

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

May 18, 2022

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held at the Avella Area School District on Wednesday, May 18, 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: Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, Melissa Dryer, Corey McConn, Janet Miller
Absent: Suzanne Colilla, James Gagich, 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. The following students were recognized as the May Students of the Month:
Marissa Latynski – Senior
Skylar Kearns - 6th Grade Student
2. Congratulations to Aja Miller for being a 2 year member of the National Technical Honor Society and graduating senior, and Shelby Loar for being inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.
4. Congratulations to Ms. Miller, JSBS Art Teacher, and the Art Department for being one of five finalists in the Vans High School Custom Culture Contest. Each runner-up will receive \$15,000 and the grand prize winner will receive \$50,000, along with a school party and rock concert.
5. Congratulations to Ms. Breitigan, JSBS Science Teacher, and the Envirothon Team for finishing 1st place at the County competition. The Team will continue to the State competition in Mifflinburg, PA, on May 25, 2022.

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 April 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

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

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

Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the April and May 2022 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the Accounts Payable for the April and May 2022 General Fund.

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

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

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a. Michael Maltony, Head Boys Basketball Coach - Resignation

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to accept the resignation of Michael Maltony as the Head Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

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

b. Head Boys Basketball Coach – Posting/Advertisement

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to ratify the posting/advertisement for a Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

c. Boys' Basketball Coaches

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the following Boys' Basketball Coaches for the 2022-2023 school year:

Michael Macik – Head Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach

Kevin Painter – Assistant Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach

Kevin Painter – Assistant 7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

- a. **A Building & Grounds walkthrough of the buildings is scheduled June 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**
- b. **Inventory Control**
Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Elementary School's request to dispose of the items listed on Attachment B&G "A".

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

- a. **Ms. Cunningham, Board Member, reported Western Area Career & Technology Center will celebrate 50 years on June 3, 2022 from 4-7 p.m.**
- b. **Center for Community Resources**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the SAP Agreement between the Avella Area School District and the Center for Community Resources for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "A".

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

- c. **My Options for College & Career Success/ACT**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the Authorization Form for My Options for College & Career Success/ACT for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "B".

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

- d. **Outside In**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Outside In for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "C".

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

- e. **Calendar Dates:**
5/22 @ 7:00 p.m. - Baccalaureate
6/3 @ 7:00 p.m. - Commencement
6/3– Last Day of School for Underclassmen
6/22 @ 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting (4th Wednesday of June)

WACTC Certificate Ceremonies

5/17 @ 6:00 p.m. - Auto Mech, ARV, Carpentry, Cosmetology
5/18 @ 6:00 p.m. - CRT, Culinary, EPS, Networking, Welding
5/19 @ 6:00 p.m. - Electrical, Healthy, HVAC, Machine Shop, Masonry

B. NEW BUSINESS

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Finance Committee Meetings

May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

June 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

b. Business Manager – Renewal Bond

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the renewal bond of Laura Shola, Business Manager, setting bond at \$100,000, to begin July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, according to PA School Code Section 404.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn and Ms. Miller said “aye”.
Motion carried 5-0.

c. Board Treasurer

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to appoint Jeffrey Devenney as Board Treasurer for one year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, according to PA School Code Section 404, setting bond at \$50,000.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn and Ms. Miller said “aye”.
Motion carried 5-0.

d. Board Secretary – Renewal Bond

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the renewal bond of Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, setting bond at \$50,000, to begin July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 according to PA School Code Section 404.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn and Ms. Miller said “aye”.
Motion carried 5-0.

e. Business Associate Agreement

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the Business Associate Agreements with OptumRX, Inc. and Integrity Pharmaceutical Advisors, LLC. These Agreements are necessary due to the transition from IU 1 Healthcare Consortium to ACSHIC, per Attachment Finance “A”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn and Ms. Miller said “aye”.
Motion carried 5-0.

f. IU 1 Educational Service Agreement

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the IU 1 Educational Service Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Intermediate Unit 1, effective July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023, per Attachment Finance “B”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn and Ms. Miller said “aye”.
Motion carried 5-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

g. Copier Lease and Maintenance Agreement

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve a new Lease and Maintenance Agreement through Doing Better Business to replace three copiers, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, at a total investment cost of \$1,642.48 per month, per Attachment Finance "C".

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

h. 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$12,223,920.00, for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and set the millage at 12.0602 mills, a .4972 mill increase. Attachment Finance "D" to Revised Agenda.

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

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Erika Bakaitis, School Nurse - Retirement

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to accept the retirement of Erika Bakaitis, School Nurse, effective June 30, 2023 (one year notice).

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

b. Clara Zatta, JSHS Science Teacher - Retirement

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to accept the retirement of Clara Zatta, JSHS Science Teacher, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year (two year notice).

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

c. Debra Bentz, Central Office Manager/Board Secretary - Retirement

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to accept the retirement of Debra Bentz, Central Office Manager/Board Secretary, effective July 5, 2024 (two year notice).

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

d. Alice Carroll – Full Time Custodian

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve Alice Carroll as a full time custodian, effective May 19, 2022, per PSEA/NEA Contract. (Replacement for Susan Temple's position)

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

e. School Volunteer List

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

- Karen Hodgdon
- Ginger Smith

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn and Ms. Miller said “aye”.
Motion carried 5-0.

8. POLICIES

a. PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement between the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and the Avella Area School District, effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn and Ms. Miller said “aye”.
Motion carried 5-0.

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee meeting is scheduled June 2, 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 Ms. Dryer, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn and Ms. Miller said “aye”.
Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary