

**REGULAR MEETING  
AVON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AVON, CONNECTICUT  
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.  
Avon High School Community Room**

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order (7:00 p.m.)
  
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- III. Avon Achievers
  - A. Pine Grove School (PGS – Jess Giannini)
    - 1. Ronald Black – In recognition of dedicated internship work
    - 2. John Crandall – In recognition of dedicated internship work
    - 3. Timothy Kent – In recognition of dedicated internship work
  - B. Roaring Brook School (RBS – Noam Sturm)
    - 1. Samantha Dziubek – In recognition of support staff excellence
    - 2. Naomi Davidson – In recognition of exemplary academic effort
  
- IV. Minutes
  - A. Board of Education, Regular Meeting, March 21, 2017
  - B. Finance Committee Meeting, March 16, 2017
  - C. Communications/School Climate and Culture Committee, Special Meeting, March 21, 2017
  - D. Communications/School Climate and Culture Committee Meeting, March 27, 2017
  - E. Policy Committee Meeting, April 4, 2017
  
- IV. Communications from Public

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- V. Information and Proposals
  - A. Report from Avon High School Student Representatives (Connor Wilde and Heather Monroe)
  - B. Financial Report (Heather Michaud, Business Manager)
  - C. 16-17/110 Avon High School Capstone Project (Jenna Aylsworth, English Department Supervisor and Elizabeth Sanborn, Social Studies Department Supervisor)

- 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. 16-17/111 Approval of New Hires (Non-Certified Staff)
  - B. 16-17/112 Approval of Resignations
  - C. 16-17/113 Approval of Retirements
  - D. 16-17/114 Approval of FMLA/LOA
  - E. 16-17/115 Approval of Budget Transfers
  - F. 16-17/116 Approval of Donation of Pacer Gait Trainer and Supine Sander
  - G. 16-17/117 Approval of Grade 4, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12 ELA Primary Instructional Materials
  - H. 16-17/109 Policy 6173 (Homebound/Hospital Instruction), Second Read
- VI. Old Business
- A. 16-17/106 Policy 5131.911 (Bullying Prevention and Intervention), Second Read
    - a. This item is anticipated to remain on the agenda due to outstanding questions
  - B. 16-17/108 Policy 6146.1 (Basis for Grading), Second Read
    - a. Report from High School Leadership Regarding Present Implementation – Art Arpin (Acting Avon High School Principal)
- VII. New Business
- A. 16-17/118 Supplemental Appropriation
  - B. 16-17/119 Policy 1100 (Communications with the Public), First Read
  - C. 16-17/120 Policy 1110 (Media of Communication), First Read
  - D. 16-17/121 Policy 1110.1 (Parent Involvement), First Read
  - E. 16-17/122 Policy 1110.2 (Parent Portal Agreement Form), First Read
  - F. 16-17/123 Policy 1112 (News Media Relationships), First Read
  - G. 16-17/124 Policy 1113 (Access to Information), First Read
  - H. 16-17/125 Policy 1120 (Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings), First Read
  - I. 16-17/126 Policy 1140 (Distribution of Materials by Students), First Read
- VIII. Chair’s Ruminations (Houston Putnam Lowry, Board of Education Chair)  
 This business is not intended to be the subject of any motions, but is intended to be an opportunity for the Board to have a short discussion on the topics indicated.
- A. What should be covered during our reflection session, other than evaluating the Board of Education?
    - a. Following Board Procedure
  - B. Board Briefs (prepared by Administration without direct Board editorial control) – General Scope and Content
- IX. Superintendent’s Update (Gary Mala)
- A. Enrollment Report
  - B. District Leadership Team (Board of Education and Superintendent) 2017-2018 Goals and Priorities
  - C. Status of High School Principal Search
- X. Assistant Superintendent’s Update (Donna Nestler-Rusack)
- A. CMT, CAPT & Connecticut SAT School Day Administration
  - B. April 7, 2017 Professional Development Review

- XI. Director of Pupil Services Update (Kim Mearman)
  - A. Accessible Educational Materials
  - B. Developing 7-12 Instructional Model for Students
  - C. Family Partnerships
  
- XII. Reductions to Previously Approved Budget in Light of Anticipated State Funding Loss (Gary Mala)
  
- XIII. Such Other and Further Business That May Come Before the Meeting
  
- XIV. Communications from Board Members
  
- XV. Committee Reports & Future Meeting Dates
  - A. Alternative Resources/Regional Services (Mr. Spivak)
  - B. Audit (Ms. Young/Ms. Howard)
  - C. Capital Budget (Mr. Birk)
  - D. Communications/School Climate & Culture (Ms. Blea/Ms. Howard)
  - E. Finance (Mr. Spivak)
  - F. Personnel (Ms. Howard)
  - G. Policy (Ms. Zirolli)
  - H. Board Representative to Curriculum Professional Development Council (Ms. Chute)
  - I. Board Representative to Avon Board of Finance (Mr. Birk)
  - J. Board Representative to Avon Town Council (Ms. Roell)
  - K. Board Representative to Capital Region Education Council (Ms. Blea)
  
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- XVI. Executive Session
  - A. Pending Legal Matters
  - B. Pending Litigation Matters
  - C. Collective Bargaining Contract Negotiations
  
- XVII. 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 Board of Education 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.*