

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

**7:00 p.m.
Visitor's Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

October 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER.....Corey McConn, Board President
ROLL CALL.....Debra Bentz, Board Secretary

Leslie Cunningham Jeffrey Devenney Melissa Dryer James Gagich	Corey McConn Janet Miller Emanuel Paris Scott Willyerd
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ADMINISTRATION

Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Laura Shola, Business Manager
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSHS Principal
Carrie Graff, Elementary Principal
Debra L. Bentz, Board Secretary

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. The following students will be recognized as the October Students of the Month:
Alton Chase – Senior
Isaiah Stokes - 6th Grade Student

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING

1. Karen Hodgdon requests to speak about the mask mandate and vaccines.

VISITORS REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ATTACHMENT "A"

Board Members have been furnished copies of Board Minutes for the September 2021 Board Meetings.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller:	_____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

ATTACHMENT "B"

Board Members have been furnished copies of Accounts Payable for September and October 2021 General Fund.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller:	_____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORTS

ATTACHMENT "C"

4. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ATTACHMENT "D"

B. NEW BUSINESS

Potential Hopewell Township Candidate Interviews

_____, Hopewell Township Board Member

Motion to appoint _____ to the Hopewell Township Board Member position created by the resignation of Leslie Thames, effective October 14, 2021 to December 2023.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller:	_____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

Oath of Office will be administered to _____.

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a. Lauren Markish - Yearbook Sponsor

Motion to approve Lauren Markish as the Junior Class Sponsor for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller:	_____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

b. Novacare Rehabilitation – Athletic Training Services

Motion to approve the Second Amendment to Athletic Training Services Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Novacare Rehabilitation, per Attachment Athletic "A".

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller:	_____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Board Letter

Motion to approve a letter from the board relative to tuition reimbursement of Cyber School.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller:	_____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Southwood Psychiatric Hospital- Agreement

Motion to approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Southwood Psychiatric Hospital, per Attachment Curriculum "A".

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller:	_____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

c. Merakey Behavioral Health

Motion to approve the Letter of Collaborative Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Merakey Behavioral Health (formerly NHS Human Services), per Attachment Curriculum "B".

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller:	_____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

d. Homecoming Events

Oct 13 @ 7:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade followed by Bonfire
Oct 15 @ 6:30 p.m. Pregame
@ 7:00 p.m. Kickoff
@ Halftime Crowning
Oct 16 @ 7-10 p.m. Homecoming Dance @ Heaven Sent Farms

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Office of Constable—John Vith, Public Safety Personnel - Agreement

Motion to ratify the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Office of Constable John Vith for Peacekeeping and Directed Patrol Services, per Attachment Personnel "A".

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller:	_____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

b. School Volunteer List

Motion to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of required documents:

Melissa Best
Ashley Caltumo
Brenda Griffith
Cara Henke
Tami Samol
Beth Strobe

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____	
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer: _____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller: _____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd _____

c. Lauren Markish, JSHS English Teacher

Motion to approve hiring Lauren Markish to the position of JSHS English Teacher, temporary professional employee, Step1, per AEA Contract, effective October 12, 2021.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____	
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer: _____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller: _____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd _____

d. Lori Shirley, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Motion to approve Lori Shirley to the position of Cafeteria Worker, 4 hours per day/180 days per year, effective October 18, 2021, per PSEA/NEA Contract.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____	
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer: _____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller: _____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd _____

8. POLICIES

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

- a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled November 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.**

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. GG&C Bus/Van Drivers

Motion to approve the following to the GG&C Bus/Van Driver List:

Tina Ealy – Van Driver
Sherry Zuver – Van Driver

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____	
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer: _____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller: _____
Mr. Paris	_____		_____	Mr. Willyerd _____

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: _____ Second: _____ ADJOURNMENT TIME: _____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham: _____	Mr. Devenney: _____	Ms. Dryer: _____
Mr. Gagich: _____	Mr. McConn: _____	Ms. Miller: _____
Mr. Paris: _____		Mr. Willyerd: _____