AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

March 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, March 16, 2022. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Jeffrey Devenney, Melissa Dryer, James Gagich, Corey McConn, Janet Miller
Absent: Leslie Cunningham, Emanuel Paris, Scott Willyerd

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 February and March Students of the Month
<u>February</u>
Emily Rice – Senior
Aubrey Debnar - 6th Grade Student
<u>March</u>
Braden Rankin – Senior
Ethan Powers - 6th Grade Student

Request to Speak at the Board Meeting - None

Visitor's Request to Speak on Agenda Items

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

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

Board Members were furnished copies of the February 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ***ATTACHMENT "B"***

Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the February and March 2022 General Fund.

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Accounts Payable for the February and March 2022 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORTS ***ATTACHMENT "C"***

4. SOLICITOR'S REPORT ***ATTACHMENT "D"***

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a. 2022-2023 Athletic Coaches

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the following athletic coaches for the 2022-2023 school year:

FALL SPORTS

Cross Country
Laura Lazzarotti, Head Coach
Zachery Franks, Assistant Coach

Football - 7th/8th Grade
James Gatewood, Head Coach
Brad Rankin, Assistant Coach

Football - Varsity
Ryan Cecchini, Head Coach
Clinton Varner, Assistant Coach
JT Mylan, Assistant Coach

Softball – 7th/8th Grade Junior Varsity
Jamie Scears – Head Coach
Robert Dittrich – Assistant Coach

Tennis
Vacant - Head Coach
Vacant - Assistant Coach

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a. 2022-2023 Athletic Coaches - Continued

Volleyball
Joelle Cooper, Head Coach
Dennis O'Neil, Assistant Coach

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball – Boys' Varsity
Michael Maltony – Head Coach
Michael Macik – Assistant Coach

Basketball – Girls' Varsity
Mike Drazich – Head Coach
Kathleen Margaria – Assistant Coach

Basketball – 7th/8th Grade Boys
Michael Macik – Head Coach
Michael Maltony – Assistant Coach

Rifle
Kaycee Zuschlag – Head Rifle Coach

Volleyball – 7th/8th Grade Girls
Dennis O'Neil – Head Coach
Joelle Cooper – Assistant Coach

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball
Jason Fogg, Head Coach
James Morris, Assistant Coach

Baseball – Junior Varsity
Zachery Franks, Head Coach

Basketball – 7th/8th Grade Girls
Gilbert Cutruzzula, Head Coach
Mike Drazich, Assistant Coach

Softball
Jamie Scears, Head Coach
Robert Dittrich, Assistant Coach

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

b. Natalie Frank, Head Tennis Coach – Resignation

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to accept the resignation of Natalie Frank as Head Tennis Coach.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

c. Head Tennis Coach – Posting
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a Head Tennis Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

a. Corey McConn, Board President, provided a report and handout from the City Water Workshop held on March 4, 2022, regarding the status of city water.

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

a. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported the program changes at Western Area Career & Technology Center.

b. JSHS School Play - Clue
Friday, March 25, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 26, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

c. A Curriculum Committee Meeting is scheduled April 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

d. Added Motion - Student Discipline
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Colilla,
Due to the inability to reach the parent of one of the District's students prior to today, to discuss a serious disciplinary incident involving the student, the Administration was not previously able to include an appropriate motion on the agenda of today's meeting. Given the nature of the motion, it is necessary and appropriate for the Board to act on the motion expeditiously. Consequently, the Administration recommends that the agenda be amended to include the following motion:

Motion to approve the Waiver of Informal Hearing and Agreement between the Avella Area School District and BR, and direct and authorize the Administration to implement it.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

e. Student Discipline
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the Waiver of Informal Hearing and Agreement between the Avella Area School District and BR, and direct and authorize the Administration to implement it.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Finance Committee Meeting are scheduled:
April 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
June 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Mia Lynn Hines, Cafeteria Worker – Resignation
Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to accept the resignation of Mia Lynn Hines, Cafeteria Worker, effective March 7, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

b. Part-Time Cafeteria Worker - Posting
Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a part-time Cafeteria Worker.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

c. Substitute Support Personnel List
Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to approve Mia Lynn Hines to the Substitute Support Personnel List for the 2021-2022 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

d. School Volunteer List
Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of required documents:
Terry Jacobs
Cassidy Maidment
Julianne Rush

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

e. Kristina Piskuric, Elementary 6th Grade Teacher - Maternity Leave
Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to approve the Maternity Leave of Kristina Piskuric, Elementary 6th Grade Teacher, effective April 4, 2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. (Kevin Painter will fill this position during Ms. Piskuric's absence.)

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

f. Michelle Rankin – Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher and Half-Day Building Substitute Teacher
Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to approve Michelle Rankin to fill the part-time Elementary Art Teacher position and half-day Building Substitute Teacher position.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

g. Amy Rush, Aide – Family Medical Leave
Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to approve Amy Rush's request for Family Medical Leave, effective March 30, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

h. Southwest Training Services, Inc.
Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to approve the Worksite Agreement for the Summer Youth Program between Southwest Training Services, Inc. and the Avella Area School District, per Attachment Personnel "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Mr. Devenney abstained. Motion carried 5-0-1.

8. POLICIES – No Report

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee meeting is scheduled April 7, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No Report

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, and Ms. Miller said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary