



AVON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Superintendent:	Lori Jodoin	

AVON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES January 14, 2026

Regular School Committee Meeting - Wednesday Evening 5:30 p.m., AMHS Media Center, 285 West Main Street, Avon or Remote Via Zoom

I. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order by Committee chair, Paul Chapman at 5:30pm.

II. Signing of Warrants

Warrants went around and were signed.

III. Public Comment

IV. Information

A. Student Reports/School Updates-Not shared

B. Superintendent's Report

Presenter: Lori Jodoin, Superintendent

Central Office met with the Police Department this week to review and continue strengthening the District's Crisis Management Plan. The Superintendent also attended the Select Board and Finance Committee budget workshop, where the town presented its preliminary budget. In addition, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conducted in-person Special Education monitoring, providing an opportunity to review district processes, highlight strengths, and identify areas for improvement.

As part of the Strategy for Improvement, professional development was held during the recent half day, with elementary staff collaborating on strengthening math instruction and high school staff focusing on developing universally designed lesson plans. The Leadership Team also began a multi-month course module on rethinking teacher supervision, coaching, and evaluation to enhance leadership capacity. Under Safe and Supportive Schools, a team initiated a review of the District Curriculum Accommodation Plan to ensure alignment with a

multi-tiered system of supports, with plans to expand the work to a broader stakeholder group later this spring.

C. Financial and Facilities Update

Presenter: Larry Azer

The Finance and Operations update provided an overview of the FY 2026 Budget . It was noted that the FY 2026 budget was adopted in December 2024. The presentation reviewed the budget by major areas, the General Fund budget, overall budget totals, and identified budget offsets. A facilities update was also provided, highlighting several completed and ongoing projects. At AMHS, improvements include the auditorium rooftop unit (Town Meeting article), multiple HVAC repairs, repair of the front steps and painting of railings (Town Meeting article), installation of three sets of fire doors with electrical upgrades, kiln repairs in the art room, and main office flooring and painting. At Butler Elementary, updates include roof repairs on the modular section, bathroom stall divider replacements, and increased pest control monitoring at both buildings.

D. Food Services Presentation

Presenter: Lori Jodoin & Anna Branco

Food Service Director, Anna Branco, reported significant growth and expanded offerings across both schools. At AMHS, scratch cooking has increased, with a deli and salad bar offered twice weekly, fresh-made salads, and multiple sandwich options. Afterschool snacks are now available Monday through Wednesday, and the department is exploring pizza slice sales to better support student-athletes. Participation has grown substantially since 2022, with breakfast increasing from 10 to approximately 100 students daily and lunch rising from 120 to between 260–300 students daily. A grant was approved for a breakfast cart, additional vegan options are being introduced, and the district is exploring participation in the Summer Eats Program. At Butler Elementary, the department continues to introduce new menu items monthly to expand students' food choices, including upcoming "Salad Shakers," and has added a consistent second breakfast option that always includes cold cereal. Breakfast participation remains steady at approximately 100 students daily, with lunch holding at 200–220 students. Future plans include offering snacks at Butler and highlighting new menu items in parent newsletters.

V. Action Items

- A. Vote to approve a donation from the Butler ASA for indoor recess supplies and school nurse supplies.**
- B. Vote to waive the second reading of Policy ADF- Wellness Policy.**
- C. Vote to approve the Policy ADF- Wellness Policy.**
- D. Vote to approve a donation of a clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, guitar, flute & music stand from Mr. Alan Dunham to the Music Department.**

*All votes passed unanimously

VI. Subcommittee Updates

A. Policy Subcommittee

ADF School District Wellness Policy-Passed, Policy can be viewed on District Food services page. [District Wellness Policy-ADF](#)

VII. Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes (Vote):** December 17, 2025
*Vote Passed

VIII. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Special Town Meeting- Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:30pm-AMHS**
- B. Regular School Committee Meeting — Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**
- C. Regular School Committee Meeting — Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**
- D. Annual Town Election-Tuesday, April 14, 2026 -7am-8pm**
- E. Regular School Committee Meeting — Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**

IX. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 6:28pm.