

AVON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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MISSION STATEMENT

To educate all students to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens in a global society.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – 6:00PM - 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:

Jaime Durodola, Jessica Salawu

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Christine Godino

The following School Committee Members participated in the meeting remotely:

Tracy Sheehan, Paul Chapman, Sharon Marble, Anne Hagberg, Maria Piccirilli

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I. THE SIGNING OF WARRANT/PAYROLL:

II. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Jaime Durodola, Jessica Salawu

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Tracy Sheehan opened discussion for public comment. Members of the public expressed their thoughts and concerns regarding the possible 6th grade move to Avon Middle High School.

IV. INFORMATION:

V. FINANCIALS:

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, a request to move the 6th grade to Avon Middle High School. Member Sheehan motioned to move 6th grade to Avon Middle High School for the 2023-2024 school year. Seconded by Member Hagberg. Open for discussion. Superintendent Godino discussed her input regarding this vote to clarify any confusion. The safety and security of the students is a top priority and Superintendent Godino spoke about the reasons why the administrative offices are not appropriate for classroom spaces. Superintendent Godino also expressed her thoughts about the highly qualified and talented middle school teachers at Avon Middle High School and spoke more about the middle school in general. Member Hagberg discussed her experiences that the Avon Public Schools have been amazing to her children and she believes the move could be positive. However, she wants to see a more positive approach prior to the move and ensure parents become more familiar with the Middle High School. Member Chapman spoke about his concerns regarding the parents and the move. Member Marble expressed her disappointment with some comments made regarding the move and hopes the public will go directly to the school committee and not speak through social media. She expressed her largest concern is the preschool class at the High School and the large Kindergarten class coming in the fall. Member Sheehan feels as though there are many benefits towards the 6th move to the Avon Middle High School. All those in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Anne, Nay Maria, Abstain Sharon, Aye Tracy. Vote: Passes.

VII. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Subcommittees:

1. Budget Subcommittee: FY22 and FY23
2. Personnel Subcommittee:
3. Maintenance Subcommittee:
4. Policy Subcommittee:
5. Insurance Subcommittee:

VIII. VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Any business not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

X. UPCOMING MEETING

- A. Regular School Committee Meeting and Public Hearing, Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 6:00PM - Zoom
- B. Regular School Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:00PM

XI. ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn, Member Piccirilli. Seconded by Member Chapman. All those in favor, Aye Paul, Aye Maria, Aye Sharon, Aye Anne, Aye Tracy.