

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

March 6, 2018

A Special Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held in the Avella Jr. Sr. High School Library on Wednesday, March 6, 2018. Ms. Leslie Cunningham, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding student discipline. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

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

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Laura Shola, Business Manager
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSHS 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 - None

Request to Speak at the Board Meeting - None

Visitor's Request to Speak on Agenda Items - None

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

a. IUP Agreement

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Hixenbaugh, to approve the IUP Field Experience Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, per Attachment Curriculum "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

b. Victoria Diehl, IUP Student

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Hixenbaugh, to approve Victoria Diehl, IUP Student Teacher, to be placed in the JSHS Math Department from March 19, 2018 to May 11, 2018.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

c. Student Discipline

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the Waiver of Informal Hearing and Agreement between the Avella Area School District and L.M. and T.M., and direct and authorize the Administration to implement it.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

NEGOTIATIONS

a. Letter Agreement - Grievance #16-17-03

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the Letter Agreement to resolve Grievance #16-17-03 between the Avella Area School District and the Avella Area Education Support Professionals Agreement, per attachment Negotiations "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Ms. Hixenbaugh, seconded by Mr. McConn, to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary