

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 18, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

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

1. The following students are recognized as the October Students of the Month:
Annemarie Kisner – Senior
Riley Hammond - 6th Grade Student

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 September 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 September and October 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

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Schedule Round Table Meeting with Teachers in November

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Southwood Psychiatric Hospital- Agreement

Motion to approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Southwood Psychiatric Hospital 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. The Bradley Center- Agreement

Motion to approve the Agreement between The Bradley Center and the Avella Area School District 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. Arc Human Services, Inc. - Independent Contractor Agreement

Motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Arc Human Services, Inc. and the Avella Area School District 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. Comprehensive Plan

Motion to approve the Avella Area School District's Comprehensive Plan, effective 2023-2026, 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. Induction Plan

Motion to approve the Avella Area School District's Induction Plan, effective 2023-2026, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "E".

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

g. Professional Development Plan

Motion to approve the Avella Area School District's Professional Development Plan, effective 2023-2026, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "F".

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

h. PA Youth Survey

Motion to approve the Avella Area School District to administer the PA Youth Survey to students in 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grades, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "G".

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

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. 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 requirement documentation.

Jordan Ike – Substitute Bus Driver

Alvin Kizer – Substitute Bus Driver

Alec Weber – Substitute Bus Driver

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

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Avella Parent Teacher Group – Student Activity Fund

Motion to approve the Parent Teacher Group to establish a Student Activity Account.

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

b. 2021-2022 Financial Statement Revision

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 financial statement revision, per Attachment Finance “A”. This revision is to satisfy the Maintenance of Fiscal Effort Other Expenditures and Exceptions Worksheet as required under IDEA-B (34 CFR 300.203) from the Department of Education Bureau of Special Education.

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

c. Discussion Item: USDA School Lunch Program

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Holl Photography - Contract

Motion to approve an Independent Contractor Agreement between Holl Photography and the Avella Area School District, effective October 10, 2023 to June 30, 2025, 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: _____

b. School Volunteer List

Motion to approve the updated School Volunteer List for the 2023-2024 school year, 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: _____

c. Faythe Mazza, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Motion to retroactively approve Faythe Mazza as a part-time cafeteria worker, 4 hours per day/180 days per year, effective October 16, 2023.

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

d. Alexander Light, Elementary Music Teacher Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Alexander Light as Elementary Music Teacher and Assistant Band Director, effective date TBD. (Posting has been waived)

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

e. Madeline Vaill, Elementary Music Teacher

Motion to approve hiring Madeline Vaill to the position of Elementary Music Teacher, temporary professional employee, Step1, per AEA Contract, effective date upon release from current District.

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

f. Madeline Vaill, Assistant Band Director

Motion to approve hiring Madeline Vaill to the position of Assistant Band Director, per AEA Contract, effective date upon release from current District.

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

g. Bruce Kidd, Maintenance Employee – Retirement

Motion to approve Bruce Kidd, Maintenance employee's request to change his retirement date from March 1, 2024 to April 15, 2024, with retirement benefits remaining unaffected.

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 November 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____	ADJOURNMENT TIME: _____
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Motion:	_____	Second:	_____	
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Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____	Mr. Gagich: _____
Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____	Mr. Willyerd _____