AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

November 14, 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, November 14, 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, Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, Melissa Dryer, James Gagich, Sharon Hixenbaugh, Corey McConn
Absent: Kim Cassidy, Alex Paris

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

1. The following students were recognized as the November Students of the Month:
Ava Frank – 6th Grade Student
Reed Jaworowski – 6th Grade Student
Carly Terensky – Senior
Frank Craig – Senior

2. PSBA recognized and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to James Gagich, School Director, for his 12 years of school board service.

3. The Administration presented the PSSA/Keystone Results to the Board.

Request to Speak at the Board Meeting

1. Jessica Kearns, 4610 Jefferson Avenue, Avella, PA, requested to speak to the Board regarding issues with the District's telephone system.

Visitor's Request to Speak on Agenda Items

1. Marcia Jaworowski, 396 Cooke Road, Avella, PA, requested to speak regarding tryouts being held for the varsity boys' basketball and rifle teams.

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ***ATTACHMENT "A"***

Board Members were furnished copies of the October 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ***ATTACHMENT "B"***

Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the October and November 2018 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Accounts Payable for the October and November 2018 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORTS ***ATTACHMENT "C"***

4. SOLICITOR'S REPORT ***ATTACHMENT "D"***

5. BOARD INSURANCE REPORT ***ATTAACHMENT "E"***

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

a. Mike Macik, Head 7th/8th Grade Boys' BB Coach

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Mike Macik as the Head 7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2018-19 season.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

b. Joelle Cooper, Assistant 7th/8th Grade Boys' BB Coach

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Joelle Cooper as the Assistant 7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2018-19 season.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Ms. Hixenbaugh said "nay". Motion carried 6-1.

c. Rifle Team

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to authorize the Rifle Team Coach to conduct tryouts for the 2018-19 season, and to establish the maximum number of students who will participate on the team for the season.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

d. Varsity Boys' Basketball Team
Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. McConn, to authorize the Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach to conduct tryouts for the 2018-19 season, and to establish the maximum number of players who will participate on the team for the season.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, and Ms. Hixenbaugh said "aye". Mr. McConn said "nay". Ms. Dryer abstained. Motion carried 5-1-1.

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

a. Use of School Facilities
Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Hixenbaugh, to approve/ratify the following Use of School Facilities:

NAME:	Elections – Cross Creek Township
PURPOSE:	Voting
PLACE:	JSHS Music Room
DATE:	November 6, 2018

NAME:	Avella Athletics Youth Wrestling Program
PURPOSE:	Youth Wrestling Practice
PLACE:	JSHS Wrestling Room
DATE:	2018-19 Season

NAME:	Varsity Boys' Basketball
PURPOSE:	Holiday Tournament
PLACE:	JSJS Gym, Cafeteria, Kitchen
DATE:	December 27, 28, 29, 2018

NAME:	Elections – Cross Creek Township
PURPOSE:	Voting
PLACE:	JSHS Music Room
DATE:	Primary & General Election Days for 2019

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

b. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported the status of the addition to the JSHS building.

3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

a. Leslie Cunningham, Board President, reported the items discussed at the Western Area Career & Technology Center's board meeting.

b. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported the District is still waiting for the State's decision regarding the Waiver Application for missed days of school.

B. NEW BUSINESS

3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

c. Winter Concerts – JSHS Gymnasium
JSHS: December 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Elementary: December 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

d. Beacon Health Options
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Hixenbaugh, to approve the Mutual Cooperation and Coordination Agreement between VBH-PA, Southwest Behavioral Health Management, and the Avella Area school District, per Attachment Curriculum "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. McLean Architects –Application and Certification for Payment
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve the Application and Certification for Payment to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc., in the amount of $7,690.44, per Attachment Finance "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

b. McLean Architects –Application and Certification for Payment
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve the Application and Certification for Payment to Swede Construction Corp. in the amount of $29,729.77, per Attachment Finance "B".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

c. McLean Architects - Invoice
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve the McLean Architects' invoice in the amount of $592.75 for Project #MA 1720-7, per Attachment Finance "C".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

5. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Katelyn Willyerd, Part-Time Vocational Agricultural Teacher
Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to ratify Katelyn Willyerd as a part-time Vocational Agricultural Teacher, temporary professional employee, per AEA Contract, effective November 1, 2018.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

b. Tami Radomski, Winter Guard Instructor
Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Tami Radomski as the Winter Guard Instructor for the 2018-19 school year, pending receipt of all clearances.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

c. 2018-19 School Volunteer List
Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2018-19 school year:
Nicole Greene
Edward Kelly
Danielle Leech
Sandra Lis
Nicole Newman
Brian Smitsky
Toni Snoke
Beth Strope
James Wooldridge

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

d. Substitute Teacher List
Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Casey Kettler to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2018-19 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

7. POLICIES

a. PSBA Policies
Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the adoptions/revisions of Policy #251 - Homeless Students, effective immediately (first reading was held 10/17/18).

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A **Safety Committee meeting is scheduled December 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.**

b. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported he has applied for the Commission on Crime & Delinquency – Act 44 School Safety & Security Program Grant.

9. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No Report

10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – No Report

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Ms. Hixenbaugh, seconded by Ms. Devenney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Ms. Hixenbaugh, and Mr. McConn said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary