



Mission Statement

Our mission is to inspire in each student a joy and passion for learning and a commitment to excellence, personal integrity, and social responsibility.

**AVON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes**

**AVON HIGH SCHOOL
Avon Community Room
Thursday, November 30, 2017—6:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Members Present: Ken Birk; Jackie Blea; Deb Chute; Jason Indomenio; Houston Putnam Lowry; Peggy Roell; Laura Young; Kathy Zirolli

Member(s) Absent: Jay Spivak

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 Committee Chair Houston Putnam Lowry at 6:04 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Communication from public regarding the 2018-2019 Superintendent's Proposed Budget
Avon residents were in attendance to ask questions and comment on the Superintendent's Proposed 2018-2019 Budget.
 - A resident expressed her concern that the Board of Education feels bound in not asking for more from the Town in fear of tax increases and would like the Board to ask for what is needed so that the high school could be a fully comprehensive one in contrast to all the cuts that were implemented last year. Chair Lowry replied the Board is mindful of the taxes and last year saw a larger raise in the budget and were given what was needed. Mr. Lowry said he was hopeful this year the Board could deal with a little less.
 - A resident indicated her agreement with the hiring of a new Director of Human Resources as it would benefit the Town and schools. She questioned whether the other positions were necessary and would rather see a full time librarian reinstated at both elementary schools. The resident would also like to see money spent for Capturing Kids' Hearts allocated to train teachers on behavioral issues in class that would be more beneficial to the children, teachers and schools; and the Chinese program is lacking with curriculum and testing. She also asked if the STEM half time position would have some kind of curriculum.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Lowry invited Board members and parents to two separate events that correlated with Computer Science Education week.

A. Elizabeth Esty's Congressional App Award – Dec. 5, 12:15-12:45 pm, AHS Distance Learning Lab

B. Girls Who Code Club with Senator Kevin Witkos – Dec. 4, 6:00-8:00 pm in AHS Distance Learning Lab

Ken Birk motioned, by unanimous consent, to adjourn at 6:11 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Shirley Moy, Board Recording Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Zirolli, Board Secretary

Katharine F. Zirolli

December 5, 2017