

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

April 23, 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 April Students of the Month:
Mariah Stritzinger – Senior
Destiny Dupain – 6th Grade Student
2. Congratulations to Mrs. Jastrzebski's 5th and 6th grade ELA students. Every Avella student who participated in a writing contest through Young Writers were chosen to be published authors in a book called "Scary Tales".

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING –

Parent request to speak regarding video shown as part of Health Curriculum.
Amber Davis, 83 County Park Road, Avella PA

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 March 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 March and April 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 LOCATION CHANGE

The May School Board Meeting will be held at Western Area Career & Technical Center, 688 Western Avenue, Canonsburg, PA 15317, on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

a. 2025-2026 School Year – JSHS Extra-Curricular Activities

Motion to approve the following to the JSHS Extracurricular Activities for the 2025-2026 school year, per AEA Contract:

- Noah Kilgus – Band Director
- Amanda Kolson – Assistant Band Director (Elementary Music Teacher)
- Dexter Greene – Assistant Band Director (Drum Line)
- Cheryl Rush – Assistant Band Director (Color Guard)
- Julianne Rush – Assistant Band Director (Other)
- Noah Kilgus – Pep Band
- Julianne Rush – Winterguard Dance Line
- Cheryl Rush – Winterguard Dance Line Assistant
- Noah Kilgus – Choral Director
- VACANT – Musical Producer/Play Producer
- Joelle Cooper – Senior Class Manager
- Samantha Jacobs – Junior Class Sponsor
- Christina Musser – Sophomore Class Sponsor
- Jamie Scaers – Freshman Class Sponsor
- VACANT – 7/8 Grade Combined Class Sponsor
- Carrie Struth – Student Council
- Lynn Akins – National Honor Society
- Christina Musser – Newspaper
- Gregory Curtin – Yearbook
- Jessica Miller – Art Club
- VACANT – Community Service Club
- Erika Minch – SADD Club
- VACANT – Science Club
- Joelle Cooper/Zachary Franks – STEM Club
- VACANT – Cheerleading Varsity Head Summer/Football
- VACANT – Cheerleading Varsity Head Basketball/Wrestling

- VACANT – Cheerleading Varsity Assistant Summer/Football
- VACANT – Cheerleading Varsity Assistant Basketball/Wresting
- JT Mylan – Weight Room Coordinator After School
- JT Mylan – Weight Room Coordinator Evening
- Kara Ruffalo – Vo-Ag Instructor

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

b. Jr. High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach – Resignation

Motion to ratify the resignation of Thomas Smith as Jr. High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, effective January 16, 2025.

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

c. Jr. High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach – Jason Fogg

Motion to ratify Jason Fogg as the Jr. High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, effective January 16, 2025.

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

d. Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Susan Kubacka as Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach effective the end of the 2024-2025 season.

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

e. Posting – Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach

Motion to approve the posting for the Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach position for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

f. Sarah Maidment – Freshman Class Sponsor Resignation

Motion to retroactively approve the resignation of Sarah Maidment as Freshman Class Sponsor 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 _____

g. Jamie Scears – Freshman Class Sponsor (2024-2025)

Motion to retroactively approve Jamie Scears as the Freshman Class Sponsor 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. Evelyn Breitigan – JSHS Extracurricular Activities Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Evelyn Breitigan from the following JSHS Extracurricular Activities, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

- Community Service Club
- Science Club
- 7/8 Grade Combined Class Sponsor

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

i. Posting – JSHS Extracurricular Activities

Motion to approve the posting for the following Extracurricular Activities for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Community Service Club
- Science Club
- 7/8 Grade Combined Class Sponsor

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

j. Musical Producer/Play Producer – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Kara Ruffalo as Musical Producer/Play Producer, effective the end of 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	_____

k. Posting – Musical Producer/Play Producer

Motion to approve the posting for JSHS Musical Producer/Play Producer for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Parent Square Agreement

Motion to enter an agreement between Parent Square and Avella Area School District for mass commination software, effective May 1, 2025.

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

4. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Informational Item: Understanding Gender Video

c. Big Brothers Big Sisters MOU

Motion to ratify the MOU between Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh BBBSPGH and Avella Area School District, effective March 5, 2025, 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	_____

d. Life Skills Program

Motion to approve creating and implementing a grade 7-12 Life Skills Program beginning for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

e. Bradley Center Agreement

Motion to approve the Agreement between the Bradley Center and Avella Area School District, effective 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	_____

f. Washington DC Band Trip

Motion to approve the band to travel to Washington DC from Thursday, March 12 – Saturday, March 14, 2026, per Attachment Curriculum & Attachment "C".

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

g. Special Education Plan Report

Motion to approve the Avella Area School District's Special Education Plan Report, effective July 01, 2025 – June 30, 2028, per Curriculum & Technology "D".

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

h. Give Thx Agreement

Motion to approve the agreement between Give Thx and Avella Area School District through the School Wellbeing Program Grant to be used as a part of the JSHS Crew Curriculum, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "E".

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

i. Student Discipline – BA

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

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

j. Student Discipline – LK

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

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

k. Student Enrollment – DM

Motion to approve the re-enrollment of DM as a 10th grade student for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

5. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Discussion Item: Transportation Concerns

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. A Finance Committee Meetings is scheduled for May 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

b. Western Area Career and Technical Center - Proposed Budget

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Western Area Career & Technology Center's proposed budget totaling, \$6,251,751.00, per letter dated April 15, 2025, from Mihael Milanovich, Executive Director of Vocational Education, per Attachment Finance & Transportation "A".

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

c. JMA, LLC – Proposal to Provide Professional Services

Motion to approve the Proposal to Provide Professional Services from JMA, LLC, P.O. Box 498, Beaver PA 15009, as the external auditors for Avella Area School District for the years ending June _____, per Attachment Finance & Transportation "B".

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 – No Report

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Kaitlyn Schwab – Part-Time Cafeteria Employee

Motion to ratify Kaitlyn Schwab as a part-time cafeteria employee, 5.5 hours per day/180 days per year, effective March 28, 2025.

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

b. Samantha Jacobs – Homebound Instructor (7th Grade Student)

Motion to approve Samantha Jacobs as the Wilson-Intensive Certified Homebound Instructor for a 7th grade student, effective March 22, 2025.

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

c. Clara Zatta – Substitute Teacher

Motion to ratify Clara Zatta to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2024-2025 school year, effective April 22, 2025.

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

d. K.R. – Family Medical Leave

Motion to approve K.R.'s JSHS FFA Teacher's request for Intermittent Family Medical Leave, effective April 10, 2025.

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

e. GG&C Driver List

Motion to approve Sheila Moore as a van driver to the GG&C Bus/Van Driver List for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

f. STAT Staffing Agreement

Motion to approve the Agreement between STAT Staffing Medical Services, Inc. ("STAT") and Avella Area School District effective, March 31, 2025 for a 1-year term, per Attachment Personnel and Policy "A".

Roll Call:	MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____		
	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 May 15, 2025.

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 _____