AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

December 7, 2022

The Reorganization Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held in the Avella Jr. Sr. High School Library on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the Reorganization Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Suzanne Colilla per conference call, Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, Corey McConn, Emanuel Paris, Scott Willyerd
Absent: Melissa Dryer, James Gagich

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

OTHERS: Barbara Graham, District Solicitor

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations/Recognitions - None

Request to Speak at the Board Meeting - None

Visitor's Request to Speak on Agenda Items - None

B. REORGANIZATION

1. NOMINATIONS FOR TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to nominate Corey McConn as Temporary President for the purpose of reorganization.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

No other nominations were made for Temporary President.

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to close the nominations and appoint Mr. McConn as Temporary President.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. McConn takes the chair as Temporary President.

B. REORGANIZATION

2. NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD PRESIDENT

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to nominate Mr. Corey McConn as Board President.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

No other nominations were made for Board President.

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to close the nominations for Board President.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Devenney, to appoint Mr. Corey McConn as Board President.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Corey McConn takes over the chair as Board President.

3. NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to nominate Leslie Cunningham as Board Vice-President.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

No other nominations were made for Board Vice-President.

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. McConn, to close the nominations for Board Vice-President.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Mr. McConn, to appoint Leslie Cunningham as Board Vice-President.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

4. DISTRICT SOLICITOR

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve Barbara Graham, Law Offices of Peacock Keller, LLP, to continue as the District's Solicitor for the 2023 year, per attached proposal letter dated December 1, 2022. (Attachment "A")

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

B. REORGANIZATION

5. BOARD MEETINGS

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve a tentative list of the 2023 meeting dates with meeting times beginning at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are regular meetings. The committee meetings will be non-voting and meet as needed and advertised. (Attachment "B")

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

6. FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve permission for application to the Secretary of the Commonwealth to use facsimile signatures for the following bank accounts:

Cafeteria Fund Checks:	President and Secretary
General Fund Checks:	President, Treasurer and Secretary
Payroll Fund Checks:	Treasurer and Secretary

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

7. AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENTS

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the Officers of the Board to be authorized to draw orders for payrolls and for payments of bonds, interest, utilities and other pertinent bills as they come due.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

8. BOARD COMMITTEES

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Board Committee List for the 2023 year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary

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December 7, 2022

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held in the Avella Jr. Sr. High School Library on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m., following the Reorganization Meeting. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding personnel. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Suzanne Colilla per conference call, Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, Corey McConn, Emanuel Paris, Scott Willyerd
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A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations/Recognitions - None

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 November 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

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

Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the November and December 2022 General Fund.

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Colilla, to approve the Accounts Payable for the November and December 2022 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

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

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

a. Janet Miller, Hopewell Township - Resignation

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to accept the resignation of Janet Miller, Avella Area School District Hopewell Township Board Member, effective November 23, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

1. ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

a. Inventory Control

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve donating the old cheerleading pompoms to the little league cheerleaders, or disposing if they do not want.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center – No Report

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – No Report

B. NEW BUSINESS

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. AIU – Joint Purchasing Resolution
Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Joint Purchasing Resolution between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Avella Area School District for the 2023-2024 school year, per Attachment Finance "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. School Volunteer List
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2022-2023 school year:
Kara Elswick
Megan Hammond
Joshua Mace

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

b. Lauren Baker - FMLA
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve Lauren Baker's request for Family Medical Leave, effective November 29, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee meeting scheduled January 5, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

C. ADJOURNMENT
With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Colilla, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary