AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

September 10, 2019

A Special Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held in the Avella Jr. Sr. High School Library on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Ms. Leslie Cunningham, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:51 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, Alex Paris
Absent: Leslie Thames

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

OTHERS: Rachel Lozosky, 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. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Lindsi Kopko, School Police Officer - Resignation
Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris, to make a matter of record the resignation of Lindsi Kopko as the District's School Police Officer, effective September 4, 2019.

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. Keith Shephard, School Police Officer
Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to appoint Keith Shephard as the District's School Police Officer for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, in accordance with the terms of the attached employment agreement. An amendment is made to page 4, paragraph 5B, indicating any health insurance coverage that Officer Shephard elects through the District will be solely at his cost. This approval is contingent upon Officer Shephard's satisfactory completion of the National School Resource Officer training and his approval by the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County to serve as the District's School Police Officer.

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.

2. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A discussion was held regarding the security for the football game at Jeannette School District on September 13, 2019.

C. ADJOURNMENT
With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Hixenbaugh, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 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,

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Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary