

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

September 21, 2022

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held at the Avella Area School District on Wednesday, September 21, 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, Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, Melissa Dryer, James Gagich, Corey McConn, Janet Miller, Emanuel Paris, Scott Willyerd

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Laura Shola, Business Manager
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSBS 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. **Congratulations to Mrs. Joelle Cooper for being recognized by the Washington County Community Foundation for the Howard Jack Outstanding Educator Award.**

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 August 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the August 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 August and September 2022 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to approve the Accounts Payable for the August and September 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 – No Report**
2. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE – No Report**
3. **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report**
4. **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

- a. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported Western Area Career & Technology Center's meeting is scheduled September 28, 2022.

- b. **Homecoming Events**
Sept 28 @ 6:30 p.m. Homecoming Parade followed by Bonfire
Sept 30 @ 6:30 p.m. Pregame
 @ 7:00 p.m. Kickoff
 @ Halftime Crowning
Oct 1 @ 7-10 p.m. Homecoming Dance @ AVFD

5. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- a. **Approval to Add Motion– Substitute Support Personnel Rate**
Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to add the following motion to tonight's agenda, due to the increased need of substitute support personnel.

B. NEW BUSINESS

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Approval to Add Motion– Substitute Support Personnel Rate Cont'd

Motion to increase the substitute support personnel rate to \$12.50 per hour, effective September 22, 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.

b. Substitute Support Personnel Rate

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to increase the substitute support personnel rate to \$12.50 per hour, effective September 22, 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.

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Brandon Miller, JSHS Social Studies/English Teacher

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve hiring Brandon Miller to the position of JSHS Social Studies/English Teacher, temporary professional employee, Step1, per AEA Contract, effective September 26, 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.

b. Erika Minch- SADD Sponsor

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve Erika Minch as the SADD Sponsor 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.

c. Samantha Jacobs - Junior Class Sponsor

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve Samantha Jacobs as the Junior Class Sponsor 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.

d. Substitute Support Personnel List

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve Sarah Maidment to the Substitute Support Personnel List 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.

B. NEW BUSINESS

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

e. Substitute Teacher List

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the following to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2022-2023 school year.
Karen Coyne
Emma Williams

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. School Volunteer List

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2022-2023 school year:
Michele Becker
James Best
Melissa Best
Magan Craig
Beth Dunmore
Daniel Dunmore
Chelsea Foster
Amanda Greene
Brenda Griffith
Michelle Hammond
Oliver Hammond
Stephanie Hill
Timothy Hill
Marcy Jaworowski
Ashley Lowe
Dacia Marker
Nicole Newman
Geanna Samol
Melanie Scott
David Stets
Robin Welling
Holly Winland

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

a. PSBA Policies

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the adoption/revisions to the following policies recommended by PSBA, per Attachment Policies "A".

PSBA News Network

220 Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials

227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

237 Electronic Devices

913 Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

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

8. POLICIES

- b.** Mrs. Carrie Graff, Elementary Principal/Federal Programs Coordinator, reviewed Policy 918 - Title I Parent and Family Engagement, during a parent meeting held on September 13, 2022.

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

- a.** **A Safety Committee meeting is scheduled October 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.**

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- a. Education Plus, LLC**
Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the proposal from Education Plus, LLC, to assist with the District's Federal E-Rate Program application process (Service is needed due to the retirement of IU 1's E-Rate coordinator). 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. School Transportation Agreement**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the School Transportation Agreement between Ms. Shana Eckels-Boles and the Avella Area School District to transport students to and from Avella Area School District for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Transportation "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. GG&C Bus/Van Driver List**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve James Thompson to the GG&C Bus/Van Driver List for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of all 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.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 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