

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

August 6, 2025

**VISITORS'
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Phoebe Armstrong _____
Suzanne Colilla _____
Melissa Dryer _____
Beth Dunmore _____
James Gagich _____

Terry Jacobs _____
Emanuel Paris _____
Tia Shore _____
Scott Willyerd _____

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 - None

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING

Laura Lazzarotti – 27 Morningside Drive, Avella PA 15312 Re: Varsity Softball Program

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 June 2025 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 June, July, and August 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. 2025-2026 Athletic Coaches

Motion to approve the following Athletic Coaches for the 2025-2026 school year:

Volleyball

Ashley Fedak, Head Coach

Baseball – Junior Varsity

Jim Gatewood, Head Coach

Softball

Dana Hammond, Head Coach

Laura Lazzarotti, Assistant Coach

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

b. Dexter Greene, Assistant Band Director, Drum Line – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Dexter Greene as Assistant Band Director, Drum Line 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	_____

c. Jason Stough, Assistant Band Director, Drum Line

Motion to approve Jason Stough as Assistant Band Director, Drum Line for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of clearances and employment paperwork.

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

d. Wonsettler Physical Therapy Agreement

Motion to approve the Athletic Training Services Agreement between Wonsettler Physical Therapy and the Avella Area School District, effective August 18, 2025 – June 30, 2028, per Attachment Athletic and Activities, “A”.

	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

a. Discussion Item – Parent Square Launch

b. Discussion Item – Cell Phone Policy Letter to Parents

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission

Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. for SAP services for the 2025-2026 school year, 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	_____

c. KeySolution Staffing, LLC – Psychology Services

Motion to approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and KeySolution Staffing, LLC, to provide psychology services 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. Outside In Agreement

Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Outside In for students requiring drug and alcohol treatment or rehabilitation services, 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	_____

e. 2025-2026 IU1 - Partial Hospitalization Program MOU

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Avella Area school District and Intermediate Unit 1 to confirm participation in the Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) for the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment 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	_____

f. ECYEH Program Letter of Agreement

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Local Education Agency Letter of Agreement for Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program: Region 4, 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	_____

g. Watson Institute Agreement

Motion to approve the Agreement between The Watson Institute and Avella Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "F".

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

h. Student Enrollment – DM

Motion to approve the re-enrollment of DM as an 11th grader for the 2025-2026 school year, subject to conditions set forth by the Administration.

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

i. Inventory Control – Reading Textbooks

Motion to approve discarding the outdated Jr. High Reading textbooks listed on Attachment Curriculum & Technology "G".

	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. GG&C's Bus/Van Driver List

Motion to approve GG&C's Bus/Van Driver List for the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment Facilities & Transportation "A". (GG&C is responsible for updating bus/van driver documentation on list with CAO before driving.)

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

b. Jake Schneider's Van Driver List

Motion to approve Jake Schneider's Van Driver List for the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment Facilities & Transportation "B". (Jake Schneider is responsible for updating bus/van driver documentation on list with CAO before driving.)

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

c. Jake Schneider, Inc. Contract for School Pupils

Motion to approve the Contract for School Pupils between the Avella Area School District and Jake Schneider, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year, 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

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. A School Finance Workshop has been scheduled for August 13, 2025.

b. 7th Grade Student Activity Fund

Motion to approve the Class of 2031 (7th Grade) to establish a Student Activity Account.

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

c. Board of Assessment Appeals

Motion to authorize the law firm of Peacock Keller, LLP to file tax assessment appeals for the 2025 tax year to the Board of Assessment Appeals, Washington County, for the tax parcel identification numbers:

- 3700040000003200
- 3700040000003301
- 2100190000300305
- 2100190000000400
- 3700160000001901
- 3700160000001900

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

d. Adult Breakfast Price Increase

Motion to approve the price increase for an Adult Breakfast from \$2.85 to \$3.00.

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. AEA – Non-Resident / Tuition-Free Students

Motion to approve the following students to be enrolled as non-resident / tuition-free students in the Avella Area School District for the 2025-2026:

Isabella Crum – Grade 4
Jeffrey Crum – Grade 2
Caleb Fedak – Grade 5
Claire Fedak – Grade 10
Brett Fogg – Kindergarten
Ryan Fogg – Grade 5
Ashlyn Ripley McDougan – Grade 9

	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. Substitute Teacher List

Motion to approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2025-2026 school year, 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

b. Substitute Support Personnel List

Motion to approve the Substitute Support Personnel List for the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment 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

c. School Volunteer List

Motion to approve the updated School Volunteer List for the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment Personnel & Policy “C”.

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

d. Gregory Curtin, Elementary Reading Specialist

Motion to approve the transfer of Gregory Curtin from JSHS English Teacher/Yearbook Advisor to the position of Elementary Reading Specialist, effective August 18, 2025.

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

e. Gregory Curtin, Yearbook Advisor – Resignation

Motion to approve the resignation of Gregory Curtin, Yearbook Advisor due to his new position as Elementary Reading Specialist.

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

f. JSHS English Teacher – Posting

Motion to ratify the posting/advertisement for a JSHS English Teacher, per AEA contract.

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

g. William Belding – JSHS English Teacher

Motion to approve William Belding to the position of English Teacher, temporary professional employee, Step 1, per AEA Contract, effective August 18, 2025.

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

h. William Belding – Yearbook Sponsor

Motion to approve William Belding to the position of Yearbook Sponsor for the 2025-2026 school year, per AEA contract.

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

i. Teacher’s Handbook

Motion to approve the Teacher’s Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment Personnel & Policy “D”.

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

j. Student Handbooks

Motion to approve the Elementary Center and JSHS Handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment Personnel & Policy “E”.

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

k. Policy 237: Electronic Devices

Motion to approve the revisions to Policy 237: Electronic Devices as recommended by the Board, per Attachment Personnel & Policy “F”.

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

I. PSBA Policies

Motion to approve the adoption/revisions to the following policies and attachments as recommended by PSBA, per Attachment Personnel & Policy "G".

Volume III – 2025

626	Federal Fiscal Compliance
626 Attach	Grant Subrecipient Monitoring Procedures
626 Attach	Cash Management
626 Attach	Administration of Federal Funds
626 Attach	Allowability of Costs
626 Attach	Procurement
626.1	Travel Reimbursement
827	Conflict of Interest

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

c. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2025.

d. Health & Safety Plan

Motion to approve the Health & Safety Plan for the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment Safety "A".

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