

Meeting  
Avon Board of Education  
Avon, Connecticut

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Tuesday, February 16, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

Avon High School - Community Room

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Agenda

I. Call to Order

A. Avon Achievers

i. Thompson Brook School

1. Marah Deckers (student) - in recognition of her years of dedicated work serving dinner to over 150 homeless guests at Hartford's Immaculate Shelter. Miss Deckers' thoughtful service of hand decorating, stuffing, distributing and encouraging other students to write notes for over 125 holiday gift bags to the men at the shelter shows her to be an Avon Achiever.
2. Kim Birge (staff) - in recognition of serving as the cafeteria manager since the school first opened. Ms. Birge's genuine care and boundless commitment to the TBS students and staff is evident in her focus on doing what is best and how she treats everyone as if they were part of her own family.

ii. Avon Middle School

1. Riley Lloyd (student) - in recognition of her gifted talent in art. Miss Lloyd has been selected to showcase her artwork at the Avon Arts Association and has been invited as an emerging young artist to present her work, meet the members and participate in their monthly meets.
2. Alicia Wang (student) – in recognition for her gifted talent in art. Miss Wang's artwork was chosen for the prestigious Scholastic Arts Show at the University of Hartford and is not only shared with AMS but the Avon Arts Association and Simsbury Public Library.
3. Cynthia Armstrong (staff) – in recognition for instilling a love of reading in students and getting middle school students to read more. Ms. Armstrong has worked diligently in building a strong community connection and partnership with the Avon Public Library. Ms. Armstrong has also worked in piloting the SRI College and Career program and continued work on the Reading Initiative committee.

II. Minutes

- A. Finance Committee, January 13, 2016
- B. BOE Special Meeting, January 13, 2016
- C. Communication/School Climate & Culture Committee, January 19, 2016
- D. BOE Regular Meeting, January 19, 2016
- E. Preschool Committee, January 20, 2016
- F. BOE Special Meeting, January 23, 2016
- G. Communication/School Climate & Culture Committee, January 25, 2016
- H. Policy Committee, February 2, 2016
- I. Alternative Resources/Regional Services Committee, February 9, 2016

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- III. Communications From Public  
Please remember communications are generally limited to 15 minutes as a total maximum for all speakers, with each speaker limited to 3 minutes (in accordance with standing Board policy). The Board may waive these limits in exceptional circumstances.
  
- IV. Avon High School Presentation – Christopher Tranberg, AHS Principal
  - A. Metric for assessing impact of level collapse
  - B. Level collapse & grade distribution for levels – update
  - C. Schedule change – update
  - D. Virtual high school - update
  
- V. Information & Proposals
  - A. Report from Student Representatives
  - B. Financial Report
  - C. Proposal to Implement Yearlong Grades at AHS
  - D. License Agreement Regarding Batterson Park Pond, Farmington
  
- VI. 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. 15-16/119 Approval of New Hires
  - B. 15-16/120 Approval of Retirements
  - C. 15-16/121 Approval of Resignations
  - D. 15-16/122 Approval of Leave of Absence
  - E. 15-16/123 Approval of Budget Transfers
  
- VII. Interim Director of Pupil Services Updates
  - A. Pupil Services Update
  
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. 15-16/118 Athletic Field Renovation Proposal. Approval in concept will be sought to have the athletic fields located at the Avon High School, subject to acceptable resolution of the following items (which will be resolved at a future time):
    - a. Whether or not artificial turf will be used (and what kind in light of possible health issues).
    - b. The times and under what conditions the fields will be used (to minimize the impact on neighbors).
    - c. Whether or not there will be lights (and what type of lights to minimize the impact on neighbors).
    - d. Whether or not there will be a sound system (and what type of sound system to minimize the impact on neighbors).
    - e. Establishment of a sinking fund to pay for replacement of any artificial turf within its ten year expected life.
  
- IX. New Business
  - A. 15-16/124 AHS New Course Recommendations
  - B. 15-16/125 Policy 6146 - Graduation Requirements, First Read
  - C. 15-16/126 Policy 6146.13 - Award of Diplomas to Veterans, First Read

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- X. Superintendent's Update
  - A. Enrollment Report (School, Out of District, Choice)
  - B. Department & Monthly Report Summaries
  - C. Roaring Brook Principal Search and Selection Process Update
  - D. AMS Science Classrooms Building Committee Update
  - E. Correspondence
  
- XI. Assistant Superintendent's Updates
  - A. APS 2016 State Assessments Testing Windows
  - B. Science CMT and CAPT Parent Letters
  - C. Connecticut SAT School Day Parent Letter
  - D. Curriculum Professional Development Council
    - i. Curriculum Review and Revision Document
    - ii. January 28<sup>th</sup> "Where We Were, Where We Are, Where We Want to Go"
    - iii. January 28<sup>th</sup> CPDC Update Notes for Council Members
    - iv. January 28<sup>th</sup> CPDC Feedback
  - E. School/Department 2015-2016 Strategic Plans
  - F. January 15, 2016 Professional Development Review
  
- XII. Subcommittee Reports & Future Meeting Dates (and possible additional appointments)
  - A. Alternative Resources/Regional Services
  - B. Audit
  - C. Capital Budget
  - D. Communications/School Climate
  - E. Finance
  - F. Personnel (executive session)
  - G. Policy
  - H. Preschool
  - I. Board Representative to Curriculum Professional Development Council
  - J. Board Representative to Finance Board
  - K. Board Representative to Town Council
  - L. Board Representative to CREC Council
  
- XIII. Communication from Board Members
  
- XIV. Executive Session
  - A. Pending Legal Matters
  - B. Confidential Student Matters
  
- XV. Adjournment

NOTE: If there is any person in the audience interested in an item that does not appear on the agenda, please arrange to speak with the Chair or the Superintendent of Schools before the meeting to discuss the matter. If the item is appropriate to the meeting, it may be discussed under New Business or Old Business. If the item requires extensive discussion or additional information, it may be placed on a future agenda.