

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

October 19, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.

**VISITOR'S
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

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

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

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 are recognized as the October Students of the Month:
Sierra Dayak – Senior
Peyton Campbell - 6th Grade Student
2. PSBA recognizes and presents a Certificate of Appreciation to James Gagich, School Director, for his 16 years of school board service.

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING - None

VISITORS REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ATTACHMENT "A"

Board Members have been furnished copies of the Board Minutes for the September 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Colilla: _____	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 the Accounts Payable for the September and October 2022 General Fund.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Colilla: _____	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

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a. Robert Dittrich – Assistant 7th/8th Grade Junior Varsity Softball Coach

Motion to retroactively accept the resignation of Robert Dittrich as the Assistant 7th/8th Grade Junior Varsity Softball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

b. Chelsea Craig – Assistant 7th/8th Grade Junior Varsity Softball Coach

Motion to retroactively approve Chelsea Craig as the Assistant 7th/8th Grade Junior Varsity Softball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

c. Winter Guard – Dance Line Instructors

Motion to approve the following Winter Guard – Dance Line Instructors for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of required clearances and employment documents.

Julianne Rush – Head Winter Guard – Dance Line Instructor

Cheryl Rush – Assistant Winter Guard – Dance Line Instructor

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

d. Jr High Wrestling Coaches

Motion to approve the following Jr High Wrestling Coaches for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of required clearances and employment documents.

_____ Head Jr High Wrestling Coach
_____ Assistant Jr High Wrestling Coach

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

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Report

b. Discussion Item – Range Resources/FFA Agreement

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Resolution – Act 57 of 2022

Motion to approve the Resolution to comply with Act 57 of 2022, authorizing the waiver of additional charges for the late payment of real estate taxes in certain circumstances, per Attachment Finance “A”.

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

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Keith Shephard, School Police Officer – Amended Contract

Motion to approve amending Section 7, Paragraph D, of the Employment Contract between Keith Shephard, School Police Officer, and the Avella Area School District, per Attachment Personnel “A”.

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

b. Chelsea Foster, Licensed Professional Counselor

Motion to approve Chelsea Foster as a Licensed Professional Counselor, effective October 19, 2022, per Attachment Personnel “B”.

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

c. Sherry Adams, Part-Time Custodian - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Sherry Adams as a part-time Custodian, 5 hours per day/12 month employee, effective November 10, 2022.

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

d. Posting - Part-Time Custodian

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a part-time Custodian, 5 hours per day/12 month employee.

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

e. Bonita Browne, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Motion to approve Bonita Brown as a part-time cafeteria worker, 4 hours per day/180 days per year, effective October 17, 2022.

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

f. Kellie Gordon, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Kellie Gordon as a part-time cafeteria worker, 4 hours per day/180 days per year, effective October 14, 2022.

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

g. Posting - Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a part-time cafeteria worker, 4 hours per day/180 days per year.

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

h. School Volunteer List

Motion to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2022-2023 school year:

Pamela Brown
Brittany Comport
Amber Davis
Joyce Downey
Adam Gailey
Mandy Gailey
Christen Hamm
Jessica Kearns
Bernadette O'Brien
Lana Ramsey
Laurel Rush

Romney Schubenski
Renee Warholak

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

i. Permanent Teacher Contracts

Motion to award the following Permanent Teacher Contracts:

Zachery Franks, a Professional Employee Contract, following 3 years of satisfactory service with the District, effective August 20, 2022.

Alexander Light, a Professional Employee Contract, following 3 years of satisfactory service with the District, effective August 20, 2022.

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

j. Substitute Support Personnel List

Motion to approve the following to the Substitute Support Personnel List for the 2022-2023 school year:

Kelli Gordon
Nancy Stefkovich

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

k. Amy Rush, Aide – Temporary Leave of Absence

Motion to approve Amy Rush's request for a temporary leave of absence, effective October 18, 2022, and to return tentatively January 17, 2023.

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

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

- a. Safety Committee meeting is scheduled November 3, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.**

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

ADJOURNMENT

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