

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

December 6, 2021

The Reorganization Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held in the Avella Jr. Sr. High School Library on Monday, December 6, 2021. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the Reorganization Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

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

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Laura Shola, Business Manager
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 - None

Visitor's Request to Speak on Agenda Items - None

B. REORGANIZATION

1. NOMINATIONS FOR TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Mr. Paris, to nominate James Gagich as Temporary President for the purpose of reorganization.

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

No other nominations were made for Temporary President.

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Mr. Paris, to close the nominations and appoint Mr. Gagich as Temporary President.

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

Mr. Gagich takes the chair as Temporary President.

Mr. Gagich, Temporary President, administered the Oath of Office to Leslie Cunningham, Melissa Dryer, Janet Miller, Corey McConn and Scott Willyerd.

B. REORGANIZATION

2. NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD PRESIDENT

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Paris, to nominate Mr. Corey McConn as Board President.

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

No other nominations were made for Board President.

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to close the nominations for Board President.

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

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to appoint Mr. Corey McConn as Board President.

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

Mr. Corey McConn takes over the chair as Board President.

3. NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to nominate Leslie Cunningham as Board Vice-President.

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

No other nominations were made for Board Vice-President.

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. Paris, to close the nominations for Board Vice-President.

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

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to appoint Leslie Cunningham as Board Vice-President.

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

4. DISTRICT SOLICITOR

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve Barbara Graham, Law Offices of Peacock Keller, LLP, to continue as the District's Solicitor for the 2022 year, per attached proposal letter dated November 30, 2021. (Attachment "A")

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

B. REORGANIZATION

5. BOARD MEETINGS

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve a tentative list of the 2022 meeting dates with meeting times beginning at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are regular meetings. The committee meetings will be non-voting and meet as needed and advertised. (Attachment "B")

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

6. FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve permission for application to the Secretary of the Commonwealth to use facsimile signatures for the following bank accounts:

Cafeteria Fund Checks:	President and Secretary
General Fund Checks:	President, Treasurer and Secretary
Payroll Fund Checks:	Treasurer and Secretary

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

7. AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENTS

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the Officers of the Board to be authorized to draw orders for payrolls and for payments of bonds, interest, utilities and other pertinent bills as they come due.

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

8. BOARD COMMITTEES

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the Board Committee List for the 2022 year.

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

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary

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December 6, 2021

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held in the Avella Jr. Sr. High School Library on Monday, December 6, 2021. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m., following the Reorganization Meeting. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

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

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Laura Shola, Business Manager
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSHS Principal - Absent
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A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

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Presentations/Recognitions - None

Request to Speak at the Board Meeting – None

Visitor's Request to Speak on Agenda Items

1. Dan Moore, 40 Three Cross Lane, Avella, PA, requested to speak about the Avella Youth Wrestling Program's use of the wrestling mats and use of school facilities.
2. Travis Ware, 138 Cross Creek Road, Avella, PA, requested to speak regarding transportation being provided for the wrestlers traveling to Fort Cherry School District.

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES **ATTACHMENT "A"**

Board Members were furnished copies of the November 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the November 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, 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 November and December 2021 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the Accounts Payable for the November and December 2021 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, 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

- a. A discussion was held regarding the Avella Athletics Youth Wrestling Program and use of school facilities.

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

a. **Inventory Control**

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve Administration's request to discard obsolete items acquired via the Federal Surplus Property Program listed in Attachment B&G "A" to Revised Agenda.

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

- a. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported the Western Area Career & Technology Center is establishing a sports medicine program and phasing out the emergency management program.

B. NEW BUSINESS

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

b. Cyber School Program

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the following regarding the cyber school program:

- Registration to enter cyber school is the first 2 weeks of each semester
- Once a student is registered, they must remain in the Avella Cyber program until the end of the semester.

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

c. Elementary Center Handbook

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve amending the Elementary Center Handbook to include a homeless section in regards to the McKinney-Vento Act.

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

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. AIU – Joint Purchasing Agreement

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the Joint Purchasing Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Avella Area School District for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Finance “A”.

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

b. Adoption of Resolution – Act 1

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the adoption of the Resolution, pursuant to Section 311(d)(1), indicating that the District will not raise the rate of any tax by more than its index, per Attachment Finance “B”.

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

c. Municibid Account

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. Paris, to permit administration to create a district account in the Municibid online auction service system to sell surplus or obsolete property, at no cost to the district.

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

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

B. NEW BUSINESS

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Kaycee Zuschlag, Head Rifle Coach

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve Kaycee Zuschlag as the Head Rifle Coach for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of all clearances and required employment documentation.

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

b. Leigh Ann McGivern, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve Leigh Ann McGivern as a part-time cafeteria worker, 4 hours per day/180 days per year, effective December 13, 2021, per PSEA/NEA Contract.

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

c. School Volunteer List

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

Amber Davis
Joyce Downey
Chelsea Foster
Natalie Hancher
Raymond Ruffalo

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

d. Substitute Teacher List

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the following to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of required documents:
Madison Dubich

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

8. POLICIES – No Report

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. The Safety Committee meeting is scheduled January 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No Report

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – No Report

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary