

AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

September 18, 2024
7:00 p.m.

VISITORS'
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Phoebe Armstrong		Tyler Jacobs	
Suzanne Colilla		Emanuel Paris	
Melissa Dryer		Tia Shore	
Beth Dunmore		Scott Willyerd	
James Gagich			

ADMINISTRATION

Cyril Walther, Superintendent
John Galvin, Business Manager
Heather Zalar, JSHS Principal
Carrie Graff, Elementary Principal
Dana Davis, Board Secretary

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. PSBA recognizes and presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Scott Willyerd, School Director, for his 5 years of school board service.
2. Congratulations to Avella High School for being selected as a T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights 5K Sweepstakes Winner
3. Congratulations to Tristan Davis on his 2nd place finish in the WPIAL 2A Individual Sectional Qualifier on Monday, September 16, 2024. He will advance onto Round 1 of the WPIAL 2A Individual Championships on Monday, September 23, 2024.

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 the Board Minutes for the August 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

ATTACHMENT "B"

Board Members have been furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the August and September 2024 General Fund.

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	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. Mike Macik, Assistant 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Mike Macik as Assistant 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 20, 2024.

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

b. Assistant 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Motion to approve C.J. Norman as the Assistant 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year.

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

c. Amy Hott, Assistant Varsity Tennis Coach – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Amy Hott as Assistant Varsity Tennis Coach, effective August 21, 2024.

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

d. Assistant Varsity Tennis Coach

Motion to ratify Jody Morgan as the Assistant Varsity Tennis Coach, effective August 24, 2024.

Roll Call:	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

e. Sophomore Class Sponsor

Motion to approve Christina Musser as the Sophomore Class Sponsor for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call:	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

f. Assistant Band Director (Other)

Motion to approve Julianne Rush as Assistant Band Director (Other) for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call:	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

g. Homecoming Events

Oct. 17 @ 6:30 p.m. Homecoming Parade followed by Bonfire
Oct. 18 @ 6:30 p.m. Pregame: Avella Marching Band
@ 7:00 p.m. Kickoff
@ Halftime Crowning
@ After Game Halftime show: Avella Marching Band
Oct. 19 @ 7:00 p.m. Homecoming Dance @ Railyard Shed

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Discussion Item: Teacher and Staff Survey resolutions-TIME

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career &Technology Center Update

b. Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission

Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. for SAP services for the 2024-2025 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "A".

Roll Call:	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

c. Keystone Education Consulting Group – Special Education Consulting

Motion to approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Keystone Educational Consulting Group, to provide special education consulting for the 2024-2025 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "B".

Roll Call:	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

d. Bradley Center Agreement

Motion to approve the added attachments F & G to the Agreement between Avella Area School District and the Bradley Center, originally board approved on April 17, 2024, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "C".

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

e. 2024-2025 School Calendar Revision

Motion to approve the following revisions to the school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "D".

- 2 hour early dismissal on _____
- 2 hour early dismissal on _____
- 2 hour early dismissal on _____
- The Act 80 Day on January 20 will become a NO SCHOOL Day.

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

f. Inventory Control – Library Books

Motion to approve District Librarian, Lynn Clarchick's request to discard damaged or uncirculated books, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "E".

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. New Construction – Western Area Career and Technical Center

Motion to authorize Michael Milanovich, Executive Director for the Western Area Career and Technology Center approving construction of new building to facilitate the Auto Mechanics and Diesel Technology programs.

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

b. Discussion Item: Use of School Parking Lot

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. ACCESS Services Agreement – IU 1 – Based Staff

Motion to approve the ACCESS Services Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Intermediate Unit 1, per attachment Finance "A".

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE AIDE POSITION

a. Part-Time Special Education Aide Position

Motion to create a part time (4 hour) Special Education Aide position and to authorize the administration to post the position, and if necessary to advertise.

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

b. Substitute Teacher

Motion to ratify Geanna Samol as a Substitute Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, effective September 6, 2024.

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

c. Homebound Instruction (12th Grade Student) Posting

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a Homebound Instructor for a 12th grade student.

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

d. Homebound Instruction (8th Grade Student) Posting

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a Homebound Instructor for an 8th grade student.

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

e. Substitute Cafeteria Employee

Motion to approve Hannah Mull as a Substitute Cafeteria Employee for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of clearances and required employment documentation.

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Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

f. Matter of Record

Motion to approve and make a matter of record the fact that Genia Mundorff's separation from employment with the Avella Area School District, as approved by the Board at the June 19, 2024 Regular Board meeting, is in the nature of a retirement and not a resignation.

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Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

g. Volunteer List

Motion to approve the updated School Volunteer List for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment Personnel & Policy "A".

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
Roll Call:	Ms. Armstrong	_____	Ms. Colilla	_____	Ms. Dryer	_____
	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

e. First Reading of Policy 329 Hiring for Professional Positions – Attachment Personnel & Policy Attachment "B".

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	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled October 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____	ADJOURNMENT TIME:	_____
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	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs	_____
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____