AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

January 17, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

VISITORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Phoebe Armstrong	_____	Corey McConn	_____
Suzanne Colilla	_____	Emanuel Paris	_____
Melissa Dryer	_____	Tia Shore	_____
James Gagich	_____	Scott Willyerd	_____
Terry Jacobs	_____		

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 January students of the month:
Cyril Walther – Senior
Aiden Debnar - 6th Grade Student

2. Board Members are recognized for volunteering their time for the betterment of public education in our community from the staff, students and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

3. The Circle of Excellence Award is presented to:
Evy Breitigan – Junior Senior High School
Leigh Stets – Elementary School

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 December 2023 Reorganization and Regular Board Meeting.

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

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

Board Members have been furnished copies of Accounts Payable for the December 2023 and January 2024 General Fund.

	Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Mr. Dryer :	_____
	Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. Jacobs:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore:	_____	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 Girls' Basketball Coaches

Motion to approve the following 7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coaches for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of employment documentation:
Bernadette O'Brien – Head Coach
Renee Warholak – Assistant Coach

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

b. Jamie Pryber – Musical Producer/Play Producer

Motion to approve Jamie Pryber as the Musical Producer/Play Producer for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

c. Virginia Beach, VA – Band Students and Cheerleaders

Motion to approve the band students and cheerleaders to travel to Virginia Beach, VA from May 1 - 4, 2025 through Choice Music Tours, per Attachment Athletics & Activities "A". Students are responsible for all costs.

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

d. Wildwood, NJ – Winter Guard Students

Motion to approve the Winter Guard students to travel to Wildwood, NJ from May 1 - 5, 2024 for the 2024 TIA Atlantic Coach Championships, per Attachment Athletics & Activities "B". Students are responsible for all costs.

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

e. Donkey Ball Entertainment – Basketball Contract

Motion to approve the Donkey Ball Entertainment Basketball Contract between Donkey Ball Entertainment and the Avella Area School District Band Boosters/Parent Teachers Group on March 14, 2024, per Attachment Athletics & Activities "C".

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

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Inventory Control

Motion to approve Greg Wargo, Network Administrator and Jesse Saunders, Business Education teacher's requests to discard outdated equipment, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "A".

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

c. My Options for College & Career Success/ACT

Motion to approve the Authorization Form for My Options for College & Career Success/ACT for the 2023-2024 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "B".

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

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. 1/17/24 @ 12:00 p.m. - Washington County LSA Board to discuss application

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Preliminary Budget 2024-2025

Motion to approve the preliminary budget in the amount of $13,522,292.00, for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and set the millage at 13.9894 mills, a .9152 mill increase. Attachment Finance "A"

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

b. Act 1 – Referendum Exception

Motion to approve that the Administration be authorized and directed to timely apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for a referendum exception, in accordance with Act 1 for increases in special education expenditures.

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

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. 1/18/24 @ 5:30 p.m. – Negotiations Committee Meeting

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Billy Bertovich, Part-Time Custodian - Retirement

Motion to accept the retirement of Billy Bertovich, part-time weekend custodian, effective June 2, 2024.

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

b. Part-Time Custodian – Posting/Advertisement

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a 16 hour weekend custodian.

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

c. School Volunteer List

Motion to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2023-2024 school year:
Jocilyn Dolan
Anastasia Paradise

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

d. Michelle Conner, Social Counselor - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Michelle Conner, Social Counselor's resignation, effective immediately.

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

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee meeting scheduled February 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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