

**AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

February 21, 2018

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held in the Avella Jr. Sr. High School Library on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Ms. Leslie Cunningham, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding personnel and contracts. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Karen Birdsall, Kim Cassidy, Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, Melissa Dryer, James Gagich, Sharon Hixenbaugh, Corey McConn, Alex Paris

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Laura Shola, Business Manager
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSBS Principal
Zachary Zebrasky, Elementary Principal
Debra L. Bentz, Board Secretary

OTHERS: Barbara Graham, District Solicitor

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations/Recognitions

1. The following students were recognized as the February Students of the Month:
Aubrie Doak – 6th Grade Student
Cyril Walther – 6th Grade Student
Madison Dubich – Senior
Matt Craig - Senior

Request to Speak at the Board Meeting - None

Visitor's Request to Speak on Agenda Items - None

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **ATTACHMENT "A"**
Board Members were furnished copies of the January 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Ms. Hixenbaugh, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve the January 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

2. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** **ATTACHMENT "B"**
Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the January and February 2018 General Fund.

Moved by Ms. Birdsall, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Accounts Payable for the January and February 2018 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

3. **FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORTS** **ATTACHMENT "C"**
4. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** **ATTACHMENT "D"**
5. **BOARD INSURANCE REPORT** **ATTACHMENT "E"**

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

- a. **2018-19 Fall Sport Coaches**
Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve the following Fall Sport Coaches for the 2018-19 school year:

Cross Country

Laura Lazzarotti, Head Coach
Paula Davies, Assistant Coach

7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball

Gilbert Cutruzzula, Head Coach
Mike Drazich, Assistant Coach

7th/8th Grade Football - Vacant

Varsity Football

Ryan Cecchini, Head Coach
Zachary Zebrasky, Assistant Coach
JT Mylan, Assistant Coach

Tennis

Natalie Frank, Head Coach
Deanna Georgetti, Assistant Coach

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

a. 2018-19 Fall Sport Coaches - Continued

Volleyball

Joelle Cooper, Head Coach

Dennis O'Neil, Assistant Coach

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Dryer called an Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss personnel. The Board returned to regular session at 7:30 p.m.

Further action taken by the Board:

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Ms. Dryer said "nay". Ms. Hixenbaugh abstained. Motion carried 7-1-1.

b. Zachary Zebrasky, Head Varsity Boys' BB Coach - Resignation

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to accept the resignation of Zachary Zebrasky as the Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

c. Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach - Posting

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to post (advertise if necessary) for a Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2018-19 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

d. Darren Shaffer, Ass't Varsity Boys' BB Coach - Resignation

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to accept the resignation of Darren Shaffer as the Ass't Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

a. Use of School Facilities

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the following Use of School Facilities:

NAME: High School Talent Show

PURPOSE: Avella's Got Talent

PLACE: JSHS Gym/Cafeteria

DATE: March 29, 2018

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

b. McLean Architects – Change Order

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve McLean Architect's request for Change Order for East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc., dated 2/13/18, in the amount of \$1,688.00, per Attachment B&G "A" to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

c. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported Community Action Southwest received a grant for their Pre-K Counts Program. The funds will be used towards the Elementary playground.

3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

a. 2018-19 School Calendar

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the Avella Area School District Calendar for the 2018-19 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

b. 2017-18 School Calendar

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the following revisions to the 2017-18 School Calendar, per Attachment Curriculum "B".
February 7, 2018 – Snow Day
April 5, 2018 – Makeup Snow Day for 2/7/18

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

c. A discussion was held regarding adding professional development hours to the Parent Teacher Conference Day.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Resolution – Intermediate Unit I

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cassidy, to approve the 2018-19 Intermediate Unit I General Operational Budget. Section 914-A(6)(1) Act 102 of 1970, requires that the Intermediate Unit Budget be approved by at least a majority of the school districts comprising the Intermediate Unit. Attachment Finance "A"

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE

b. RESOLUTION

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of School Directors for the Avella Area School District, hereby set the amount of bonds of the newly elected tax collectors for four years (2018-2021), West Middletown Borough for two years (2018-2019), and be set in the amount of thirty (30%) percent of the estimated amount of collections as follows:

Cross Creek Township	Rachel W. Blosser, Tax Collector	
Assessed Value		\$104,284,490
Estimated Amount of Collections, School District		\$ 954,707
Amount of Bond (30% of Collections)		\$ 286,412
Hopewell Township	Beverly Paul, Tax Collector	
Assessed Value		\$ 82,278,020
Estimated Amount of Collections, School District		\$ 766,863
Amount of Bond (30% of Collections)		\$ 230,059
Independence Township	Thomas Simons, Tax Collector	
Assessed Value		\$ 94,754,530
Estimated Amount of Collections, School District		\$ 844,903
Amount of Bond (30% of Collections)		\$ 262,880
West Middletown Borough	Beverly Paul, Tax Collector	
Assessed Value		\$ 6,754,200
Estimated Amount of Collections, School District		\$ 53,000
Amount of Bond (30% of Collections)		\$ 15,900

This Resolution approved by the Board of School Directors for the Avella Area School District at its Regular Monthly Meeting on February 21, 2018.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

5. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Yvonne Federouch – Sabbatical Leave

Moved by Ms. Birdsall, seconded by Ms. Hixenbaugh, to approve Yvonne Federouch's request for a semester sabbatical leave, effective January 30, 2018 until the last day of the 2017-18 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

b. 2017-18 Volunteer List

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve the following to the Volunteer List for the 2017-18 school year.
Stephanie Hill

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

c. Extended School Year Program Teacher - Posting

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a JSHS/Elementary Extended School Year Program Teacher, effective Summer 2018.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

d. Extended School Year Program Special Education Aide - Posting

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for an Extended School Year Program Special Education Aide, effective Summer 2018.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

7. POLICIES

a. Dress and Grooming Policy #525

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve the revisions to the Dress and Grooming Policy #525, effective February 21, 2018. (Frist reading held 1/17/18)

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

b. First Reading - Attachment Policies "A" & "B" to Revised Agenda

- Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response #819
- Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotations

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee meeting is scheduled March 1, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

9. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Technology Inventory Control

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve Greg Wargo, Network Administrator's request, to dispose of the outdated items listed on Attachment Technology "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – No Report

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Ms. Birdsall, seconded by Ms. Cassidy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary