

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

October 16, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

**VISITORS'
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Phoebe Armstrong	_____	Terry 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. The following students are recognized as the October Students of the Month:
Meredith Bongiorno – Senior
Kayson Leech – 6th Grade Student

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 September 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 September and October 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. Rescind Motion – Curtis. J Norman, Assistant 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Motion approve rescinding the following motion board approved on September 18, 2024.

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Jacobs to approve Curtis J. Norman as the Assistant 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year.

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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 Thomas Smith as Assistant 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of clearances and all required employment documentation.

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

d. Wildwood, NJ – Winter Guard Students

Motion to approve the Winter Guard students to travel to Wildwood, NJ from April 30 – May 5, 2024 for the 2025 TIA Atlantic Coach Championships, per Attachment Athletics & Activities "A". Students are responsible for all costs.

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

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- a. A Round Table Meeting with Teachers is scheduled for _____.

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

- b. Western Area Career & Technology Shared Services Agreement

Motion to approve the Shared Services Agreement for Guidance Counselor Services between the Western Area Career & Technology Center and the Avella Area School District, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "A".

	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

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

- a. Meghan Cottle, Elementary Guidance Counselor - Resignation

Motion to retroactively accept the resignation of Meghan Cottle, Elementary Guidance Counselor effective August 13, 2024 (posting was waved by AEA).

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

- b. Marissa Bourg, Elementary Guidance Counselor

Motion to approve hiring Marissa Bourg to the position of Elementary Guidance Counselor, temporary professional employee, Step 1, per AEA Contract, anticipated start date of November 4, 2024.

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

- c. Gregory Curtain, Reading Specialist Substitute

Motion to approve hiring Gregory Curtain to the position of Reading Specialist Substitute for Sarah Hill's position during her parental leave.

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

d. Substitute Teacher List

Motion to approve the following to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of clearances and required employment documentation.

- Jameson Murray
- Gregory Curtain

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

e. Christy Byerly, Behavior Specialist Services

Motion to retain Christy Byerly to provide Behavior Specialist Services to the Avella Area School District in accordance with the terms of the Independent Contractor Agreement, effective October 16, 2024 – June 30, 2025, per Attachment Personnel & Policy “A”.

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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. Part-Time Special Education Aide Position

Motion to approve Jennifer Markle as a part-time, 4 hour (11am-3pm) Special Education Aide, effective October 21, 2024.

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

g. Substitute Support Personnel List

Motion to approve Faythe Mazza to the Substitute Support Personnel List as an Aide 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	_____

h. Homebound Instruction (12th Grade Student) Posting

Motion to approve Darren Shaffer as the 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	_____

i. Homebound Instruction (8th Grade Student) Posting

Motion to approve Laura Lazzarotti as the 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	_____

j. Volunteer List

Motion to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2024-2025 school year.

Dawn Brownlee
Christy Byerly
Courtney Caldwell
Ashley Caltumo
John Caltumo
Christine Couch
Mark Edward Craig
Ashley Cummins
Jordan Debnar
Chelsea Foster
Shea Georgetti
Reyne Georgetti
Katie Leeper
Jared Magon

Marybeth Monseau
Bernadette O'Brien
Alex Ramsey
Lana Ramsey
Heather Scott
Stephanie Staples
Ivan Ullom III
David Vandegraft
Rachel Vandegraft
Valerie Varner
Megan Waddell
Renee Warholak
Hanna Welch

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

k. Policy 329 Hiring for Professional Positions

Motion to approve the adoption of Policy 329 – Hiring for Professional Positions, per Attachment Personnel & Policy “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 November 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____	ADJOURNMENT
					TIME: _____

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