AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

March 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	_____		

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 March Students of the Month:
   Dillan Pfeifer – Senior
   Roman Downey – 6th Grade Student

2. The Circle of Excellence Award is presented to:
   Kathy Adams – Junior-Senior High School
   Lauren Baker - Elementary School

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 February 2025 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 February 2025 and March 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. An Athletic Committee meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

b. Inventory Control – Baseball Uniforms

Motion to approve discarding all outdated baseball uniforms.

	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. Success For All (SFA) Reading Curriculum

Motion to approve the purchase agreement of Success for All (SFA) Elementary Reading Curriculum, 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. Center for Community Resources

Motion to approve the Student Assistance Program Agreement between Center for Community Resources and Avella School District 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	_____

d. Student Discipline – JD

Motion to approve the Waiver of a Formal Hearing and Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Student JD, and direct and authorize the Administration to implement it.

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

e. Chromebook Procedures and Information Update

Motion to approve the updates made to the Chromebook Procedures and Information packet to reflect updated pricing and insurance information, 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	_____

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Finance Committee Meetings are scheduled for March 19, 2025 at 5:30 and April 23 and May 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

b. AIU Joint Purchasing Resolution

Motion to approve the Joint Purchasing Resolution between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Avella Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year, 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

a. Mr. Cyril Walther – District Superintendent

Motion to approve the Agreement for Employment of Superintendent between Mr. Cyril Walther and the Avella Area School District for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2025 and continuing though June 30, 2028, in accordance with the terms of the mutually acceptable Employment Agreement, per attachment Negotiation "A".

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

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Amy Rush, Family Medical Leave Act

Motion to accept Amy Rush, Full-Time Aide's request for Intermittent Family Medical Leave.

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

b. Statement of Charges – Tristan Brown

Motion to approve the Statement of Charges and terminate the employment of Tristan Brown, cafeteria employee, effective immediately.

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

c. Posting – Part-Time Cafeteria Employee

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a part-time cafeteria employee, 5.5 hours per day/180 days per year.

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

d. Posting – Full-Time JSHS Secretary

Motion to approve the posting (advertisement if necessary) for a full-time JSHS Secretary, 8 hours per day/260 days per year due to the retirement of Kathy Adams.

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

e. Posting – Homebound Instructor (7th grade student)

Motion to ratify the posting (advertisement if necessary) for a Wilson-Intensive Certified Homebound Instructor for a 7th grade student.

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

f. Renew Motion: Policy 329 Hiring for Professional Positions

Motion to renew the motion made at the November 13, 2024 regular meeting to approve the adoption of Policy 329 – Hiring for Professional Positions, per the Attachment to the November Agenda identified as Personnel & Policy "B".

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

g. Policy 329 Hiring for Professional Positions

Motion to approve the adoption of Policy 329 – Hiring for Professional Positions, 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	_____

h. Policy 916 – Volunteers

Motion to approve the revision to the Policy 916 – Volunteers, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "B".

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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, pending receipt of clearances.

- Phoebe Armstrong
- Elizabeth Wells

	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 April 3, 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	_____