AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

February 15, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

VISITOR'S
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Phoebe Armstrong	_____	James Gagich	_____
Suzanne Colilla	_____	Corey McConn	_____
Leslie Cunningham	_____	Emanuel Paris	_____
Jeffrey Devenney	_____	Scott Willyerd	_____
Melissa Dryer	_____		

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

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. The following students are recognized as the February Students of the Month:
   Shelby Loar – Senior
   Eden Jeffers - 6th Grade Student

2. Katie Dryer is recognized and congratulated for being only the fourth woman in Avella's basketball history to reach the 1,000-point milestone, and also as the O-R Athlete of the Week.

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING - None

VISITORS REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ***ATTACHMENT "A"***

Board Members have been furnished copies of the Board Minutes for the January 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

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

Board Members have been furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the January and February 2023 General Fund.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

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

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

a. Jason Fogg, Athletic Director

Motion to approve Jason Fogg as the Athletic Director for the 2023-2024 school year.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

b. James Morris, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of James Morris, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, effective immediately.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

c. Terry Jacobs, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach

Motion to approve Terry Jacobs as the Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of the required employment documentation.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

d. McKena Cowden, Assistant 7th/8th Grade Volleyball Coach

Motion to approve McKena Cowden as the Assistant 7th/8th Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of the required employment documentation.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

e. Discussion Item – Golf Program

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. School Calendar 2023-2024

Motion to approve the Avella Area School District Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "A".

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

c. The Meadows Psychiatric Center

Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Avella Area School District and The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "B".

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

d. Therapy Dogs International - Children Reading to Dogs Program

Motion to approve the Therapy Dogs International (TDI) Children Reading to Dogs - Tail Waggin' Tutors Program, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "C".

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

e. Affiliation Agreement – Duquesne University

Motion to approve the Affiliation Agreement between Duquesne University and the Avella Area School District and LEA's, effective January 20, 2023 – July 31, 2028, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "D".

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. GG&C Bus/Van Driver List

Motion to approve the following to the GG&C Bus/Van Driver List for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of all required documentation.
Elizabeth Belfiore – Bus Driver
Gerald Bukowski – Van Driver
Nicholas Deutsch – Substitute Bus Driver
James Iams – Substitute Bus Driver
Harry Kelley – Bus Driver
George Weaver – Van Driver

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Resolution – Intermediate Unit I

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Intermediate Unit I General Operational Budget. Section 914-A(6)(1) Act 102 of 1970, requires that the Intermediate Unit Budget be approved by at least a majority of the school districts comprising the Intermediate Unit. Attachment Finance "A".

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

b. Washington County Tax Collection Committee

Motion to approve the Resolution of the Washington County Tax Collection Board of Delegates Amending the Bylaws to Authorize Voting of Delegates by Proxy Provided to the Executive Committee, per Attachment Finance "B".

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

c. Preliminary Budget 2023-2024

Motion to approve the preliminary budget in the amount of $12,555,094.00, for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and set the millage at 13.0742 mills, a 1.014 mill increase. Attachment Finance "C"

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

d. Act 1 – Referendum Exception

Motion to approve that the Administration be authorized and directed to timely apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for a referendum exception, in accordance with Act 1 for increases in special education expenditures.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Amy Rush, Full Time Aide – Rescission of Resignation

Motion to approve the rescission by Amy Rush of her resignation, as approved at the January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

b. Amy Rush, Aide – Leave Without Pay

Motion to approve Amy Rush's request for leave without pay, effective January 30, 2023 to the end of 2022-2023 school year.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

c. Lori Ragan – Family Medical Leave

Motion to approve Lori Ragan, Elementary School Secretary's request for an intermittent Family Medical Leave, effective January 26, 2023.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

d. Samantha Adams – Maternity Leave

Motion to approve Samantha Adams, JSHS Guidance Counselor's request for Maternity Leave starting April 3, 2023 until May 30, 2023.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

e. Meghan Cottle – Family Medical Leave

Motion to approve Meghan Cottle, Elementary Guidance Counselor's request for an intermittent Family Medical Leave, effective February 13, 2023.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

f. School Volunteer List

Motion to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2022-2023 school year:
Nadia Bongiorni
McKena Cowden
Michael Hixenbaugh
Brittany Lancaster
Kristi Rea
Samantha Shore

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

g. PSBA Policies

Motion to approve the adoption/revisions to the following policies, per Attachment Personnel & Policy Attachment "A".
201 Pupils – Admission of Students

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee meeting scheduled March 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: _____ Second: _____ ADJOURNMENT TIME: _____

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. Cunningham:	_____
	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____
	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____