

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

July 15, 2020

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held at the Avella Area School District on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Ms. Leslie Cunningham, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:11 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: Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, Melissa Dryer, James Gagich, Corey McConn, Summer Miller, Emanuel Paris, Leslie Thames, Scott Willyerd

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Laura Shola, Business Manager
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSBS Principal
Zachary Zebrasky, Elementary Principal
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

1. The following parents requested to speak regarding the District's Health & Safety School Plan:

Amber Barker, 28 Liberty Street, Burgettstown, PA
Dan Davidson, 4 Charles Street, Burgettstown, PA
Amanda Greene, 228 Atlasburg Road, Avella, PA
Brenda Griffith, 24 Stolze Road, Burgettstown, PA
Jessica Kearns, 4610 Jefferson Avenue, Avella PA 15312
Jody Morgan, 81 Willow Road, Avella, PA

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

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

Board Members were furnished copies of the June 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the June 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames 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 June and July 2020 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. McConn, to approve the Accounts Payable for the June and July 2020 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames 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 – No Report

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE – No Report

3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

a. **Ms. Cunningham, Board President, reported Western Area Career & Technology Center is currently working on their Health & Safety Plan.**

b. **Mr. Walther, Superintendent, reported a meeting will be scheduled in July for the Comprehensive Planning Committee.**

c. IU 1 Educational Service Agreement

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. McConn, to approve the Educational Service Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Intermediate Unit 1, effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, per Attachment Curriculum "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

d. KeySolution Staffing, LLC – Special Education Consulting

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and KeySolution Staffing, LLC, to provide special education consulting for the 2020-2021 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "B".

B. NEW BUSINESS

3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

d. KeySolution Staffing, LLC – Special Education Consulting – Cont'd

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

e. KeySolution Staffing, LLC – Psychology Services

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and KeySolution Staffing, LLC, to provide psychology services for the 2020-2021 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "C".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

f. Madeline Ansell, Dual Enrollment Student

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Madeline Ansell as a Dual Enrollment Student for the 2020-2021 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

g. Seneca Valley School District – Cyber Services Agreement

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the Cyber Services Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Seneca Valley School District, per Attachment to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Lunch Prices

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve increasing the faculty breakfast/lunch prices by \$.20, effective 2020-2021 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

5. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. AEA - Tuition Students

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the following students to be enrolled as tuition students in the Avella Area School District for the 2020-2021 school year.

Cole Davidson – Grade 11

Claire Fedak – Grade 5

Logan Fedak – Grade 8

Ryan Fogg – Kindergarten

Rachel Lazzarotti – Grade 2

Alexis Minch – Grade 9

Kaitlyn Minch – Grade 6

Ashlyn Ripley McDougan – Grade 4

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Keith Shephard, School Police Officer

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the employment agreement between Keith Shephard, School Police Officer, and the Avella Area School District, per Attachment Personnel "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

b. School Volunteer List

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the School Volunteer List for the 2020-2021 school year, per Attachment Personnel "B" to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

c. Susan Temple - Retirement

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to accept Susan Temple, Custodian's request for retirement, effective June 30, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 9-0.

d. Administration Raises

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Administrative personnel raises as per contracts, effective July 1, 2020, listed on Attachment Personnel "C". Amounts have been budgeted and Performance Evaluations completed.

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

e. Non-Union Staff Raises

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve all non-union personnel raises, effective July 1, 2020, as per Attachment Personnel "D". Amounts have been budgeted and Performance Evaluations completed.

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

f. Kindergarten Position

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to create a full time Kindergarten position for the 2020-2021 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, and Leslie Thames said "aye". Mr. Gagich said "nay". Mr. Willyerd abstained. Motion carried 7-1-1.

B. NEW BUSINESS

6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

g. Kindergarten Position – Posting/Advertise

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to post (advertise if necessary) a full time Kindergarten position for the 2020-2021 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

7. POLICIES – No Report

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled August 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

b. Health & Safety School Plan

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Health & Safety School Plan for the 2020-2021 school year, per Attachment Safety “A” to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Leslie Thames said “aye”. Mr. Willyerd voted “nay”. Motion carried 7-1.

9. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Mr. McConn, Board Member, reported the Technology Committee discussed online learning programs and possible assistance from the townships regarding internet services.

10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – No Report

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris, Leslie Thames and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary