

AVON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting of December 11, 2024
MINUTES

President Bing called the meeting of the Avon Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m.

President's Statement: This meeting has been advertised as a regular business meeting in the Coast Star on November 7, 2024. Copies of the notice have been forwarded to the Avon Borough Office, the Avon Public Library, the Avon Post Office, has been posted in the Avon School, and is posted on the Avon Elementary School website. This is in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 231 of the "Open Public Meetings Law" of Public Laws of 1975.

The Board will entertain questions and/or discussion on any open session agenda item before voting on same, if requested.

Public Comment: Members of the public wishing to address the Board of Education on both agenda and non-agenda items must state their name, address, and are requested to limit their comments to five (5) minutes when it appears the public comment portion of the meeting may exceed thirty minutes in duration.

The Board will hear all participants but may not always be prepared to discuss an issue when presented; however, the President or Superintendent will advise what action will be taken, if necessary, to address the concern.

Roll Call: **Present:** Evans, Losinger, Rehbein, Requa, Scrabis-Fletcher, Bing.
Absent: Szczepaniak
Others: 4 visitors

Communications: None.

Superintendent's Update:

Recognition: Superintendent Russo recognized the following students and staff:

- Several students were recognized as they were "caught" being respectful, caring, and responsible; Above and Beyond recognition. The students each received a school coin as well.
- Educator of the year – Mrs. Blaney
- Education Support Staff of the year – Mrs. Cumiskey
- Tyler Maginnis was recognized as a staff member going above and beyond
- Thanked Mrs. Rehbein for her 3 years of service; sad to see her go and thank you for your service.

Superintendent Russo reported on the following:

- Enrollment Report – no change
- Safety and Security Drill Report – the report and drills held were reviewed
- There was one report of HIB investigated and it was not founded.

Board President's Update:

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President Bing thanked Mrs. Rehbein for her service, she will be missed.

President Bing congratulated Mr. Kinkela on winning the election and looks forward to working with him.

President Bing reminded the Board Members that the board will reorganize in January and if any member would like to change the committee(s) they serve on, please contact him.

Committee Reports:

- Management Committee- Mrs. Losinger reported that the committee had met on December 3rd to review and discuss an AI policy. They are working on the policy and will present it for a first reading at the January meeting. The policy was discussed; it addresses the use of AI and safely using AI.
- Superintendent Search Committee – The position has been posted. There will be an announcement to the staff and community. The next steps will be discussed in executive session.

Board Secretary Certification

I, Amy Lerner, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of October 31, 2024, no line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Amy S. Lerner

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Agenda Review:

The agenda motions were reviewed in detail by the Board.

It was moved by Bing and seconded by Scrabis-Fletcher to close the work session and open the regular business meeting. Voice vote was all in favor and the work session adjourned and opened to the regular business meeting at 7:24 pm.

Public Session on Agenda items only: None

Personnel:

It was moved by Requa and seconded by Rehbein to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following resolutions:

The resignation of Nicole Walsifer effective December 31, 2024.

Roll call vote was all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Finance:

It was moved by Rehbein and seconded by Scrabis-Fletcher to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following resolutions:

The payroll for December 2024 totaling \$216,136.65.

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The payment of bills presented for the 2024-2025 budget totaling \$258,302.79.

Transfer in the 2024-2025 budget in the amount of \$4,125.00 for the month of October 2024.

The Budget Status Report for October 2024 and the certification by the Board Secretary that there are no over expenditures in the major funds and accounts of the 2024-2025 budget; further, that sufficient funds are currently available to meet the district's current financial obligations for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Financial Reports of the Treasurer and Board Secretary for the month of October 2024.

The attached staff travel expenses for various training and business related trips as budgeted for in the 2024-2025 budget.

Dr. Denise Aloisio to conduct a child study team neurodevelopmental evaluation at a cost of \$600.

Roll call vote was all in favor, motions carried unanimously.

Program:

It was moved by Bing and seconded by Rehbein to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following Student Council fundraising programs:

The 2024 - 2025 District Tutoring Health and Safety Plan for the High Impact Tutoring grant.

Voice vote was all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

It was moved by Scrabis-Fletcher and seconded by Rehbein to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following resolutions:

The following field trips for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Grade 8

The attached Emergency Drill report for November 2024.

Roll call vote was all in favor, motions carried unanimously.

It was moved by Scrabis-Fletcher and seconded by Rehbein to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following resolutions:

The minutes of the regular business and executive session meetings held on November 20, 2024.

Roll call vote was in favor, Evans and Rehbein abstained motion carried.

Policy:

It was moved by Bing and seconded by Losinger to approve, as recommended by the Superintendent, the following resolutions:

The **second reading and adoption** of the following **revised By-Laws** of the Avon Board of Education:

0141 Board Member Number and Term
141.1 Board Member Number and Term – Sending District

The **second reading and adoption** of the following **revised policies** of the Avon Board of Education:

2200	Curriculum Content
3160	Physical Examination
4160	Physical Examination
5337	Service Animals
5350	Student Suicide Prevention
8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations
8467	Firearms and Weapons
9181	Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants

Roll call vote was all in favor, motions carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Public Session: None

Motion to adjourn to executive session:

It was moved by Bing and seconded by Scrabis-Fletcher to approve the following resolution:
For the Avon Board of Education to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Avon-by-the-Sea Board of Education, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of any actions upon the hereinafter-specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows; Personnel (Superintendent Position).
3. The Board will not take action following closed executive session.
4. It is anticipated that the closed executive session will last approximately thirty (30) minutes.
5. It is anticipated at this time the above stated subject matter will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.
6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Voice vote was all in favor, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned into executive session at 7:26 pm.

It was moved by Bing and seconded by Losinger to adjourn executive session and reopen the meeting to the public. Voice vote was all in favor, motion passed unanimously. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 7:54 pm.

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Motion to adjourn:

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved by Bing and seconded by Rehbein to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was all in favor, motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S Lerner

Amy S. Lerner, Board Secretary