

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

February 19, 2025 @ 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 February Students of the Month:
Jason Stough – Senior
Adalyn Debnar – 6th Grade Student
2. Ava Frank is recognized and congratulated for being only the fifth female in Avella's basketball history to reach the 1,000-point milestone.
3. Congratulations to the Varsity Boys Wrestling Team on making it to the second round of WPIAL 2A Team Playoffs.
4. Sophomore Abigail Dolanch makes history as Avella's first WPIAL Girls' Wrestling Champion, winning the 142 gold at the 2025 WPIAL Girls' Individual Championships and Sophomore Virginia Smith (170) finished 2nd in her weight class. Both girls advance to compete at the PIAA West Regional at North Allegheny High School on March 1, 2025.
5. Seven of the Varsity Boys' Wrestling Team placed in the top eight at the WPIAL Section Tournament. Freshman, Jace Lloyd (107) with a 3rd place finish; Senior, Drake Buzzard (121), Sophomore, Adam Ware (127), Sophomore, Chas Rush (160), and Sophomore, Brayden Bedillion (189) each with a 4th place finish; Freshman Dustin Mace (114), and Sophomore, Mark Adkins (145) with a 6th place finish. They will each compete at the WPIAL 2A Boys' Wrestling Individual Championships @ Chartiers Valley HS, February 21 & 22, 2025.

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 January 2025 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 January 2025 and February 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"

5. BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

The April Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, due to 16th falling on a Built-In Snow/No School Day.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

a. Kara Ruffalo – Musical Producer/Play Producer

Motion to approve Kara Ruffalo as the Musical Producer/Play Producer 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

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. IU1 AEDY Educational Services Agreement

Motion to approve the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) Educational Services Agreement between the Avella Areas School District and Intermediate Unit 1, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, per Attachment Curriculum and Technology "A".

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

c. School Calendar 2025-2026

Motion to approve the Avella Area School District Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "B".

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

Motion to ratify the Indenture between the Avella Area School District and Pennsylvania American Water Company, granting Deed of Easement and Right of Way, effective January 22, 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 ratify the Damage Agreement between Avella Area School District and Pennsylvania American Water Company, effective January 22, 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 ratify the easement between Avella Area School District and West Penn Power, effective January 22, 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 ratify 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

a. Schedule Finance Committee Meetings

b. Resolution – Intermediate Unit 1

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Intermediate Unit 1 Operational Budget. Section 914-A(6)(1) Act 102 of 1970, requires that the Intermediate Unit Budget be approved by at least a majority of the school districts comprising of the Intermediate Unit. Attachment Finance "A".

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

c. Tax Assessment Appeal Settlement

Motion to authorize Peacock Keller, LLP, to enter into a stipulation to settle the tax assessment appeal Osvaldo Alvarado and Connie Alvarado v. Washington County Board of Assessment Appeals, et al., at Washington County Court of Common Pleas No. 2022-8148, per Attachment Finance "B".

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

d. Substitute Support Personnel Rate

Motion to increase the substitute support personnel rate from \$12.50 to \$_____ per hour, effective February 20, 2025.

Roll Call:	MOTION:		SECOND:			
	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. Melody Paris, Human Resources Manager

Motion to approve the Contract of Employment of Melody Paris, Human Resources Manager, effective April 18, 2023, Per Attachment Personnel & Policy "A".

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

b. Dana Davis, Central Office Manager/Board Secretary

Motion to approve the Contract of Employment of Dana Davis, Central Office Manager/Board Secretary, effective April 8, 2024, Per Attachment Personnel & Policy "B".

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

c. Genia Mundorff, Substitute Support Staff - Cafeteria

Motion to ratify Genia Mundorff to be added to the Substitute Support Staff List – Cafeteria, effective February 3, 2025.

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

d. Substitute Support Staff – Custodial

Motion to ratify the following to the Substitute Support Staff – Custodial List, for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Ashley Fedak (District Employee) – effective January 19, 2025

- Susan Kubacka (District Employee) – effective February 5, 2025
- Raymond Ruffalo – effective February 7, 2025
- Nicholas Brennan – effective February 19, 2025

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

e. Connor Ridge – Part Time Social Studies Teacher

Motion to accept the resignation of Connor Ridge, part-time Social Studies Teacher's, effective last day of employment, December 20, 2024.

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

f. Taylor Boarts, Substitute Teacher List

Motion to ratify Taylor Boarts, part-time Social Studies Teacher, to be added to the Substitute Teacher List, effective January 9, 2025.

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

g. School Volunteer List 2024-2025

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

- Corrie Warner

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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