

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

July 20, 2022

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held at the Avella Area School District on Wednesday, July 20, 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 via conference call, Jeffrey Devenney, Melissa Dryer, James Gagich, Corey McConn, Emanuel Paris, Scott Willyerd
Absent: Janet Miller

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Laura Shola, Business Manager
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSHS Principal - Absent
Carrie Graff, Elementary Principal
Debra L. Bentz, Board Secretary

OTHERS: Rachel Lozosky, District Solicitor

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations/Recognitions

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 June 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the June 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

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

Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the June and July 2022 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the Accounts Payable for the June and July 2022 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

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

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a. Inventory Control

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve discarding a dry rotted box of football pads.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE – No Report

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

a. Mr. Cyril Walther, Superintendent, reported that Western Area Career & Technology Center hired Michael Milanovich as the new Executive Director, and James Purtell as the new Principal.

b. Keystone Educational Consulting Group – Special Ed Consulting
Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Keystone Educational Consulting Group, to provide special education consulting for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

c. KeySolution Staffing, LLC – Psychology Services

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and KeySolution Staffing, LLC, to provide psychology services for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Curriculum “B”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

d. Arc Human Services, Inc.

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Independent Contract Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Arc Human Services, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Curriculum “C”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

e. Vision to Learn

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Avella Area School District and Vision to Learn, per Attachment Curriculum “D”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

f. enVision Math

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to authorize the Administration to contract the services of SAVVAS Learning Company LLC, and approve their quote for enVision Math, per Attachment Curriculum “E”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

g. Science Matters Program

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to authorize the Administration to contract the services of IU 1, and approve their quote for the Science Matters Program, per Attachment Curriculum “F”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

h. Renaissance

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to authorize the Administration to contract the services of Renaissance, and approve their quote for products and services, per Attachment Curriculum “G”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

i. Elementary Standard Based Report Cards

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve Mrs. Graff, Elementary Principal's recommendations to the Elementary Standard Based Report Cards, effective the 2022-2023 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

j. Added Motion – Washington County Children & Youth Services

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris,
The Administration was not previously able to include an appropriate motion on the agenda of today's meeting due to the timeliness of receiving it. 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 Memorandum of Agreement between the Avella Area School District and the Washington County Children and Youth Services, per Attachment Curriculum "H".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

k. Washington County Children & Youth Services

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Avella Area School District and the Washington County Children and Youth Services, per Attachment Curriculum "H".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Insurance Renewal

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the following renewal policies through Campbell Insurance Associates:

- Student Accident from US Fire Insurance Co., effective 8/1/22 in the amount of \$4,410
- Volunteer Accident from PSBA Insurance Trust, effective 8/1/22 in the amount of \$600

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

b. 7th Grade - Student Activity Fund

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Class of 2028 (7th Grade) to establish a Student Activity Account.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

c. Breakfast/Lunch Prices

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve increasing the breakfast/lunch prices by \$.15, effective 2022-2023 school year (last increased in 2019).

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

d. Board of Assessment Appeals

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to authorize the law firm of Peacock Keller, LLP to file tax assessment appeals for the 2023 tax year to the Board of Assessment Appeals, Washington County, for the following tax parcel identification numbers listed on Attachment Finance "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Mr. Dryer said "nay". Motion carried 7-1.

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to approve the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Avella Area Education Support Professionals, for the period of time beginning July 1, 2022 and continuing through June 30, 2026, per Attachment Negotiations "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

b. AEA - Tuition Students

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the following students to be enrolled as tuition students in the Avella Area School District for the 2022-2023 school year.

Isabelle Crum – Grade 1

Jeffrey Crum - Kindergarten

Beauden Deer – Grade 1

Claire Fedak – Grade 7

Caleb Fedak – Grade 2

Ryan Fogg – Grade 2

Rachel Lazzarotti – Grade 4

Ashlyn Ripley McDougan – Grade 6

Alexis Minch – Grade 11

Kaitlyn Minch – Grade 8

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Substitute Teacher List

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Personnel "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

b. Substitute Support Personnel List

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the Substitute Support Personnel List for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Personnel "B".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

c. Kellie Gordon, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Kellie Gordon as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, 4 hours per day/180 days per year, per PSEA/NEA Contract, effective August 24, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

d. Natalie Hancher, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to accept the resignation of Natalie Hancher, part-time cafeteria worker, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

e. Leigh Ann McGivern, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to accept the resignation of Leigh Ann McGivern, part-time cafeteria worker, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

f. Part-Time Cafeteria Worker Posting

Moved by Ms. Colilla, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve 2 postings (advertisements if necessary) for a part-time cafeteria worker, 4 hours/180 days per year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

8. POLICIES

a. Teachers' Handbook

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Teachers' Handbook for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Policies "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

8. POLICIES

b. Student Handbooks

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Elementary Center and JSHS Student Handbooks for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Policies "B".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee meeting is scheduled August 4, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

b. Health & Safety Plan

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Health & Safety Plan for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Safety "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

c. Emergency Instruction Time Template

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Emergency Instruction Time Template, Section 520.1, for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Safety "B".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported the District received the PA Smart Grant.

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. GG&C's Bus/Van Driver List

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve GG&C's Bus/Van Driver List for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Transportation "A". (GG&C is responsible for updating bus/van driver documentation on list with CAO before driving.)

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

b. Jake Schneider's Van Driver List

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve Jake Schneider's Van Driver List for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Transportation "B". (Jake Schneider is responsible for updating bus/van driver documentation on list with CAO before driving.)

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

c. Jake Schneider, Inc. - Contract for School Pupils

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Contract for School Pupils between the Avella Area School District and Jake Schneider, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Transportation "C".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary