AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

VISITOR'S
Regular Board Meeting

August 25, 2021

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER.....……..……Corey McConn, Board President
ROLL CALL...……..……..…….Debra Bentz, Board Secretary

Leslie Cunningham	_____	Corey McConn	_____
Jeffrey Devenney	_____	Janet Miller	_____
Melissa Dryer	_____	Emanuel Paris	_____
James Gagich	_____	Leslie Thames	_____
		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 - None

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 July 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

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

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

Board Members have been furnished copies of Accounts Payable for July and August 2021 General Fund.

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

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

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a. Football Volunteers

Motion to approve the following as volunteers for the football team for the 2021-2022 school year.
Charles Rush
Robert Johnson

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

b. Athletic Committee Meeting Update

2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

a. Discussion Item – Concrete Pad

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

4. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Special Education Services Agreement

Motion to approve the Special Education Services Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Forth Cherry School District for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Curriculum "A".

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

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Nicole Brown-Deer – Maternity Leave

Motion to approve Nicole Brown-Deer's maternity leave, effective August 23, 2021.

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

b. Natalie Frank, English Teacher - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Natalie Frank, English Teacher, effective August 17, 2021.

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

c. English Teacher - Posting

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a full time English Teacher.

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

d. Natalie Frank, Yearbook Sponsor - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Natalie Frank as Yearbook Sponsor, effective August 17, 2021.

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

e. Yearbook Sponsor - Posting

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a Yearbook Sponsor for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

f. Cheryl Rush, Winter Guard/Dance Line Instruction - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Cheryl Rush as the Winter Guard/ Dance Line Instructor for the 2021-2022 school year, effective immediately.

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

g. Winter Guard – Dance Line Instruction Posting

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a Winter Guard/Dance Line Instructor for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

h. Stacy Dalesio, Cafeteria Worker - Retirement

Motion to accept the retirement of Stacy Dalesio, Cafeteria Worker, effective August 13, 2021.

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

i. Jodi Cowden, Cafeteria Worker - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Jodi Cowden, Cafeteria Worker, effective August 13, 2021.

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

j. Loretta Whyte, Part-Time Elementary Aide

Motion to approve Loretta Whyte to the position of Elementary Aide, 5 hours per day/180 days per year, effective August 23, 2021, per PSEA/NEA Contract.

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

k. Part-Time Cafeteria Workers - Posting

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for 3 part-time cafeteria workers. (Positions of S. Dalesio, J. Cowden, L. Whyte)

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

l. School Volunteer List

Motion to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2021-2022 school year:
Nadia Bongiorni
Penny Bongiorni
LuAnn Craig
Matt Rado
Michelle Rankin
Melanie Beth Scott
Kristin Stephenson

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

m. Substitute Teacher List

Motion to approve the following to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2021-2022 school year:
David Niekum
Janice Riggle

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

n. Amy Rush, Aide – FMLA

Motion to approve Amy Rush's intermittent FMLA leave, effective August 2021.

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

8. POLICIES

a. Teachers' Handbook

Motion to approve the Teachers' Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Policies "A".

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

b. Student Handbooks

Motion to approve the Elementary Center and JSHS Student Handbooks for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Policies "B".

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

9. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled September 2, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Committee of the Whole Meeting Update

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. Jake Schneider, Inc. - Contract for School Pupils

Motion to approve the Contract for School Pupils between the Avella Area School District and Jake Schneider, Inc. for the 2021-2022 school year, per Attachment Transportation "A".

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

ADJOURNMENT

	Motion: _____	Second: _____	ADJOURNMENT TIME: _____			
	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
	Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Ms. Miller:	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Thames:	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____