

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

**VISITORS'
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

September 20, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

Phoebe Armstrong	_____	James Gagich	_____
Suzanne Colilla	_____	Corey McConn	_____
Leslie Cunningham	_____	Emanuel Paris	_____
Jeffrey Devenney	_____	Scott Willyerd	_____
Melissa Dryer	_____		

ADMINISTRATION

Cyril Walther, Superintendent
John Galvin, Business Manager
Heather Zalar, JSHS Principal
Carrie Graff, Elementary Principal
Debra Bentz, Board Secretary

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A warm welcome to our newest team member Gus (Meghan Cottle, Elementary Guidance Counselor's therapy dog)

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 the Board Minutes for the August 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

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

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

ATTACHMENT "B"

Board Members have been furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the August and September 2023 General Fund.

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

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORTS

ATTACHMENT "C"

4. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ATTACHMENT "D"

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

a. 7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coaches

Motion to approve the following 7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coaches for the 2023-2024 school year.

Brandon Miller – Head 7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach
Mike Macik – Assistant 7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach

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Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich: _____
Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd _____

b. Discussion Item – Seasonal Updates

c. Discussion Item – Partner with Fort Cherry for Girls' Wrestling Team

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to review the surveys.

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Title I Program Schoolwide Plan

Motion to approve the Title I Program Schoolwide Plan for the 2023-2024 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "A".

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

c. Title I Handbook

Motion to approve the Title I Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "B".

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

d. Title I Reading – Parent/Student/School Compact

Motion to approve the Title I Reading – Parent/Student/School Compact for the 2023-2024 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "C".

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

e. Outside In

Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Outside In for students requiring drug and alcohol treatment or rehabilitation services, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "D".

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

f. Homecoming Events

Oct 12 @ 6:30 p.m. Homecoming Parade followed by Bonfire
Oct 13 @ 6:30 p.m. Pregame including Alumni Marching Band
 @ 7:00 p.m. Kickoff
 @ Halftime Crowning
 @ After Game Halftime show including Alumni Marching Band
Oct 14 @ 7-10 p.m. Homecoming Dance

g. Steering Committee met on September 14, 2023. The Comprehensive Plan will be approved at the October 18, 2023 board meeting.

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. Waste Management Service Agreement

Motion to approve the Service Agreement with Waste Management effective September 11, 2023, per Attachment Facilities & Transportation "A".

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

b. GG&C Bus/Van Driver List

Motion to approve the following to the GG&C Bus/Van Driver List for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of all required documentation:

Linda Cumer – Van Driver

Letosha Lindley – Van Driver

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

c. Groundbreaking for waterline project - October 12, 2023 (tentative 11:00 a.m.)

d. Discussion Item: Possible Easement

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Discussion Item: Grants Oversight Committee

b. John Galvin, Business Manager–Wash Co Tax Collection Committee

Motion to approve John Galvin, Business Manager, as the Avella Area School District's delegate for the Washington County Tax Collection Committee, effective immediately.

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

c. ACCESS Services Agreement – IU 1 – Based Staff

Motion to approve the ACCESS Services Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Intermediate Unit 1, per Attachment Finance "A".

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

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. JUUL E-Cigarette Litigation – Settlement Agreement

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement with the final Defendants in the Juul e-cigarette litigation, per email Attachments from Frantz Law Group - Negotiations "A".

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

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Jamey Pryber, English Teacher

Motion to retroactively approve Jamey Pryber as a professional employee, effective August 21, 2023. (Documentation has been received from Baldwin-Whitehall School District)

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

b. Connor Ridge, Part-Time Social Studies Teacher

Motion to retroactively approve Connor Ridge to the position of Part-Time Social Studies Teacher, temporary professional employee, Step 1, per AEA Contract, effective August 21, 2023.

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

c. Jenna Craig, Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher

Motion to retroactively approve Jenna Craig to the position of part-time Elementary Art Teacher, temporary professional employee, Step 1, per AEA Contract, effective September 1, 2023.

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

d. Emily Jezowicz, Elementary Special Education Teacher

Motion to approve Emily Jezowicz to the position of Elementary Special Education Teacher, temporary professional employee, Step 1, per AEA Contract (waiting to receive effective date from the certificate issued from the Commonwealth of PA)

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

e. Jennifer Markle, Cafeteria Worker – Medical Leave

Motion to approve Jennifer Markle, Cafeteria Worker's medical leave, effective September 5, 2023.

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

f. Bonita Browne, Cafeteria Worker – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Bonita Browne, Cafeteria Worker, effective August 21, 2023. (Union waived posting of position)

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

g. Lisa Mayer, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Motion to retroactively approve Lisa Mayer as a part-time cafeteria worker, 4 hours per day/180 days per year, effective August 23, 2023.

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

h. Heather Scott, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Heather Scott, part-time cafeteria worker, effective September 11, 2023. (Union waived posting of position)

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

i. School Volunteer List

Motion to approve the updated School Volunteer List for the 2023-2024 school year, per Attachment Personnel & Policy "A".

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

j. MW Photography - Contract

Motion to approve a contract between MW Photography and the Avella Area School District, effective September 20, 2023 to June 30, 2025, per Attachment Personnel & Policy "B".

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

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee meeting scheduled October 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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