

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

October 21, 2020

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held at the Avella Area School District on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Ms. Leslie Cunningham, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Corey McConn, Summer Miller, Leslie Thames, Scott Willyerd
Absent: James Gagich, Emanuel Paris

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

1. The following students were recognized as the October Students of the Month:
Cassandra Maidment – Senior
Tristan Davis – 6th Grade Student

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 September 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Thames, to approve the September 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

2. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** **ATTACHMENT "B"**
Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the September and October 2020 General Fund.

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

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

3. **FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORTS** **ATTACHMENT "C"**
4. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** **ATTACHMENT "D"**

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- a. **2020-2021 School Year Coaches**
Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Miller, to approve/ratify the following coaches for the 2020-2021 school year, per AEA Contract:

Varsity Girls' Basketball

Mike Drazich – Head Coach

Kathleen Margaria – Assistant Coach

Varsity Boys' Basketball

Michael Maltory – Head Coach

Michael Macik – Assistant Coach

7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball

Michael Macik – Head Coach

Michael Maltory – Assistant Coach

Rifle

Jim Mounts – Head Rifle Coach

7th/8th Grade Girls' Volleyball

Dennis O'Neil – Head Coach

Joelle Cooper – Assistant Coach

Baseball

Jason Fogg, Head Coach

James Morris, Assistant Coach

Zachary Zebrasky, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a. 2020-2021 School Year Coaches - Continued

Softball

Jamie Scears, Head Coach

Robert Dittrich, Assistant Coach

Jamie Scears, 7th/8th Grade Head Coach

Robert Dittrich, 7th/8th Grade Assistant Coach

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

a. Football Boosters – DNT Fireworks

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the Football Boosters to arrange with DNT to provide fireworks after the football game on October 23, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

a. The Communications Committee Meeting held their first meeting on October 21, 2020.

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center – No Report

b. Victoria Vigliotti, Burgettstown Tuition Student

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve Victoria Vigliotti to enroll in the Avella Area School District's vocational agricultural course of study as a tuition student for the 2020-2021 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

**c. October 23, 2020
Senior Night Recognition – Pregame @ 6:15 p.m.
Homecoming – Half-Time**

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE – No Report

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Samantha Jacobs, Part-Time Special Education Teacher

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to ratify hiring Samantha Jacobs to the position of Part-Time Special Education Teacher, Step 1, per AEA Contract, effective September 29, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

b. Carly Franks, Long-Term Substitute Spanish Teacher

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Carly Franks as a Long-Term Substitute Spanish Teacher, effective date upon receipt of required employment documentation and clearances.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

c. Part-Time Cafeteria Position - Posting

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to ratify a posting for a part-time cafeteria position, 4 hours per day/180 days per year (Kelly Miller's position)

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

d. Kathleen Doak - Part-Time Cafeteria Position

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Kathleen Doak as a part-time cafeteria worker, 4 hours per day/180 days per year, effective October 13, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

e. Substitute Support Personnel List

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve Dana Dupain to the Substitute Support Personnel List for the 2020-2021 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

f. School Volunteer List

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2020-2021 school year:
Penny Bongiorni

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

g. Substitute Nurse Pay

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. McConn, to approve increasing the Substitute Nurse daily pay rate to \$165.00, effective October 19, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

8. POLICIES

a. PSBA Policies

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the adoption/revisions to the following policies recommended by PSBA, per Attachment Policies "A":

B. NEW BUSINESS

8. POLICIES

a. PSBA Policies - Continued

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113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities

113.2 Behavior Support

113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information

122 Extracurricular Activities

123 Interscholastic Athletics

123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. The Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled November 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Earl Neel, Network Technology Support Services Agreement

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. McConn, to ratify the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Earl Neel to contract network technology support services, effective September 17, 2020 – June 30, 2021, per Attachment Technology "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. GG&C Bus/Van Driver List

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Thames, to approve the following driver to the GG&C Bus/Van Driver List for the 2020-2021 school year.

Lori Shirley – Van Driver

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Ms. Thames and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary