

# 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

February 24, 2021

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  
Maria Piccirilli, Member

### STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Adam Sles, Jaime Durodola

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

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CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: 5:04 pm

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

Adam Sles - Butler Updates: The Butler School earned 500 Empathy tallies for the month of February and celebrated "Sports Day" this week. Students dressed up to support their favorite sports teams!

Starting next week, Specials will be swapped to give students the opportunity to experience each specialist on their in-person days. Students who had Computers will now have PE and students who had Music will now have Art (and vice versa)

Ms. Fontaine, our School Psychologist, is now offering parent drop in times for parents concerned about the social-emotional health of their children. Parents can email Ms. Fontaine to set up an appointment.

Jaime Durodola - AMHS update: Fall 2 sports season is set to begin for the Mayflower conference on May 10<sup>th</sup> for Volleyball, Soccer and Cross country; with football practice starting March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The link to register is on the School Website to sign up. Signups will be available during lunches for the following dates: Cohort B: February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Cohort A: March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Coaches will follow COVID protocol specific to each sport. Students and families will all receive these protocols. Information about impact testing will be provided later in the week. All students wishing to participate in the Fall 2 sports season must have an up to date physical within the last 13 months and must have a copy on file with the school Nurse and meet academic requirements.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

### **IV. INFORMATION:**

- A. Superintendent Report: Begun exploring early career path ways with several other districts on the South Shore. Looking to form a consortium, to bring additional opportunities to our high school students. Next week we will begin to serve our students and staff. This is the 1st step in the process and the hope is to provide different career paths to students. Superintendent will keep the committee up to date.  
Commissioner Reilly has requested the Board of Education grant him the authority to determine when hybrid and remote time no longer count towards learning hours. The goal is to bring back all students to in-person learning starting, five days a week this April. Parents will still have the option for their children to learn remotely until the end of this year. Superintendent Godino had a call with Commissioner Reilly this afternoon at 3pm and this has not been approved by the Board of Education as of yet but he anticipates it will be and wants all students to return to full in-person learning. The first step is to get the Elementary students back. Avon has already been planning for this scenario and certain sub groups have already increased their in-person learning time. Principal Shaw and Superintendent Godino have been planning the return of the elementary students in grades PreK- 3. A brief survey went out today to see if Butler was to return to full in-person how many families would be returning. This information is needed to plan with space and staff. The issue that Avon faces with the return is in regards to space and running the models at the same time. Our full remote students are provided instruction from our core teachers, they may have a full remote model and a full in person model. If and when all students come back to in-person learning, the teachers will not have the ability to have a remote cohort. Avon will need additional staff to provide instruction to the remote students. In terms of space: lunch time will be the biggest issue because students need to be 6 feet apart during lunch because they aren't wearing masks; Avon is working on it. Avon is looking into a few options; Kathy McDonald is looking into BC tent today. Hopefully when the weather changes, the tent will give some additional spaces. Therefore, Avon is looking into a wide variety of things right now. Superintendent Godino met with the AEA today and discussed what bringing PreK- 3 back fulltime would look like. Superintendent Godino will follow up on Monday and hopefully have PreK - 3 return shortly.
- B. Butler parking lot update: On Saturday the rest of the parking lot fund were approved. Avon received the money out of the stabilization account. From free cash received an addition 150K for the demolition and asepsis removal of the church. Ready to move forward. Kathleen McDonald: A few weeks ago, Avon awarded the bid. Mrs. McDonald is working with the company now as they are working to get all of their permits. Already notified the utilities to shut them off. The building will come down once the permits are issued. But must go through the Town of Avon to get the permit. Mrs. McDonald also spoke to the engineer/contractor and Avon needs to issue a notice to proceed. The school and School Committee will work jointly on this.

**V. FINANCIALS:** None at this time

**VI. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A.** Upon the Superintendent's request to the Carl S Fischer Memorial Scholarship; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Hagberg; Vote: Unanimous
- B.** Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the amended FY22 budget; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Hagberg; Vote: Unanimous

**VII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A.** Subcommittees:
  - 1. Budget Subcommittee: FY21 & FY22
  - 2. Personnel Subcommittee:
  - 3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
    - a. Capital Facilities Improvements: Butler parking lot project.
  - 4. Policy Subcommittee:
  - 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 November 18, 2020; moved by Member Piccirilli, second by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous

Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous

- B.** Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2021; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous

Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2021; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous

- C.** Upon the Superintendent's request to waive the reading of the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2021; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous; Chapman abstain

Upon the Superintendent's request to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2021; moved by Member Piccirilli, second by Member Hagberg; Vote: Unanimous; Chapman abstain

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**IX. UPCOMING MEETING**

- A.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- B.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
- C.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 5:00pm., Zoom
- D.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 5:00pm., Zoom
- E.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 5:00pm., Zoom
- F.** Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 5:00pm., Zoom

**X. ADJOURN**

Chair made a motion to adjourn @ 5:36 pm; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous

Enclosures:

- SC Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020, January 6 & February 10, 2021
- FY22 amended budget
- Carl S Fischer Scholarship

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