

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2021

A Special Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held at the Avella Area School District on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:29 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, Janet Miller, Emanuel Paris (via phone), Scott Willyerd
Absent: 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. BUILDING & GROUND

- a. A discussion was held regarding PA American Water.**
- b. PA American Water School Board Committee**
Board members Corey McConn, Emanuel Paris and Scott Willyerd volunteered to be on the PA American Water School Board Committee.

2. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

- a. A discussion was held regarding the Moonshot Grant.**
- b. Moonshot Grant**
Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the application letter from the Avella Area School District Board members regarding the Moonshot Grant.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

3. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

- a. Separation Agreement and Release**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to accept the resignation for personal reasons of Susan Majestic-Frabel, elementary special education teacher, effective April 22, 2021, and to approve the attached Separation Agreement and Release related to said resignation, per Attachment Negotiations "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- a. Zachary Zebrasky, Elementary Principal**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to accept the resignation of Zachary Zebrasky as Elementary Principal, effective May 20, 2021, per Attachment Personnel "A".

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

- b. Elementary Principal - Advertisement**
Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve an advertisement for an Elementary Principal.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

- c. Elementary Guidance Counselor**
Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for an Elementary Guidance Counselor, due to the retirement of Yvonne Federouch.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS

d. Full Time JSHS Special Education Teacher

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a full time JSHS Special Education Teacher, due to the retirement of Dave Niekum.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

e. Full Time Elementary Special Education Teacher

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a full time Elementary Special Education Teacher.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

5. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Health & Safety Plan – Social Distancing

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the revisions to the District's Health and Safety Plan to follow the CDC's recommended guidance for social distancing.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Gagich, Mr. McConn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Paris and Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bentz
Board Secretary