

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

November 17, 2021

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held at the Avella Area School District on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding personnel and potential litigation. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Suzanne Colilla, Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, Melissa Dryer, James Gagich, Corey McConn, Emanuel Paris, Scott Willyerd
Absent: Janet Miller

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Laura Shola, Business Manager
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSHS Principal
Carrie Graff, 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:
Lynsee Brown – Senior
Logan Clark - 6th Grade Student

Request to Speak at the Board Meeting

1. Travis Ware, 138 Cross Creek Road, Avella, PA, requested to speak regarding transportation being provided for the wrestlers traveling to Fort Cherry School District.
2. Karen Hodgdon, 81 Nickolay Road, Avella, PA, requested to speak about cyber school student participation in district events.

Visitor's Request to Speak on Agenda Items

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **ATTACHMENT "A"**
Board Members were furnished copies of the October 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the October 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

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

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the Accounts Payable for the October and November 2021 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – No Report**
2. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE – No Report**
3. **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report**
4. **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

a. **Ms. Leslie Cunningham, Board Vice-President, reported the Western Area Career & Technology Center enrollment numbers.**

b. **SPHS C.A.R.E. Center**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Avella Area School District and SPHS C.A.R.E. Center for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

c. **Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported the ARP ESSER Grant will be filed by November 29, 2021.**

5. **FINANCE COMMITTEE – No Report**
6. **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report**

B. NEW BUSINESS

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Susan Temple, Custodian – FMLA Leave

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Susan Temple's request for intermittent FMLA Leave, effective December 8, 2021 – February 2, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

b. School Volunteer List

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of required documents:

Magan Craig
Beth Stefkovich Dunmore
Adam Gailey
Christen Paige Hamm
Michelle Hammond
Stephanie Hill
Terri Jeffers
Leann Minton
Nicole Newman
Renee Warholak
Bernadette Waters O'Brien

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

c. Joanne Barth, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker - Resignation

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to accept the resignation of Joanne Barth, part-time cafeteria worker, effective October 20, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

d. Posting - Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a part-time cafeteria worker (4 hours per day/180 days per year).

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

e. Travis Smith, Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve hiring Travis Smith to the position of part-time Elementary Art Teacher, temporary professional employee, Step 1, per AEA Contract, effective October 25, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

f. Maxim Healthcare Services

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the Agreement Amendment between the Avella Area School District and Maxim Healthcare Services, per Attachment Personnel "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

g. Substitute Support Personnel List

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Leigh Ann McGivern to the Substitute Support Personnel List for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of required documentation.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

h. Substitute Teacher List

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Emma Williams to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of required documentation.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

i. Jim Mounts, Rifle Coach - Resignation

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to accept the resignation of Jim Mounts, Rifle Coach, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

j. Rifle Coach - Posting

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the posting (advertisement if necessary) for a Rifle Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

8. POLICIES – No Report

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled December 2, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

B. NEW BUSINESS

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. – Telephone System

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the Telephone System Support Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. for 5 years, effective November 1, 2021, per Attachment Technology “A”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McConn called an Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. regarding contracts and potential litigation with no further voting to occur.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Ms. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting at 745 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary