AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

January 15, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

VISITOR'S
REGULAR 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

1. The following students are recognized as the November Students of the Month:
   Rylei Ross – Senior
   Connor Conley – 6th Grade Student

2. The Circle of Excellence Award is presented to:
   Jamie Scears – Junior-Senior High School
   Jenna Craig – Elementary School

3. Board Members are recognized for volunteering their time for the betterment of public education in our community from the staff, students and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

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 December 2024 Reorganization and Regular Board Meetings.

	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 December 2024 and January 2025 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. Dana Hammond, Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Motion to approve Dana Hammond as the Assistant Varsity Girls 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	_____

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

4. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career &Technology Center Update

b. Student Enrollment – DM

Motion to approve the re-enrollment of DM as a 10th grade student 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. Washington & Jefferson College Field Experience Agreement

Motion to approve the Field Experience Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Washington & Jefferson College, per Attachment Curriculum "A".

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

d. Jerryd Shumaker, Washington & Jefferson Agreement

Motion to approve Jerryd Shumaker, Washington & Jefferson College Student Teacher, to be placed in the Special Education Department for 40 hours, effective January 15, 2025.

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

5. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. Pennsylvania American Water Company Deed of Easement and Right of Way

Motion to approve the Indenture between the Avella Area School District and Pennsylvania American Water Company, granting Deed of Easement and Right of Way, effective January 15, 2025, per Attachment Facilities & Transportation "A".

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

b. Pennsylvania American Water Company Damage Agreement

Motion to approve the Damage Agreement between Avella Area School District and Pennsylvania American Water Company, effective January 15, 2025, per Attachment Facilities & Transportation "B".

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

c. West Penn Power Easement

Motion to approve the easement between Avella Area School District and West Penn Power, effective January 15, 2025, per Attachment Facilities & Transportation "C".

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

d. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Consent of Fee Driveway Permit

Motion to approve the consent of the application for highway occupancy permit to construct a driveway, per Attachment Facilities & Transportation "D".

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

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Taylor Boarts, Part-Time Social Studies Teacher

Motion to ratify Taylor Boarts to the position of Part-Time Social Studies Teacher, temporary professional employee, Step 1, per AEA Contract, effective January 9, 2025.

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

b. Gregory Curtain, English Teacher

Motion to approve Gregory Curtain to the position of English Teacher, temporary professional employee, Step 1, per AEA Contract, effective January 21, 2025.

	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, Yearbook Sponsor

Motion to approve Gregory Curtain to the position of Yearbook Sponsor, effective January 21, 2025.

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

d. Substitute Support Staff – Cafeteria

Motion to ratify the following to the Substitute Support Staff (Cafeteria) list for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Alexis Redd

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

e. Marcie Campbell – Part-Time Cafeteria Employee

Motion to ratify Marcie Campbell as a part-time cafeteria employee, 5 hours per day/180 days per year, effective January 8, 2025.

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

f. Marcie Campbell – Part Time Cafeteria Employee – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Marcie Campbell, part-time cafeteria employee, effective January 9, 2025.

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

g. Posting – Part Time Cafeteria Employee

Motion to approve a posting for a part-time cafeteria employee, 5 hours per day/180 days per year (Marcie Campbell's positon).

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

h. Faythe Mazza, Part-Time Cafeteria Employee– Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Faythe Mazza, part time Cafeteria Employee, effective January 8, 2025.

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

i. Posting – Part-Time Cafeteria Employee

Motion to ratify a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a part-time cafeteria employee 5 hours per day/180 days per year (Valerie Champion's position).

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

j. Valerie Champion – Part Time Cafeteria Employee

Motion to move Valerie Champion into the 5.5 hour per day/180 days per year position (due to resignation of Faythe Mazza) based on seniority, effective January 9, 2025.

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

k. Lori Ragan – Family Medical Leave

Motion to approve Lori Ragan, Elementary School Secretary's request for Family Medical Leave, effective January 6, 2025, 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	_____

l. Jessica Miller – Family Medical Leave

Motion to approve Jessica Miller, Secondary Art Teacher's request for an intermittent Family Medical Leave, effective January 15, 2025.

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

m. Substitute Teacher List

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

- Sidney Zelenko
- Stephanie Gordon Golembiewski

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

n. Substitute Support Staff List – Secretarial

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

- Stephanie Gordon Golembiewski

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

o. School Volunteer List

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

- Pamela Brown

	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 for February 6, 2025 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	_____