

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

September 17, 2025

**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. PSBA recognizes and presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Emanuel Paris, School Board Director, in recognition of his ongoing school board service.
2. The following students are recognized as the September Students of the Month:
Brayden Fuller – Senior
Emma Siersdale – 6th Grade Student

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING

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 August 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 August and September 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 7/8 Grade Combined Class Sponsor

Motion to approve Sarah Maidment as the 7/8 Grade Combined Class Sponsor for the 2025-2026 school year, per AEA contract.

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

b. Wonsettler Physical Therapy Addendum

Motion to approve the Addendum to the Athletic Training Services Agreement between Wonsettler Physical Therapy and the Avella Area School District, 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	_____

c. Homecoming Events

Thursday, October 2, 2025

6:30 pm Homecoming Parade on Main Street, followed by Bonfire at Avella Fire Department

Friday, October 3, 2025

6:30 pm Pregame: Avella Marching Band
7:00 pm Kickoff: Avella vs. Mapletown
Halftime Crowning of Homecoming King/Queen
After Game Avella Marching Band Halftime Show Performance

Saturday, October 4, 2025

7:00 pm Homecoming Dance @ Railyard Shed

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Washington County Probation Services - MOU

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Avella Area School District and Washington County Juvenile Probation to provide services for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) 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. IU1 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title I Agreement

Motion to approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and IU1 to provide Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title I supplemental education 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

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. GG&C's Bus/Van Driver List

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

- Alva Colazo – Substitute Driver
- Edward Kania – Substitute Driver
- James Sullivan – Substitute Driver
- Courtney Wolanski – Regular Route Driver (Green Bus)

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	Ms. Dunmore	_____	Mr. Gagich	_____	Mr. Jacobs
	Mr. Paris	_____	Ms. Shore	_____	Mr. Willyerd

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Amy Hott, Elementary Special Education Teacher - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Amy Hott, Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective Monday, October 6, 2025.

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

b. Elementary Special Education Teacher – Posting

Motion to ratify the posting for an Elementary Special Education Teacher, Special Education Certification Required, preferred to also have Elementary K-4 or Intermediate 5-8.

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

c. Jeanie Lloyd, Part-Time Cafeteria Employee

Motion to ratify Jeannie Lloyd as a part-time cafeteria employee, 5.5 hours per day/180 days per year, effective September 2, 2025.

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

d. Shelby Brown, Part-Time Cafeteria Employee

Motion to approve Shelby Brown as a part-time cafeteria employee, 5 hours per day/180 days per year, effective immediately.

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

e. Stephanie Burris, Cafeteria Substitute

Motion to approve Stephanie Burris as a substitute for the cafeteria, pending receipt of employment paperwork and clearances.

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

f. School Volunteer List

Motion to approve the updated School Volunteer 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	_____

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

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