

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

July 21, 2021

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held at the Avella Area School District on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 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: Jeffrey Devenney, James Gagich, Corey McConn, Janet Miller, Scott Willyerd
Absent: Leslie Cunningham, Melissa Dryer, Emanuel Paris, Leslie Thames

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Laura Shola, Business Manager - Absent
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSBS Principal - Absent
Carrie Graff, 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

1. Dan Davidson, 4 Charles Street, Burgettstown, PA, requested to speak to the Board regarding the COVID restrictions for the booster organizations to serve food.

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 June 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the June 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

2. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** **ATTACHMENT "B"**
Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the June and July 2021 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Accounts Payable for the June and July 2021 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

3. **FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORTS** **ATTACHMENT "C"**
4. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** **ATTACHMENT "D"**

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- a. **Chelsea Craig, Assistant Band Director**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to approve Chelsea Craig as an Assistant Band Director for the 2021-2022 school year.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

- b. **Amy Rush, Assistant Cheerleading Coach - Resignation**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to accept the resignation of Amy Rush as Assistant Cheerleading Coach, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

- c. **Carol Morgan, Assistant Cheerleading Coach**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to approve Carol Morgan as the Assistant Cheerleading Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

- d. **A meeting will be scheduled with the Athletic Committee and Avella Athletics.**

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

a. U-Haul Box Truck

Moved by Mr. Gagich, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to dispose of the U-Haul box truck.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- a. A discussion was held regarding the guidelines for the booster organizations to serve food to the football team, band students and concession stands. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, will notify the booster organizations in writing of the District's rules under the COVID restrictions.**

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center – No Report

b. Curriculum - Inventory Control

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Elementary School's request to discard outdated items listed in Attachment Curriculum "A" to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

c. Title III Consortium Memorandum of Understanding – IU 1

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Title III Consortium between the Avella Area School District and the Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "B".

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

d. Grace McCord – Trinity Area School District

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve Grace McCord, Avella Area School District student, to attend the Trinity Area School District's Sports Medicine Program of Study for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "C".

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

e. Western Area Career & Technology Center Students

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Western Area Career & Technology Center list of students for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "D".

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

f. Renaissance

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to authorize the Administration to contract the services of Renaissance, and approve their quote, per Attachment Curriculum "E" to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Resolution – Health Insurance Consortium

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Board Resolution regarding completing the application process to join the Allegheny County School Health Insurance Consortium, per Attachment Finance "A".

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

b. Insurance Renewal

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the following renewal policies through Campbell Insurance Associates:

- Student Accident from US Fire Insurance Co., effective 8/1/21 in the amount of \$4,860.00.
- Volunteer Accident from PSBA Insurance Trust, effective 8/1/21 in the amount of \$650

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

c. 7th Grade - Student Activity Fund

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Class of 2027 (7th Grade) to establish a Student Activity Account.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. AEA - Tuition Students

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the following students to be enrolled as tuition students in the Avella Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

Cole Davidson – Grade 12
Claire Fedak – Grade 6
Caleb Fedak – Grade 1
Ryan Fogg – Grade 1
Rachel Lazzarotti – Grade 3
Ashlyn Ripley McDougan – Grade 5
Alexis Minch – Grade 10
Kaitlyn Minch – Grade 7

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. School Volunteer List

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the School Volunteer List for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Personnel "A" to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

b. Substitute Teacher List

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Personnel "B" to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

c. Substitute Support Personnel List

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Substitute Support Personnel List for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Personnel "C" to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

d. Briana DeNardo, Elementary Art Teacher - Resignation

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to accept the resignation of Briana DeNardo, Elementary Art Teacher, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

e. Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher - Posting

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a part-time Elementary Art Teacher.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

8. POLICIES – No Report

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled August 5, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

b. Emergency Support Agreement

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Emergency Support Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Burgettstown Area School District, per Attachment Safety "A".

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

c. Amended Health and Safety Plan

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Superintendent to amend the Health and Safety Plan to read "AASD will promote mitigation strategies as listed by the CDC and provide opportunities for students and staff to wear masks. AASD recommends the wearing of a face covering for student safety; however this is not required. AASD will provide masks if a student or visitor requests to wear one".

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled August 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. Parent Transportation Contract

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Parent Transportation Agreement between Mrs. Joan McEachern and the Avella Area School District to transport student to and from Avella Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Transportation "A".

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

b. GG&C's Bus/Van Driver List

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve GG&C's Bus/Van Driver List for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Transportation "B". (GG&C is responsible for updating bus/van driver documentation on list with CAO before driving.)

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

c. Jake Schneider's Van Driver List

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve Jake Schneider's Van Driver List for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Transportation "C". (Jake Schneider is responsible for updating bus/van driver documentation on list with CAO before driving.)

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Willyerd said "aye".
Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary