

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

August 24, 2022

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held at the Avella Area School District on Wednesday, August 24, 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

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 July 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the Accounts Payable for the July and August 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

a. Kevin Painter - Head 7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve Kevin Painter as the Head 7th/8th Girls' Basketball Coach 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. Kevin Painter - Head Tennis Coach

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve Kevin Painter as the Head Tennis Coach 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. Dan Davidson - Assistant Tennis Coach

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve Dan Davidson as the Assistant Tennis Coach 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.

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE – No Report

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

B. NEW BUSINESS

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

- a. **Ms. Cunningham, Board Member, reported the following regarding the Western Area Career & Technology Center for the 2022-2023 school year: (1) 501 students are enrolled; (2) WACTC is fully staffed; (3) an in-service day is scheduled August 26, 2022; (4) the first day of school is August 29th; and (5) all school boards are invited to meetings and to tour the facility.**

b. **Inventory Control**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve discarding the outdated textbooks listed on Attachment Curriculum "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.

c. **Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc., for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "B".

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. **PAeducator.net – Contract of Services**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Contract of Services between the Avella Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the services of PAeducator.net for the 2022-2023 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "C".

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.

e. **SRI International**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Data Use Agreement between the Avella Area School District and SRI International, per Attachment Curriculum "D".

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. **Title I Program Schoolwide Plan**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Title I Program Schoolwide Plan, per Attachment Curriculum "E".

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

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

g. Local Advisory Committee

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Local Advisory Committee of the Avella Area School District, per Attachment Curriculum "F".

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.

h. Special Education Services Agreement

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Special Education Services Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Fort Cherry School District, per Attachment Curriculum "G".

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.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Avella Daycare and Learning Center, Inc.

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the revised Lease Agreement between the Avella Area School District and the Avella Daycare and Learning Center, Inc., extending the lease through 2027, per Attachment Finance "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Mr. Gagich abstained. Motion carried 8-0-1.

b. A discussion was held regarding Independence Township's request for a donation to the Community Center. Mr. Willyerd, Board Member, reported he will speak to his contacts for donations to the Community Center.

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. School Volunteer List

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the School Volunteer 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, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

b. MacKenzie Garry, Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher - Resignation

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to accept the resignation of MacKenzie Garry, Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher, effective immediately.

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

c. Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher - Posting

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to ratify a posting for a part-time Elementary Art Teacher.

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. Kevin Painter, Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve hiring Kevin Painter to the position of long term substitute teacher for the part-time Elementary Art Teacher position, effective the first day of 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.

e. Kristin Jakiel, Social Studies/English Teacher - Resignation

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to accept the resignation of Kristin Jakiel as Social Studies/English Teacher, effective October 14, 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.

f. Social Studies/English Teacher - Posting

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to ratify a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a Social Studies/English Teacher.

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.

g. Kristin Jakiel, SADD Sponsor - Resignation

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to accept the resignation of Kristin Jakiel as SADD Sponsor, effective October 14, 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.

h. SADD Sponsor - Posting

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to ratify a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a SADD Sponsor.

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.

i. Tonya Yuhas, 7 Hour Aide - Resignation

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to accept the resignation of Tonya Yuhas, as a 7 hour Aide, effective immediately.

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

j. Barbara Humensky, 7 Hour Aide Position

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve Barbara Humensky to the Aide position of 7 hour per day/180 days per year, effective the first day of the 2022-2023 school year, per PSEA/NEA Contract.

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.

k. 5 Hour Aide Positions

Motion to eliminate two 5 hour Aide positions, effective immediately.

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.

l. 7 Hour Aide Position

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to create a 7 hour Aide position, effective first day of the 2022-2023 school year. (Posting Waived)

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.

m. Loretta Whyte, 7 Hour Aide Position

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve Loretta Whyte to the Aide position of 7 hours per day/180 days per year, effective the first day of the 2022-2023 school year, per PSEA/NEA Contract.

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.

n. Marianne Boris, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve Marianne Boris 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, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

o. Michelle Atkinson, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker - Resignation

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to accept the resignation of Michelle Atkinson as a part-time cafeteria worker, effective August 18, 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.

p. Part-Time Cafeteria Worker - Posting

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a 4 hour/180 days per year, cafeteria worker.

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

q. Substitute Teacher List

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve Dana Davis to the Substitute Teacher 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.

r. Chelsea Craig, Junior Class Sponsor - Resignation

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to accept the resignation of Chelsea Craig as the Junior Class Sponsor, effective immediately.

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.

s. Junior Class Sponsor - Posting

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to ratify a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a Junior Class Sponsor.

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.

t. Approval for Added Motion– Maintenance Department

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to add the following motion to tonight's agenda, due to the very recent and unanticipated leave of absence of the District's Facilities Manager,;

Motion to direct and authorize the Superintendent to retain the service of an individual/several individuals or an outside service, as necessary, to assist the District's maintenance department on a temporary, limited basis, in continuing to maintain the District's facilities and fields, during the absence of Mr. Smitsky. The Superintendent shall insure that any such individual(s) or outside services personnel are in compliance with all School Code requirements.

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.

u. Maintenance Department

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to direct and authorize the Superintendent to retain the service of an individual/several individuals or an outside service, as necessary, to assist the District's maintenance department on a temporary, limited basis, in continuing to maintain the District's facilities and fields, during the absence of Mr. Smitsky. The Superintendent shall insure that any such individual(s) or outside services personnel are in compliance with all School Code requirements.

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

a. Elementary Student Handbook – Title I Language

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Elementary Student Handbook to include language referencing Policy # 918, Title I Parent and Family Engagement.

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.

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee meeting is scheduled September 1, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

b. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported he is in the process of writing the PCCA Grant which covers physical safety of the school buildings.

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No Report

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported that GG&C Bus Company has a shortage of bus drivers beginning the 2022-2023 school year.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Paris, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 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