

# 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

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Regular School Committee Meeting, **5:00PM** 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: 5:05PM

- I. **ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE OFFICERS:** Table meeting
- II. **THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:**
- III. **STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Not present
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- V. **INFORMATION:**
  - A. Superintendent Report: Tracy Hibbard, AMHS Secretary has resigned. We thank her for her years of service. We are currently accepting applications for the position.
  - B. Update on COVID-19 Guidance – Effective Tuesday, May 18, students no longer have to wear masks when outdoors, even if distance cannot be maintained. Adults must continue to wear masks outdoors if distancing cannot be maintained. At this time, adults and students must continue to wear masks inside schools. Students can now share classroom materials. In alignment with state guidance, the gathering limits for school events with outside participants will be lifted starting May 29, 2021.

- C. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has issued further guidance on Graduation late this afternoon. Superintendent will be reviewing the guidelines with Principal Stockwell. Guidance keeps coming and we will continue to update.
- D. Superintendent Godino has been in talks with a parent to start up a Diversity Committee – Scheduling meeting for Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-7. We will be looking at the purpose of the committee, ideas, events, funding, scheduling meeting days, etc. Will be sending out a Zoom link to the committee and can post on the website. Staff has been informed.
- E. Principals will be updating on summer schools and services.
- F. Kathy McDonald – Update on National Grid HVAC Controls project. The project started last fall and they did most of the work when school was not in session. Hoping to complete in August 2021. They did find some things in the buildings (actuators) and they can replace which will save money moving forward. Also, install variable frequency drive to control the rooftop units. This will increase cost \$22,000 which would be around \$48 a month over 60 months if we added to the utility bill. We would like approval from the committee for this. We will have a cost savings of \$331 a month by doing this.
- G. Donna Conrad – Providing information on Washington DC Field Trip – It has been an excellent trip for years. The price has gone up a little bit. There is a \$75 discount if people sign up by June 4. There is a \$49 deposit. World Strides is hoping to extend it to give parents more time for the deposit money. It is based on 35 paying participants and everything is included, hotel, food, insurance, tour guides, medical, accidental, etc. The only thing students may bring is spending money. We have a coach service to pick up at the school and bring to Logan Airport. Will have the flight details close to 30-45 days before the trip. Hold a meet for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students so will be organizing a meet to get the details. Everyone can sign up online, make deposit online, as well as paper forms. Safety is our number one concern and we like to keep around 10 students per chaperone. Dates were changed to June due to Principal Stockwell due to coverage in the Middle High School. Parents can sign up for the \$49 deposit. \$25 of each students raffle goes towards chaperone deferment of cost. Donna is looking to plan a meet as early as next week. There is a pay program where people can pay monthly. If household gross income is 85K or less they are eligible to receive financial assistance.
- H. Mike Hayes – Sports Update. Fall season went very well. Students were happy to be back playing sports. We were not able to use Butler Field as it was unsafe to have kids on the field due to its condition. Field is being worked on and it looks great and hope to be back out there in August. We had a total of 71 athletes from our fall sports. A lot of our programs that have not had much success however used covid to their advantage. Many teams had great seasons. Next season the athletic directors have started Fall II scheduling. Looking to raise competition so added other leagues. For Spring Update – Began on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We are hosting 56 athletes. In regards to health guidelines, sports adhere to school and local health guidelines in order to participate in athletics. Guidelines are ever changing in the state and we are trying to stay up to date and meet what is best for everyone. Our Spring season wraps up June 10<sup>th</sup>. Tournaments include varsity only and will be every team no matter the ranking so everyone will have the opportunity to play in a tournament game. Mike meets with every coach during the season and after the season to discuss how to retain our athletes.
- I. AMHS Update: Dawn Kosinski – Team rival is well underway. Avon is currently in the lead. Be sure to join the fun with a weekly chance of winning a \$25 gift certificate. Last week's winner was Husam Adam. If we win the competition as a school, we will have a School-Wide Movie day and will get \$1500 for our school club, ACES. Athletic Awards are tentatively scheduled in person June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming out. This Friday, we are doing the high school awards in school and we will be streaming it live. Seniors last day of class is this Friday and schedules have been shared. Senior banquet was held at the Mockingbird and it was a great event. Yearbook came out great. Spring Sports are underway. Everyone in 10<sup>th</sup> grade took MCAS, 7<sup>th</sup> grade is complete and 8<sup>th</sup> grade is tomorrow for Science. This week our teams start competing. Advisory – Middle School has MCAS Assessments while grade 9-11 will discuss work ethic and grade 12 will discuss moving out (are they ready for the real world?) We will have some summer programming for students.
- J. Butler Elementary Update: Sarah Shaw - The Butler School has begun our ABC Countdown to the end of the school year. Today was letter E "Exercise Day." We are planning on doing kindergarten and grade 6 graduations in person. It will be held outdoors in front of the building. June 14<sup>th</sup> for kindergarten and June 16<sup>th</sup> for grade 6 (both with rain dates the following day). We are asking

families to limit guests to 4. We are going to be holding field day on June 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be for K-5. On June 11, our Grade 6 students will have their own "Fun Day" in lieu of the traditional Camp Westwood Field Trip. Next week we begin MCAS testing for students in grades 3-6. Remote students have the option to test remotely. Last day of MCAS will be June 9<sup>th</sup>. Flag Day is June 14<sup>th</sup> and will be putting together a Flag Day Video. For the summer, we are running two programs. They will run out of AMHS due to the parking lot project. The bulk of the program is from July 12-August 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday-Thursday. We have received a good response so far for the programming, and we have staffing lined up.

**VI. FINANCIALS:**

**VII. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve line item transfers; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Piccirilli. Vote: Unanimous
- B. Upon the Superintendent's request to accept donation of PPE from MEMA; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Piccirilli. Vote: Unanimous
- C. Upon the Superintendent's request to accept 15K donation from Butler ASA for classroom libraries/mini grants; moved by Member Piccirilli, seconded by Member Chapman. Vote: Unanimous
- D. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve out of state Education Field Trip; moved by Member Piccirilli, seconded by Member Chapman. Vote: Unanimous
- E. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve Adjustment Counselor Job Description; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Piccirilli. Vote: Unanimous
- F. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve AMHS Secretary Job Description; moved by Member Piccirilli, seconded by Member Chapman. Vote: Unanimous
- G. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar; moved by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Piccirilli. Vote: Unanimous
- H. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve FY2022 Summer Programming; moved by Member Piccirilli, seconded by Member Chapman. Vote: Unanimous
- I. Upon the Superintendent's request to approve the additional cost for the HVAC Project replacing actuators and valves in classrooms and installing a Variable Frequency Drive to better control the roof top units; moved by Member Piccirilli, seconded by Member Chapman. Vote: Unanimous

**VIII. 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 April 28, 2021; moved by member Piccirilli, second by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous
- B. Upon the Superintendent's request to vote on the minutes of April 28, 2021. Moved by Member Piccirilli, second by Member Chapman; Vote: Unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**IX. UPCOMING MEETING**

- A. Regular School Committee Meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 5:00pm., Zoom

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Committee will vote to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Moved by Member Piccirilli, seconded by Member Chapman. Roll Call Vote: Member Piccirilli – Aye, Member Chapman – Aye, Member Marble – Aye, Member Sheehan, Aye.

## **XI. ADJOURN**

Enclosures:

- Donation of PPE from MEMA
- Washington DC Field Trip
- Adjustment Counselor Job Description
- AMHS Secretary Job Description
- SC Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021
- 2021-2022 School Year Calendar
- Line Item Transfers

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