

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

August 30, 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 Thursday, August 30, 2018. Ms. Leslie Cunningham, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Karen Birdsall, Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, Sharon Hixenbaugh, Melissa Dryer (6:37 p.m.), James Gagich, Corey McConn, Alex Paris
Absent: Kim Cassidy

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

OTHERS: Barbara Graham, District Solicitor - Absent

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Cunningham called an Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss personnel. The Board returned to regular session at 6:37 p.m.

Ms. Dryer entered the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Ms. Dryer called an Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss personnel. The Board returned to regular session at 6:44 p.m.

Further action taken by the Board:

A. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSHS Principal

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris, to rescind the motion approved at the July 18, 2018 meeting relative to Ms. Wright-Brown's salary for school year 2018-2019, and to approve an increase in the base salary for Ms. Wright-Brown to \$83,981.00, effective July 1, 2018, and to approve a 3% salary increase to this base salary for 2018-2019, based on Ms. Wright-Brown's performance in school year 2017-2018.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, and Mr. Paris said "aye". Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich and Ms. Hixenbaugh voted "nay". Motion carried 5-3.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. McConn, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 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