

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

**May 15, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

**VISITORS'
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Phoebe Armstrong Suzanne Colilla Melissa Dryer James Gagich Terry Jacobs	Corey McConn Emanuel Paris Tia Shore Scott Willyerd
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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 May students of the month:
Eric Evans- Senior
Caleb Amaismeier- 6th Grade Student
2. Circle of Excellence Awards are presented to:
Amy Rush - Jr. /Sr. High School
Tonia Miller - Elementary School
3. Congratulations to the Envirothon Team for winning the Washington County Competition. The following students placed:
 - Josh Lanch – 1st place, Current Events
 - Kamden Jeffers – 1st place, Forestry
 - Cyril Walther – 1st place, Aquatics
 - Connor Ruffalo – 2nd place, Wildlife
 - Blaine Mace – 3rd place, Soil
4. Scott Grant, Case|Sabatini, District Auditors, will present the Auditor's Report for the 2022-2023 year.

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING

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 April 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 April and May 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:

- Nick Deutsch – Pep Band
- Evy Breitigan – 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:	_____

b. 2024-2025 Athletic Coaches-Athletic Director

Motion to approve the following athletic director/athletic coaches for the 2024-2025 school year:

Athletic Director
Jason Fogg

FALL SPORTS

Cross Country
Laura Lazzarotti, Head Coach
Zachery Franks, Assistant Coach

Football - 7th/8th Grade
James Gatewood, Head Coach
Brad Rankin, Assistant Coach

Football - Varsity
Ryan Cecchini, Head Coach
Clinton Varner, Assistant Coach
JT Mylan, Assistant Coach

Golf – Varsity

Pete Dellovade, Head Coach
Larry Lis – Assistant Coach

Softball – 7th/8th Grade Junior Varsity

Jamie Scears, Head Coach
Kasey Scears, Assistant Coach

Tennis

Dan Davidson, Head Coach
Amy Hott, Assistant Coach

Volleyball

Matt Zalar, Head Coach
McKena Cowden, Assistant Coach

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball, Boys' Varsity

Michael Macik, Head Coach
Kevin Painter, Assistant Coach

Basketball – Girls' Varsity

Mike Drazich, Head Coach
Kathleen Margaria, Assistant Coach

Basketball – 7th/8th Grade Boys

Brandon Miller, Head Coach
Michael Macik, Assistant Coach

Rifle

Nikki Knopp, Head Rifle Coach
Branden Kosey, Assistant Coach

Volleyball – 7th/8th Grade Girls

Dana Gatewood, Head Coach
McKena Cowden, Assistant Coach

Wrestling – Varsity Boys

Vacant, Head Coach
Vacant, Assistant Coach

Wrestling – Varsity Girls

Vacant, Head Coach
Vacant, Assistant Coach

Wrestling – Jr. High

Travis Ware, Head Coach
Vacant, Assistant Coach

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball – Varsity

Jason Fogg, Head Coach
J.T. Mylan, Assistant Coach

Baseball – Junior Varsity

Zachery Franks, Head Coach

Basketball – 7th/8th Grade Girls
Bernadette O'Brien, Head Coach
Renee Warholak, Assistant Coach

Softball
Laura Lazzarotti, Head Coach
Dana Hammond, Assistant Coach

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

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Schedule Communications Committee Meeting

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Calendar Dates:

5/16 @ 6:00 p.m.	WACTC Certificate Ceremony Canon-McMillan Middle School
5/19 @ 7:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate, St. Michael's Church: St. Isadore the Farmer Parish
5/31 @ 7:00 p.m.	Commencement
6/3	Last Day of School for Underclassmen

c. PA Pre-K Counts

Motion to approve the Lease Agreement and Meal Service Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Blueprints Early Learning Head Start and Pre-K Counts, effective 2024-2025 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "A".

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

d. Center for Community Resources

Motion to approve the SAP Agreement between the Avella Area School District and the Center for Community Resources for the 2024-2025 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "B".

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

e. Student Discipline - DM

Motion to approve the Waiver of Informal Hearing and Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Student DM, and direct and authorize the Administration to implement it.

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

4. **FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

a. **Schedule Building & Grounds Walkthrough of Buildings**

5. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

a. **Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

b. **IU 1 Educational Service Agreement**

Motion to approve the IU 1 Educational Service Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Intermediate Unit 1, effective July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025, per Attachment Finance "A".

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

c. **Western Area Career & Technology Center**

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Western Area Career & Technology Center's proposed budget totaling \$6,245,470.00 per letter dated April 25, 2024 from Michael Milanovich, Executive Director of Vocational Education, per Attachment Finance "B".

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

d. **2024-2025 Proposed Budget**

Motion to approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$12,983,704.00, for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and set the millage at 13.9632 mills, a 0.889 mill increase. Attachment Finance "C".

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

e. **Health Insurance Consortium Trust-Dental Insurance**

Motion to approve the termination of the Intermediate Unit 1, Health Insurance Consortium Trust (Dental Insurance), effective June 30, 2024 upon conclusion of 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:	_____

6. **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report**

7. **PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE**

a. **John Galvan, Business Manager – Bond**

Motion to approve the renewal bond of John Galvin, Business Manager, setting bond at \$100,000, to begin July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, according to PA School Code Section 404.

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

b. Board Treasurer

Motion to appoint _____ as Board Treasurer for one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, according to PA School Code Section 404, setting bond at \$50,000.

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

c. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary – Retirement

Motion to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Debra Bentz from the position of Board Secretary, effective May 30, 2024.

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

d. Dana Davis, Board Secretary – June 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

Motion to appoint Dana Davis as Board Secretary to fill the vacancy in the position from June 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024.

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

e. Dana Davis, Board Secretary - 4 year term

Motion to appoint Dana Davis as Board Secretary for a term of 4 years beginning July 1, 2024.

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

f. Dana Davis, Board Secretary – Bond

Motion to approve the bond of Dana Davis, Board Secretary, setting bond at \$50,000, to begin June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 according to PA School Code Section 404.

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

g. Colleen Benard – Family Medical Leave

Motion to approve Colleen Benard, Elementary Learning Support Teacher's request for an intermittent Family Medical Leave, effective May 13, 2024.

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

h. School Volunteer List

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

Courtney Caldwell
Christy Byerly

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

i. Substitute Support Personnel List

Motion to ratify Stacey Hutchins to the Substitute Support Staff list for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

j. Nick Duetsch, JSHS Music Teacher

Motion to approve Nick Deutsch, JSHS Music Teacher, to receive an additional \$150 per day for covering the Elementary Music Teacher position during the 2023-2024 school year.

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

k. Chelsea Foster, LLC – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Chelsea Foster, School Based Therapist, effective June 4, 2024.

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

l. PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement

Motion to approve the PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement between the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and the Avella Area School District, effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, per Attachment Personnel & Policy “A”.

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

m. PSBA Policy 115 - Career and Technical Education

Motion to approve the revisions to Policy 115 – Career and Technical Education to include language regarding our district students’ admissions for vocational agriculture per attachment Personnel & Policy “B”.

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

n. Nova Care Agreement

Motion to approve the Athletic Training Services Agreement between NovaCare Rehabilitation Systems, Inc. and the Avella Area School District effective, August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025, per Attachment Personnel & Policy “C”.

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

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. Safety Committee meeting scheduled June 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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