mobilize communities to educate youth, encourage participation, and drug prevention productivity. Red ribbons are to be brought home and tied around trees. We are becoming a red community again, last week we were out of the red and were a grey community. According to the department of public health metrics, there are 7 cases in the Town of Avon. No cases in the schools at this point. In a meeting with the commissioner of Education he said he is working with the department of public health and they will be issuing updates to the guidance of the coded health metrics in the coming weeks. The metrics and greatly in pack small communities like ours and communities with colleges and nursing homes are also having issues where they are in the red and there are no cases in the schools. Therefore, we expect to get further guidance on that.
- B.** Superintendent's Goals: The 1st goal: Working with the building principals and district administrators to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment is maintained. This is directly related to COVID and this year to ensure we support our staff and students throughout this process and that everyone remains safe. Will be doing weekly walkthroughs and debriefing with principals and will adhere to all of DESE's guidance related to COVID. Constantly looking to ensure we are staffed in all areas. Discussions through all monthly administrative meetings. Superintendent Godino has been working very closely with Kathleen Waldren, health agent and chief Spurr and will continue to work with all of those people to ensure we maintain these safe environments throughout the school year.
The 2nd goal: To increase and improve communication and collaboration with families and community partners. Superintendent Godino will be facilitating meetings with the focus on communication concerning COVID, involving community members and stakeholders involved in the process. Collaborate with the Town Officials, Principals throughout the pandemic. Will employ multiple measures of communication to ensure information is disseminated and will have monthly discussions are administrative meetings. Communication is more important than ever this year and we want to make sure that we maintain that also throughout the school year.

The 3rd goal: (continuation from FY20) will be working collaboratively with the school team and School committee this year to ensure effective collaborative bargaining process with the AFSCME. The 4th goal: (continuation from FY20) Working with the building principals to ensure the teacher evaluation reflects a shared understanding of what classroom instruction of an overall proficient educator looks like. Continue to look at the evaluation process to ensure all of our students get what they need.

V. FINANCIALS: None at this time

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

- A.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve a vote to enter into negotiations for AFSCME; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous
- B.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve a request to appoint a designated delegate (Member Hagberg) to attend the MASC/MASS joint conference in November; as well as an alternate (Member Chapman) to vote on the Resolutions at the November conference; moved by Member Marble, seconded by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous

VII. 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 and SC Policy ACAB
 - 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 October 7, 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 October 7, 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

- A.** Executive Session School Committee, AFSCME Negotiations Meeting at 4:00pm Monday, October 26, 2020, 4:00 p.m., Zoom
- B.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- C.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- D.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- E.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- F.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- G.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Zoom

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee will vote to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Separate minutes.

XII. ADJOURN

Chair made a motion to adjourn @ 5:22 pm; moved by Member Marble, second by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous

Enclosures:

- SC Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2020

- Superintendent's Goals
- MASC Annual Meeting Notice

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