

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

February 21, 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 February students of the month:
Alexis Minch – Senior
Hannah Elswick - 6th Grade Student

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING

1. Parents' request to speak regarding the varsity wrestling program.

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 January 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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 January and February 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. John Mylan, Assistant Baseball Coach

Motion to approve John Mylan as the Assistant Baseball Coach 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:	_____

b. Inventory Control - Outdated Girls' Basketball Uniforms

Motion to approve discarding the outdated girls' basketball uniforms.

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. Crazy Horse Coffee, LLC

Motion to approve the Purchase Agreement with Crazy Horse Coffee, LLC, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "A". (A donation has been received to cover the costs)

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

c. School Calendar 2024-2025

Motion to approve the Avella Area School District Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year, 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:	_____

d. Schedule Technology Committee Meeting in March

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. Discussion Items: LSA Grant for Water Project

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.
John Damian

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

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Schedule Finance Committee Meetings

b. Resolution – Intermediate Unit I

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Intermediate Unit I General Operational Budget. Section 914-A(6)(1) Act 102 of 1970, requires that the Intermediate Unit Budget be approved by at least a majority of the school districts comprising the Intermediate Unit. 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:	_____

c. Discussion Item: Independence Township Tax Collector

d. Independence Township Tax Collectors - Resignation

Motion to accept the following Independence Township Tax Collectors resignations, effective January 15, 2024:

- Thomas Simons, the elected real estate tax collector and local services tax collector
- Karen Simons, the deputy real estate tax collector and local services tax collector

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. Negotiations Committee Meetings are scheduled March 12 and March 21, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

- a. **Amy Hott, Elementary Learning Support Teacher – Maternity Leave**
Motion to approve Amy Hott, Elementary Learning Support Teacher's request for maternity leave, effective on or about April 16, 2024.

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

- b. **Amie Buel - Part-Time AP/Purchasing Specialist**
Motion to retroactively approve the hiring of Amie Buel as a part-time AP/Purchasing Specialist in the Central Administration Office, \$15 per hour, effective February 13, 2024.

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

- c. **Dana Davis – Central Office Manager/Board Secretary**
Motion to approve hiring Dana Davis to the position of full time Central Office Manager/Board Secretary, effective April 8, 2024, with starting salary of \$40,000, prorated for the working period April 8 through June 30, 2024.

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

- d. **School Volunteer List**
Motion to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of clearances:
Kendall Rush

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

- e. Mrs. Carrie Graff, Elementary Principal/Federal Programs Coordinator, reviewed Policy 918 - Title I Parent and Family Engagement, during a parent meeting held on August 14, 2023.

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

- a. **Safety Committee meeting scheduled March 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

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