AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

January 18, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M

VISITOR'S
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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

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 January Students of the Month:
Bryn Riley – Senior
Quinn Willyerd - 6th Grade Student

2. Board Members are recognized for volunteering their time for the betterment of public education in our community from the staff, students and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

3. PSSA Presentation

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 Board Minutes for the December 2022 Reorganization and Regular Board Meetings.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	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 Accounts Payable for December 2022 and January 2023 General Fund.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	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

Hopewell Township Board Member

a. The Board will interview interested candidates for the vacant Hopewell Township Board Member position.

b. _____, Hopewell Township Board Member

Motion to appoint _____ to the Hopewell Township Board Member position created by the resignation of Janet Miller, effective January 18, 2023 to December 6, 2023.

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

1. ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

a. Kathy Margaria – Ass't 7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach

Motion to approve Kathy Margaria to the position of Assistant 7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

b. Laura Lazzarotti – Head Varsity Softball Coach

Motion to approve Laura Lazzarotti to the position of Head Varsity Softball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

c. Amber Ripley – Ass't Varsity Softball Coach
Motion to approve Amber Ripley to the position of Assistant Varsity Softball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Comprehensive Planning Committee
Motion to approve:

The Board of School Directors appoints the following to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee:

Parents/Local Business Representatives/Community Representatives

Cyril Walther – Superintendent
Sheryl Wright-Brown - HS Principal
Carrie Graff - Elementary Principal
Dr. Anne Rose – Special Education
Greg Wargo – Tech Ed Specialist
Corey McConn – School Board Representative
Jim Gagich – School Board Representative
Jeff Devenney – School Board Representative
Emanuel Paris – Business Representative
Evelyn Breitigan - HS Teacher
Lynn Akins - HS Teacher
Clara Zatta - JH Teacher
Becky Fox - Elementary Teacher
Missy Dryer – HS Parent
Erika Minch – JH Parent
Amber Ripley – Elementary Parent
Leigh Stets – Community Representative
Cyril Walther – Student Representative

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

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Tax Assessment Appeal
Motion to authorize Peacock Keller, LLP, to enter their appearance and intervene in the tax assessment appeal Osvaldo Alvarado and Connie Alvarado v. Washington County Board of Assessment Appeals, et al., at Washington County Court of Common Pleas No. 2022-8148. (Finance "A")

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

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Kevin Painter – Part-Time JSHS Social Studies Teacher

Motion to approve hiring Kevin Painter to the position of long term substitute teacher for the part-time JSHS Social Studies Teacher position, effective January 5, 2023.

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

b. Clara Zatta – Family Medical Leave

Motion to approve Clara Zatta's request for Family Medical Leave, effective January 5, 2023.

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

c. Sarah Maidment – Part-Time JSHS Science Teacher

Motion to approve hiring Sarah Maidment to the position of long term substitute teacher for Clara Zatta's position during her Family Medical Leave.

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

d. Melody Singer – Human Resource Manager

Motion to approve hiring Melody Singer to the position of full time Human Resource Manager, effective April 18, 2023, with an annual salary of $40,000, prorated for the working period April 18th through June 30, 2023.

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

e. School Volunteer List

Motion to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2022-2023 school year:
Shelby Dupain
Kelley Fogg
Cara Henke
James Smith
Dawn Williams-Mount

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

f. Amy Rush, Full Time Aide - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Amy Rush, Aide (7 hours per day/180 days per year), effective January 27, 2023.

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

g. Posting – Full Time Aide

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for an Aide, 7 hours day/180 days per year, per PSEA/NEA Contract.

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

h. Substitute Support Personnel List

Motion to approve Amy Rush to the Substitute Support Personnel List for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

i. PSBA Policies

Motion to approve the adoption/revisions to the following policies recommended by PSBA, per Attachment Personnel & Policy Attachment "B".

PSBA News Network
000 Local Board Procedures – Principles for Governance & Leadership
610 Finances – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation

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	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____
			Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee meeting scheduled February 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: _____ Second: _____ ADJOURNMENT TIME: _____

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