AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

December 4, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

VISITOR'S
REORGANIZATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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

ADMNISTRATION
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 - None

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING – None

VISITORS REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM – None

B. REORGANIZATION

1. NOMINATIONS FOR TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

Motion to nominate _____ as Temporary President for the purpose of the reorganization.

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

Motion to close the nomination for Temporary President.

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

Temporary President takes the chair.

2. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Motion to nominate _____ as Board President.

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

Motion to nominate _____ as Board President.

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

Motion to close the nominations for Board President.

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

Motion to appoint _____ as Board President.

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

_____ takes over the chair as Board President.

3. NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Motion to nominate _____ as Board Vice-President.

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

Motion to nominate _____ as Board Vice-President.

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

Motion to close the nominations for Board Vice-President.

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

Motion to appoint _____ as Board Vice-President.

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

4. DISTRICT SOLICITOR

Motion to approve Rachel Lozosky, Law Offices of Peacock Keller, LLP to continue as the District's Solicitor for the 2025 year. Per attached proposal letter dated _____. (Attachment "A")

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

5. BOARD MEETINGS

Motion to approve a tentative list of the 2025 meeting dates with meeting times beginning at 7:00 pm. All meetings are regular meetings, with the exception of the Reorganization meeting in December. The committee meetings will be non-voting and meet as needed and advertised. (Attachment "B")

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

6. FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

Motion to approve permission for application to the Secretary of the Commonwealth to use facsimile signatures for the following bank accounts:

Cafeteria Fund Checks: President and Secretary
General Fund Checks: President, Treasurer and Secretary
Payroll Fund Checks: Treasurer and Secretary

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

7. AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENTS

Motion to approve the Officers of the Board to be authorized to draw orders for payrolls and for future payments of bonds, interest, utilities and other pertinent bills as they come due.

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

8. BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board President will ask the board members which committees they would like to serve on. Committees are to be evenly distributed. (Attachment "C")

Motion to approve the Board Committee List for the 2025 year.

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

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	_____

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PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - None

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING – None

VISITORS REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM – None

GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ***ATTACHMENT "A"***

Board Members have been furnished copies of the Board Minutes for the November 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 November and December 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. Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Oliva Scott as Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach effective, November 13, 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 Girls Volleyball Coach

Motion to approve Allie Brownlee as Assistant 7th/8th grade Girls Volleyball Coach, for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of clearances and 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	_____

c. JSHS Yearbook Advisor – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Jamey Pryber as JSHS Yearbook Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year, effective January 7, 2025.

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

d. JSHS Yearbook Advisor – Posting

Motion to approve the posting for a JSHS Yearbook Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year (advertisement if necessary).

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

e. JSHS Play Producer – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Jamey Pryber as JSHS Play Producer for the 2024-2025 school year, effective January 7, 2025.

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

f. JSHS Play Producer – Posting

Motion to approve the posting for a JSHS Play producer for the 2024-2025 school year (advertisement if necessary).

	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

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career &Technology Center Update

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. AMCA Systems, LLC

Motion to approve the AMCA TaxTrack Software License Agreement between the Avella Area School District and AMCA Systems, LLC, 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

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Status Update of Newly Hired Employees

- Marissa Bourg, Elementary Guidance Counselor’s first day is 10/28/24
- Christy Byerly, Behavioral Specialist’s first day is 11/01/24

b. Kasey Scears, JSHS Guidance Counselor

Motion to approve hiring Kasey Scears to the position of JSHS Guidance Counselor, full-time temporary professional employee, Step 1, per AEA Contract, (pending completion of required coursework/certification) effective upon release from current school district.

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

c. Jamey Pryber, JSHS English Teacher – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Jamey Pryber, JSHS English Teacher, effective January 7, 2025.

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

d. JSHS English Teacher – Posting/Advertisement

Motion to post (advertisement if necessary) for a JSHS English Teacher.

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

e. Rescind Motion – Lisa Conn Retirement

Motion to approve rescinding the following motion board approved August 7, 2024:

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Willyerd, to accept the retirement of Lisa Conn, effective June 3, 2025.

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

f. Sarah Hill, Family Medical Leave Act

Motion to accept Sarah Hill, Elementary Title I Teacher's request for Family Medical Leave (maternity leave) effective upon delivery until February 26, 2025.

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

g. Ralph Bradbury, Family Medical Leave Act

Motion to accept Ralph Bradbury, Custodian's request for Family Medical Leave, effective December 16, 2024 - return upon release from doctor, not to exceed twelve weeks.

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

h. Substitute Cafeteria List

Motion to approve Nancy Stefkovich to the Substitute Cafeteria List, pending receipt of updated clearances.

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

i. School Volunteer List

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

- Joyce Downey
- Kim Spencer

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

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled December 5, 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	_____