

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

April 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, April 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, Jeffrey Devenney, Melissa Dryer, James Gagich, Corey McConn, Janet Miller, Emanuel Paris
Absent: 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: Rachel Lozosky, District Solicitor

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations/Recognitions

1. The following students were recognized as the April Students of the Month:
Aja Miller – Senior
Emily Buel - 6th Grade Student
2. Scott Grant, Case|Sabatini, District Auditors, presented the Auditor's Report for the 2020-2021 year.

Request to Speak at the Board Meeting

1. Thomas Jennings, Independence Township Supervisor, requested to speak regarding the Community Center.

Visitor's Request to Speak on Agenda Items

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **ATTACHMENT "A"**
Board Members were furnished copies of the March 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

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

- 2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** **ATTACHMENT "B"**
Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the March and April 2022 General Fund.

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

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller and Mr. Paris 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. 2022-2023 School Year - JSHS Extra-Curricular Activities**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the following to the JSHS Extra-Curricular Activities for the 2022-2023 school year, per AEA Contract:

- Nicholas Deutsch – Band Director
- Alexander Light – Assistant Band Director (Elem Music Teacher)
- Jesse Rhoades – Assistant Band Director (Drum Line)
- Cheryl Rush – Assistant Band Director (Color Guard)
- Vacant – Assistant Band Director (Other)
- Vacant – Winter Guard Dance Line Instructor
- Vacant – Assistant Winter Guard Dance Line Instructor
- Nicholas Deutsch - Choral Director
- Alexander Light – Choral Director
- Lynn Clarchick - Musical Producer/Play Producer
- Debora Descutner – Musical Producer/Play Producer
- Nicholas Deutsch – Senior Class Sponsor
- Chelsea Craig – Junior Class Sponsor
- Joelle Cooper – Sophomore Class Sponsor
- Evelyn Breitigan – Freshman Class Sponsor
- Clara Zatta – 7th/8th Grade Class Sponsor
- Carrie Struth – Student Council Sponsor
- Lynn Akins – National Honor Society Sponsor
- Joelle Cooper – Newspaper Sponsor
- Lauren Markish – Yearbook Sponsor
- Kristen Jakiel – SADD Sponsor
- Jessica Miller – Art Club Sponsor

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a. 2022-2023 School Year - JSHS Extra-Curricular Activities Continued

- Evelyn Breitigan – Community Service Sponsor
- Evelyn Breitigan – Science Club
- Susan Kubacka – Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach
- Carol Morgan – Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach
- JT Mylan – Weight Room Coordinator
- Kara Ruffalo – Vo-Ag Instructor

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

b. NovaCare – Athletic Trainer Services

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the proposed contract between the Avella Area School District and NovaCare Rehabilitation for Athletic Trainer services, effective 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, per Attachment Athletic “A”.

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

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

- a. Mr. McConn, Board President, requested a walkthrough of the school buildings to be scheduled at the May board meeting.**

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - None

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

- a. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported the Protective Services and Sports Medicine programs are being reviewed for the next school year at the Western Area Career & Technology Center.**
- b. Mr. McConn, Board President, reported the Curriculum Committee meeting was held on April 20, 2022 to review the District’s math curriculum.**

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. Finance Committee Meetings are scheduled:**
April 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
June 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Memorandum of Understanding

Moved by Mr. Gagich, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Avella Area Education Association, PSEA/NEA, regarding the healthcare transition from the IU1 Health Care Consortium to the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium (“ACHIC”), effective July 1, 2022.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Susan Temple, Custodian - Retirement

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to accept the retirement request of Susan Temple, Custodian, effective April 8, 2022.

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

b. Custodian - Posting

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a full time custodian.

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

c. Laura Lazzarotti, JSHS Teacher - FMLA

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve Laura Lazzarotti's request for intermittent FMLA leave, effective May 5, 2022.

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

8. POLICIES - None

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. The Safety Committee meeting is scheduled May 5, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - None

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. School Transportation Agreement

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the School Transportation Agreement between Mrs. Shana Eckels-Boles and the Avella Area School District to transport student to and from Avella Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Transportation "A".

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

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary