

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

July 27, 2020

A Special Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held at the Avella Area School District on Monday, July 27, 2020. Ms. Leslie Cunningham, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. 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, Scott Willyerd
Absent: Summer Miller, Emanuel Paris, Leslie Thames

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent
Laura Shola, Business Manager
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSBS Principal - Absent
Zachary Zebrasky, Elementary Principal
Debra L. Bentz, Board Secretary

OTHERS: Rachel Lozosky, 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. NEW BUSINESS

1. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

a. Avella Day Care & Learning Center

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to approve the Avella Day Care & Learning Center to build a new porch/entry area for taking temperatures, keeping book bags, etc. The Avella Day Care & Learning Center will pay for the permit and constructions costs.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Mr. Gagich abstained. Motion carried 5-0-1.

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. CURRICULUM

a. Emergency Instruction Time - Section 520.1

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. McConn, to approve the Emergency Instruction Time – Section 520.1 document, per Attachment Curriculum “A” to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

b. A discussion was held regarding the school calendar and possibly rescheduling the In-Service and Act 80 days to the beginning of the school year.

c. Student Discipline

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to readmit Student GF to the regular education program of the Avella Area School District, pending receipt of all required documents.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

3. FINANCE

a. Resolution – Waiver of Penalty on Real Estate Taxes

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Resolution regarding waiver of penalties on Real Estate Taxes, per Attachment Finance “A” to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

4. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Memorandum of Understanding – Elementary Teaching Positions

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. McConn, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Avella Area School District and the Avella Education Association, with respect to elementary teaching positions, per Attachment Negotiations “A” to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Mr. McConn said “nay”. Motion carried 5-1.

b. Part-Time Special Education Teaching Position

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to eliminate the part-time special education teaching position, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn and Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary