

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

February 16, 2022

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held at the Avella Area School District on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 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: Suzanne Colilla, Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, Melissa Dryer, James Gagich, Corey McConn, Janet Miller, Emanuel Paris – Conference Call, Scott Willyerd

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent – Conference Call
Laura Shola, Business Manager
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSBS Principal
Carrie Graff, Elementary Principal - Absent
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 January Students of the Month.
(February & March Students of the Month will be recognized at the March Meeting)
January
Paige Fino – Senior
Hannah Amaismeir - 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 January 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the January 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

- 2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** **ATTACHMENT "B"**
Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the January and February 2022 General Fund.

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Accounts Payable for the January and February 2022 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Jason Fogg, Athletic Director**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Jason Fogg as the Athletic Director for the 2022-2023 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

- 2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

- a. Discussions were held regarding:**
 - City Water
 - Recent Generator Issue

- 3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report**

- 4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

- a. Western Area Career & Technology Center – No Report**

- b. School Calendar 2022-2023**
Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Avella Area School District Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE - Continued

c. PA Pre-K Counts

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Avella Area School District and Blueprints Early Learning Programs: Head Start & PA Pre-K Counts, effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025, per Attachment Curriculum “B”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

d. Band Performance – Orlando, Florida

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Choice Music Tours proposal for the Band to travel to Orlando, Florida from Thursday, February 23 – Sunday, February 26, 2023, per Attachment Curriculum “C”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Resolution – Intermediate Unit I

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the 2022-2023 Intermediate Unit I General Operational Budget. Section 914-A(6)(1) Act 102 of 1970, requires that the Intermediate Unit Budget be approved by at least a majority of the school districts comprising the Intermediate Unit. Attachment Finance “A”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

b. Clean and Green

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to agree to exonerate taxes owed for tax years 2020 and 2021 on the difference between the Clean and Green tax revenue and the regular tax revenue for the following parcels listed in Attachment Finance “B”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “nay”. Motion denied 0-9.

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. A Negotiations Committee Meeting is scheduled February 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. School Volunteer List

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

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Continued

b. Travis Smith, Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher - Resignation

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to accept the resignation of Travis Smith, part-time Elementary Art Teacher, effective February 11, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

c. Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher – Posting/Advertisement

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to ratify the posting (advertisement if necessary) for a part-time Elementary Art Teacher.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

d. Substitute School Nurse

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to ratify Magan Craig as a Substitute School Nurse for the 2021-2022 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

e. Substitute Support List

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve Lynne Brownlee to the Substitute Support 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, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

f. Mia Lynn Hines, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve Mia Lynn Hines as a part-time cafeteria worker, 4 hours per day/180 days per year, effective February 22, 2022, per PSEA/NEA Contract, pending receipt of required employment documentation.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

g. Bruce Kidd, Maintenance Employee - Retirement

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to accept Bruce Kidd's request for retirement, effective March 1, 2024 (2 year notice).

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

8. POLICIES – No Report

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee meeting is scheduled March 3, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

B. NEW BUSINESS

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Finalsité

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the proposal from Finalsité for website conversion and hosting services, effective 2/17/22 through 6/30/26, per Attachment Technology "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. GG&C Bus/Van Driver List

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the following to the GG&C Bus/Van Driver List for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of required documents:
Carrie Walker – Van Driver

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary