

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

October 16, 2019

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, October 16, 2019. Ms. Leslie Cunningham, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding personnel and student discipline. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

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

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

OTHERS: Susan Key, District Solicitor

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations/Recognitions

1. The following students were recognized as the October Students of the Month:
Julianne Rush – Senior
Nicholas Chase - Senior
Drake Buzzard – 6th Grade Student
Brayden Fuller – 6th Grade Student

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 September 2019 Regular Board and Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Hixenbaugh, to approve the September 2019 Regular Board and Special Board Meeting Minutes.

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

- 2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** **ATTACHMENT "B"**
Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the September and October 2019 General Fund.

Moved by Ms. Birdsall, seconded by Mr. McConn, to approve the Accounts Payable for the September and October 2019 General Fund.

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

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- a. Evy Breitigan, Freshmen Class Sponsor**

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Ms. Thames, to approve Evy Breitigan as the Freshmen Class Sponsor for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

- b. Football Equipment – Inventory Control**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve disposing of the non-operational damaged football sled located on the football field.

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

- c. A discussion was held regarding student participation for the Winter Guard Dance Line.**

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

a. Use of School Facilities

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

NAME: Avella Athletics, Inc.
PURPOSE: Practice/Matches
PLACE: JSHS Wrestling Room/Locker Room
DATE: 2019-2020 Season

NAME: Avella Athletics, Inc.
PURPOSE: Youth Wrestling Tournament
PLACE: JSHS School Gym/Cafeteria
DATE: February 22, 2020

NAME: Cross Creek Township
PURPOSE: Election Day
PLACE: Cafeteria
DATE: November 5, 2019

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

3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

- a. Ms. Cunningham, Board President, reported 39 students from our District and 492 overall total are currently enrolled at Western Area Career & Technology Center.**

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE – No Report

5. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Superintendent's Contract

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Hixenbaugh, to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation and Goals for the 2019-2020 school year, per Attachment Negotiations "A" to Revised Agenda.

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

6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. School Volunteer List

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2019-2020 school year:

Sarah Combs
Michelle Danna
Beth Dunmore
Nicole Kisner
Lori Terensky
Jessica Wright

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

b. Substitute Teacher List

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Beth Strobe to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances are on file.

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

7. POLICIES – No Report

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee meeting is scheduled on November 7, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

9. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No Report

10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. GG&C Bus/Van Driver List

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the updated GG&C Bus/Van Driver List for the 2019-2020 school year, per Attachment Transportation "A".

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

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Thames, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary