

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

July 25, 2024

The Special Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held in the Avella Jr. Sr. High School Library on Thursday, July 25, 2024. Mr. Emanuel Paris, Board Vice-President called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. Mrs. Davis, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Phoebe Armstrong, Suzanne Colilla (by phone), Melissa Dryer, Terry Jacobs, Emanuel Paris, Tia Shore, Scott Willyerd
Absent: James Gagich

ADMINISTRATION: Cyril Walther, Superintendent
John Galvin, Business Manager
Heather Zalar, JSHS Principal- Absent
Carrie Graff, Elementary Principal – Absent
Dana Davis, Board Secretary

OTHERS: Rachel Lozosky, District Solicitor
Christian Sesek, Peacock & Keller Associate

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations/Recognitions

Request to Speak at the Board Meeting

Visitor's Request to Speak on Agenda Items – None

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

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

Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for June, July and August 2024 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. Willyerd, seconded by Ms. Dryer, to approve the Accounts Payable for the June, July and August General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Colilla, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Paris, Ms. Shore, Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 7-0

B. **NEW BUSINESS**

Cross Creek Township Board Member

a. **The Board interviewed interested candidates for the vacant Cross Creek Township Board Member position.**

- **Brian Jeffers**
- **Ryan Shore**
- **Beth Stefkovich Dunmore**

b. **Cross Creek Township Board Member**

Moved Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Paris, to appoint Beth Stefkovich Dunmore, effective immediately, to fill the remainder of the term of the vacant position on the Board of Directors of the Avella Area School District, such term to expire on Monday, December 1, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Colilla, Ms. Dryer, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Paris said "aye". Mr. Willyerd said, "nay". Ms. Shore abstained. Motion carried 5-1-1.

Melody Singer, Notary/HR Manager administered the Oath of Office to Beth Stefkovich Dunmore.

c. **President, Avella Area School District Board of Directors**

Moved by Terry Jacobs, seconded by Scott Willyerd, to appoint Emanuel Paris, effective immediately, as the President of the Avella Area School District Board of Directors, to fill the remainder of the term of the vacant position of President, to expire on Monday, December 2, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Colilla, Ms. Dryer, Ms. Dunmore, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Paris, Ms. Shore, Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0

d. **Vice President, Avella Area School District Board of Directors**

Moved by Terry Jacobs, seconded by Missy Dryer to appoint Scott Willyerd, effective immediately, as Vice President of the Avella Area School District Board of Directors, to fill the remainder of the term of the vacant position of Vice President, to expire on Monday, December 2, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Colilla, Ms. Dryer, Ms. Dunmore, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Paris, Ms. Shore, Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

a. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach – Head Coach

Moved by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve John Sargent as the Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach for the 2024-2025 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Colilla, Ms. Dryer, Ms. Dunmore, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Paris, Ms. Shore, Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0

b. Varsity Boys Wrestling – Head Coach

Moved by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve Aaron Margaria as the Varsity Boys Wrestling Head Coach for the 2024-2025 school year.

ROLL CALL: Moved by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve

c. Varsity Girls Wrestling – Head Coach

Moved by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve Myla Moore as the Varsity Girls Wrestling Head Coach for the 2024-2025 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Colilla, Ms. Dryer, Ms. Dunmore, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Paris, Ms. Shore, Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0

d. Jr. High Girls Softball – Head Coach

Moved by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve Dana Hammond as the Jr. High Girls Softball Head Coach for the 2024-2025 s
Moved by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Colilla, Ms. Dryer, Ms. Dunmore, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Paris, Ms. Shore, Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. School Volunteer List

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Willyerd to approve the School Volunteer List for the 2024-2025 school year, per Attachment Personnel & Policy “A”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Colilla, Ms. Dryer, Ms. Dunmore, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Paris, Ms. Shore, Mr. Willyerd said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0

C. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Willyerd seconded by Ms. Armstrong, to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Colilla, Ms. Dryer, Ms. Dunmore, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Paris, Ms. Shore, Mr. Willyerd said "aye". Motion carried 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Davis
Board Secretary