

# 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

March 3, 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 – Both Absent

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

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CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: 5:00 pm

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

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

### **IV. INFORMATION:**

- A. Superintendent Report:** Teachers will be eligible to be vaccinated as of March 11. Designated days for educators to go to the vaccination sites, more information to come. Tonight we will be having a discussion about full in person and the reopening of our schools. The biggest issue is space, looking to put a tent at the Ralph D. Butler Elementary School, primarily used for lunch. Working on finalizing those plans and looking at a variety of other things to ensure everything is in place. Sarah Shaw will present a presentation to show the reopening plans. AEA is voting on a new MOA which states that Avon is opening in full. Teachers will now have to be in school five days a week. Wednesday will no longer be a ½ day unless it's a scheduled Professional Development day. The desks in the classrooms will be 3 to 6 feet apart. Grades PreK-6. The commissioner is meeting with board of Education to ask for approval to mandate all elementary schools to open April 5<sup>th</sup>. The commissioner will give tentative dates for the opening of the Middle and High School levels. Avon will begin to work on Middle-High school once they finish straightening out the Butler.
- B. Butler Full In-person Reopening Plan:** Sarah Shaw: Butler School is working on a plan to transition back to five full days of in-person. Also in the process of talking with the AEA. The proposed plan presented to them is a phased approach. PreK-3 would like to return to full in person of school beginning March 15. PreK is already attending school 4 days a week, Butler would just add an additional day (Wednesday) Grades 4-6 to return April 5. Parents have two options: fully remote option or full 5 day in person. The hybrid option will no longer be available after March 15<sup>th</sup> for PreK- 3 and no longer available to grades 4-6 after April 5. Safety Guidelines: all the current safety guidelines that are in place will continue to be followed. Butler will continue to wear masks indoors, socially distancing with desks being a minimum of 3 feet apart. Butler has smaller class sizes therefore, the desks in the lower grades are closer to 6 feet apart and the upper grades are 4-5 feet apart. Lunch requires for students to be 6 feet apart if they are removing their masks. The current Cafeteria/Gym seat 55. When all students are back full time, the seating will increase to around 75. Therefore, Butler is adding an additional space outside via tent with a similar setup as the cafeteria with the desks. ½ the classes will eat outside and they will rotate between the building and outside for lunches. Class sizes: when students come back there is a possibility that students may need to switch teachers and classrooms to even out class sizes and effective service delivery (Special education, Title 1, English Language Learners). The goal is to be the least disruptive as possible but in some cases students will have to move between classes and teachers. Fully remote students: A survey went out to families of fully remote students to see who will be coming back or staying remote. Currently 60 students are choosing to stay fully remote and the rest are returning. 15-20 students who were previously remote are retuning. For fully remote students, Avon will have 3 teachers who will be dedicated remote teachers, each will take on a few grade levels and they are going to take on the fully remote cohorts. The remote teachers will be working very closely with the grade level to ensure the fully remote students are staying on the same path as the in person students. The Fully remote students will receive about 90 mins of live instruction a day and a few days a week they will get specials. This model is a little different from before. The plan is to spread the live instruction out over the course of the week each day to ensure remote students stay in line with in person learning. Remote students who are receive SPED or Title 1 services will also receive their services on top of the 90 min. The rest of their day will be a combination of google classroom work and breaks. Remote teachers will have time in their day to do intervention work and small group work. SPED services, ELL and Title 1 services will still come from the Butler staff that has been providing those services. Parents of the fully remote students can choose at any time to transfer to in person learning and will have that option until the end of the year. For students who need to quarantine Butler will put them into the remote side so that they are not missing school. Butler will have flexibility for students who will be out for a period of time. We are looking to hire one of the remote teachers and looking to fill the long term substitute.

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

### **VI. ACTION ITEMS:**

### **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:**

**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 @ 5:28 pm; moved by Member Chapman, second by Member Piccirilli; Vote: Unanimous

Enclosures:

- No enclosures

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