



**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
AVON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**AVON HIGH SCHOOL
Avon Community Room
Tuesday, January 16, 2018—7:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Members Present: Jackie Blea, David Cavanaugh, Debra Chute, Jeffrey S. Fleischman, Jason Indomenico, Houston Putnam Lowry, Bogdan Oprica, Jay Spivak, Laura Young

Member(s) Absent: None

Administration Present: Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Interim Superintendent; Heather Michaud, Director of Fiscal Affairs; Dr. Kimberly Mearman, Director of Pupil Services; Dr. Donna Nestler-Rusack, Assistant Superintendent

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Interim Superintendent, at 7:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Election of Board Officers

As per Avon Board of Education Bylaw 9115 – Annual Organization Meeting, Interim Superintendent Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, presided over the meeting and election of the Board Chair.

A. Election of Board Chair

- Jay Spivak nominated Debra Chute for Board Chair.
- Houston Putnam Lowry nominated himself for Board Chair.

Laura Young moved and seconded by Jay Spivak to vote by a show of hands.

The motion carried 5-0-4 (Yay – Cavanaugh, Chute, Spivak, Young; Nay – none; Abstain – Fleischman, Indomenico, Lowry, Oprica)

- By a show of hands, Debra Chute was voted as the Board Chair – 8 Board members (Cavanaugh, Chute, Fleischman, Indomenico, Oprica, Spivak, Young) voted for Debra Chute; 1 Board member (Lowry) voted for Houston Putnam Lowry.
- Superintendent Paddyfote turned the meeting over to newly elected Board Chair, Deb Chute. Chair Chute thanked everyone for their support and Houston Putnam Lowry for his mentoring over the last two years. Ms. Chute expressed her excitement working together as a team to do good work for the district with a positive impact on the children whom they serve.

B. Election of Board Vice-Chair

- Laura Young nominated Jay Spivak for Board Vice Chair.
- By a show of hands, Jay Spivak was unanimously voted as the Board Vice-Chair.

C. Election of Board Secretary

- Jackie Blea nominated Jeffrey S. Fleischman for Board Secretary.
- By a show of hands, Jeffrey S. Fleischman was unanimously voted as the Board Secretary.

IV. Avon Achievers

- A. Morgan Platt, AMS grade 8 student - in recognition of her work to raise funds for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Morgan's passion to help children battling cancer not only raised over \$1,617.00 but got her principal and assistant principal to kiss a bull and a pig.
- B. John Carroll; Ayushi Hegde; Caroline Nisbet; Maitreya Vyas; Alec Wang; Erin Weston and Kelly Zheng, AHS students – in recognition for having been named as semifinalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program; and Carly Carpino; Tanvi Chadha; Luke Kimball; Benjamin Lampert; Angela Martinez; Catherine Martinez; Mohsin Mirza; Ryan Ollestad; Daniel Oprica; Manus Prasad; Jack Stokesbury; Shekar Sunderesh; Jennifer Wall; Humza Zaidi and Jason Zheng, AHS students – in recognition for having been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship program.

V. Approval of Minutes

- A. Board of Education Regular Monthly Meeting, December 19, 2017

Jason Indomenico moved and seconded by Laura Young to approve the Board of Education Regular Monthly Minutes for December 19, 2017.

The motion carried 9-0-0.

- B. Board of Education Special Meeting, January 8, 2018

Jackie Blea moved and seconded by Jeffrey S. Fleischman to approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2018.

The motion carried 9-0-0.

VI. Communication from Public

None

VII. Proposals

None

VIII. Items of Information

- A. Finance Committee Minutes, December 12, 2017

- Minutes will be approved at the next committee meeting.

- B. Communication/School Climate & Culture Committee Minutes, December 18, 2017

- Minutes will be approved at the next committee meeting.

- C. Student Representatives Reports – Amir Johnson and Heather Monroe, Student Representatives

- Amir Johnson shared information regarding Spirit Week which emphasized supporting the athletic teams by attending games. The high school was also hosting a middle school concert.

- Heather Monroe shared that mid-terms at the high school were postponed with a date to be determined due to the number of snow days.

D. Financial Report – Heather Michaud, Director of Fiscal Affairs

Heather Michaud, Director of Fiscal Affairs reported:

- The journal entry for the fiscal year, July 1st through Dec. 31st for the health insurance contributions totaled \$1.9 million.
- The second payment for transportation will be calculated later this month
- The audit results came in and were fantastic as there were no management letter comments.

E. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Interim Superintendent

1. Hiring Report

- Two social workers and two non-certified staff were hired. There was also a retirement and transfers.

2. Enrollment

- The January enrollment report showed no significant difference from the previous month.

IX. Consent Calendar

Any member may remove an item from the consent calendar and it will be considered in full in the ordinary course after the consent calendar is voted upon.

A. 17-18/92 Approval of Budget Transfers

B. 17-18/93 Approval of four (4) pieces of exercise equipment to Avon Middle School

C. 17-18/94 Approval of Grade 8 ELA; Grade 9-12 Mathematics; Grade 8 Social Studies and Grades K-5 Science Primary Instructional Materials

D. 17-18/95 Approval of AHS Baseball Team to Cooperstown, NY on April 12 & 13, 2018

Jeffrey S. Fleischman moved and seconded by Laura Young to approve Items 17-18/92 through 17-18/95 as listed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried 9-0-0.

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

None

XII. Communication from Avon Board of Education Members

- Chair Chute asked for Board members to indicate two Board committees each member is interested in attending and/or chairing. The four committees are Curriculum and Professional Practices; Finance; Negotiations and Policy.
- Chair Chute also asked Board members to indicate if they would be in favor of keeping all meeting dates on Tuesdays.
- Mr. Lowry asked if having all meetings on Tuesday was possible given the number of committees along with a regular monthly Board meeting to which Chair Chute responded that yes it would be possible if some nights were to have committee meetings back to back. Also, Ms. Chute reminded the Board that the Negotiations Committee has “non-meetings” which are not held regularly every month.

- Mr. Spivak asked the Chair to be mindful that Finance Committee should meet the week prior to the regular monthly Board meeting to allow the Director of Fiscal Affairs to have adequate time to prepare material for the Board meeting.
- Mr. Spivak thanked Mr. Lowry for his services as Board Chair.

XIII. Communication from the Public

None.

XIV. Committees & Liaison Reports

In accordance with Bylaw 9132, standing committee assignments will be made by the Board Chair.

A. Curriculum & Professional Practices

B. Finance

C. Negotiations

D. Policy

E. Board Representative to Curriculum Professional Development Council – Jackie Blea and Bogdan Oprica, next meeting February 15, 8am – 3pm

F. Board Representative to Avon Board of Finance – Jason Indomenico, Laura Young (alternate)

G. Board Representative to Avon Town Council – David Cavanaugh, Jackie Blea (alternate)

Mr. Lowry previously distributed to the Board members a report on the January 11th, 2018 Town Council meeting (see attached) and asked if there were any questions to which Ms. Blea asked what the discussion was regarding the turf field. Mr. Lowry replied there were no answers given as to when it would be completed and how it would be paid; no questions were raised on the composition of the turf field. The Town Council discussed and questioned if it were going to be a manageable level as the three portions of funding (town, state and community) for the \$5.4 million project; a fundraising component must be considered. Ms. Blea commented that it was voted that the Board would have final say as to the materials that are used to fill the field.

H. Board Representative to Capital Region Education Council – Jackie Blea

XV. Adjournment

Houston Putnam Lowry moved and seconded by Laura Young to adjourn at 7:32 pm.

The motion carried 9-0-0.

Minutes prepared by Shirley Moy, Board Recording Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeffrey S. Fleischman, Board Secretary

Jeffrey S. Fleischman
1/18/2018

Board minutes are approved at the next regular monthly Board meeting, and any corrections to the minutes, if needed, will be made at that time.



Avon BOE: Avon Town Council meeting

1 message

Houston Putnam Lowry <me@hplowry.com>

Mon, Jan 15, 2018 at 9:44 PM

To: Bogdan Oprica <boprica@avon.k12.ct.us>, David Cavanaugh <david.cavanaugh@gmail.com>, Debra Chute <dchute@avon.k12.ct.us>, Houston Lowry <hplowry@avon.k12.ct.us>, Jackie Blea <jblea@avon.k12.ct.us>, Jason Indomenico <jindomenico@avon.k12.ct.us>, Jay Spivak <jspivak@avon.k12.ct.us>, Jeffrey Fleischman <jfleischman@avon.k12.ct.us>, Laura Young <lyoung@avon.k12.ct.us>

Cc: JeanAnn Paddyfote <jpaddyfote@avon.k12.ct.us>

I attended the Avon Town Council meeting on Thursday January 11, 2018 in lieu of Jason Indomenico (who was not available). This is my report in lieu of a live report at our regularly scheduled meeting.

There was some discussion of the status of the artificial turf fields (which was not on the agenda), but there was no progress to report. Since no state funding has been provided, the project is presently at a standstill. Brandon Robertson will be writing to see if any progress can be made.

The Town Council set its budget workshop for Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 8:00 am

The acquisition of 828 West Avon Road was discussed. The parcel will be held for general municipal purposes.

There was no other action taken which would affect the Board of Education.

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