AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

March 20, 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 March students of the month:
Ryan Shellenberger – Senior
Logan Gamrod - 6th Grade Student

2. The Circle of Excellence Awards are presented to:
Joelle Cooper – Junior Senior High School
Lori Ragan – Elementary School

3. Congratulations to the following wrestlers:
Isaiah Stokes finished 5th place at PA Junior Wrestling State Tournament
Abby Dolanch finished 6th place at PA State Tournament

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 February 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 February and March 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. Varsity Wrestling

Motion to reinstate the Varsity Wrestling Team for the 2024-2025 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. Girls' Varsity Wrestling Team

Motion to create a Girls' Varsity Wrestling Team for the 2024-2025 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. Varsity Wrestling Coaches – Posting

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for the following wrestling coaches for the 2024-2025 school year:
Varsity Wrestling Coach
Girls' Varsity Wrestling Coach

	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 – No Report

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Guidance Plan, Chapter 339

Motion to approve the Avella Area School District Guidance Plan, Chapter 339, 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. Occupational Advisory Committee Members

Motion to approve the Vocational Agriculture Occupational Advisory Committee members 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:	_____

d. Local Advisory Committee Members

Motion to approve the Vocational Agriculture Local Advisory Committee members for the 2023-2024 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "C".

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

e. Washington County Court of Common Pleas - MOU

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Avella Area School District and the Washington County Court of Common Pleas to have a Probation Officer be a team member of the SAP Team, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "D".

	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 – No Report

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Finance Committee Meetings are scheduled March 20, April 17, May 1, May 15 and June 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

b. Judy Magon, Independence Township Tax Collector

Motion to appoint Judy Magon to serve as the collector of the School District's real estate taxes in Independence Township, effective immediately, for the unexpired term of the elected real estate tax collector, i.e., through December 31, 2025.

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

c. Judy Magon, Independence Township Tax Collector

Motion to appoint Judy Magon to serve as the collector of the School District's local services taxes in Independence Township, effective immediately, for the unexpired term of the elected real estate tax collector, i.e., through December 31, 2025.

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

d. John Roadman, Deputy Tax Collector

Motion to appoint John Roadman as Deputy Tax Collector to collect real estate and local services taxes in Independence Township in the event of the incapacitation of the Tax Collector.

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

e. AIU – Joint Purchasing Resolution

Motion to approve the Joint Purchasing Resolution between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Avella Area School District for the 2024-2025 school year, per 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:	_____

f. Hickory Telephone Company – Internet Service Contract

Motion to approve the Application for Services between the Avella Area School District and the Hickory Telephone Company for telecommunications services, effective 7/1/24 – 6/30/26, per Attachment Finance "B".

	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 21, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. James Gatewood – Assistant Maintenance Employee

Motion to approve hiring James Gatewood to the position of full time Assistant Maintenance employee, effective April 15, 2024, with starting salary of $42,500.00, prorated for the working period April 15, 2024 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:	_____

b. School Volunteer List

Motion to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of clearances:
Mike Tasz

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

c. Substitute Nurse List

Motion to approve the following to the Substitute Nurse List for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of clearances:
Ashlie Cecchetti

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

d. Madeline Vaill - Resignation

Motion to approve the irrevocable resignation of Madeline Vaill contingent upon and effective as of the date of execution by Ms. Vaill and the Avella Area School District of a mutually acceptable resignation agreement. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to execute the resignation agreement.

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

e. Elementary Music Teacher - Posting

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for an Elementary Music Teacher.

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

f. IDEA Policies and Procedures

Motion to approve the Notice of Adoption of Approved LEA Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds form and Coordinated Early Intervention Services form from the Intermediate Unit 1, per Attachment Personnel and Policy “A”.

	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 April 4, 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:	_____