

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

**April 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/Dana Davis, Board Secretary

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. The following students are recognized as the April students of the month:
Kelly Doman - Senior
Anna Cecchini - 6th Grade Student

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING

1. Kara Ruffalo request to speak regarding dog training.

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 March 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. 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 March and April 2024 General Fund.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. 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. 2024-2025 School Year - JSHS Extra-Curricular Activities

Motion to approve the following to the JSHS Extra-Curricular Activities for the 2024-2025 school year, per AEA Contract:

- Nicholas Deutsch – Band Director
- Vacant– Assistant Band Director (Elem Music Teacher)
- Jesse Rhoades – Assistant Band Director (Drum Line)
- Cheryl Rush – Assistant Band Director (Color Guard)
- Jordan Chappel – Assistant Band Director (Other)
- Julianna Rush – Winter Guard Dance Line Instructor
- Cheryl Rush – Assistant Winter Guard Dance Line Instructor
- Nicholas Deutsch - Choral Director
- Vacant– Choral Director
- Jamie Pryber - Musical Producer/Play Producer
- Nicholas Deutsch – Senior Class Sponsor
- Samantha Jacobs – Junior Class Sponsor
- Joelle Cooper – Sophomore Class Sponsor
- Evelyn Breitigan – Freshman Class Sponsor
- Vacant – 7th/8th Grade Class Sponsor
- Carrie Struth – Student Council Sponsor
- Lynn Akins – National Honor Society Sponsor
- Joelle Cooper – Newspaper Sponsor
- Jamie Pryber – Yearbook Sponsor
- Erika Minch – SADD Sponsor
- Jessica Miller – Art Club Sponsor
- Evelyn Breitigan – Community Service Sponsor
- Evelyn Breitigan – Science Club
- Susan Kubacka – Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach
- Melody Singer – Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach
- JT Mylan – Weight Room Coordinator
- Kara Ruffalo – Vo-Ag Instructor
- Joelle Cooper/Zachary Franks - STEM Club

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

b. 7/8th Grade Class Sponsor

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a 7th/8th grade Class Sponsor.

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

c. 2024-2025 Varsity Cheerleading Handbook

Motion to approve the revisions to the Avella Varsity Cheerleading Handbook, effective 2024-2025 school year, per Attachment Athletic "A".

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____	
Roll Call: Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. 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. Bradley Center Agreement

Motion to approve the Agreement between the Bradley Center and Avella Area School District, effective 2024-2025 school year, per Attachment Curriculum and Technology "A".

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____	
Roll Call: Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. 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 April 17, May 1, May 15 and June 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Avella Area Education Association Contract

Motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Avella Area Education Association and Avella Area School District for the years beginning September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2029, per Attachment Negotiations "A".

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

b. Superintendent Evaluation Form – Revised

Motion to approve the revisions to the Superintendent's Evaluation Form, per Attachment Negotiations "B".

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

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Kathy Adams, JSHS Secretary – Retirement

Motion to accept the retirement of Kathy Adams, JSHS Secretary, effective June 30, 2025.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Armstrong:	_____	Ms. Colilla:	_____	Ms. 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:

Dean Casciola

Renee Bailey

Joseph Elswick

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

c. Substitute School Nurse

Motion to approve Ashley Lowe as a Substitute School Nurse for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee meeting scheduled May 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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