

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

February 18, 2026

**VISITORS'
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Elmo Cecchetti	_____	Terry Jacobs	_____
Suzanne Colilla	_____	Kimbery Mace	_____
Melissa Dryer	_____	Emanuel Paris	_____
Beth Dunmore	_____	Tia Shore	_____
James Gagich	_____		

ADMINISTRATION

Cyril Walther, Superintendent
John Galvin, Business Manager
Heather Zalar, JSHS Principal
Carrie Graff, Elementary Principal
Donald Snoke, Educational Consultant
Dana Davis, Board Secretary

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. Congratulations to Senior, Bryce Wright for earning a place in Avella Eagles Boys Basketball by reaching 1,000 career points.
2. Congratulations to Junior, Anna Unger for her 16th place finish at WPIAL Individual Rifle Championship. She earned a spot to compete at the PIAA State Scholastic Individual Rifle Championship next week.
3. Congratulations to the Varsity Boys Basketball Team for their second-place finish in WPIAL Class A sections. They play in Round 1 of WPIAL Playoffs this evening.
4. Congratulations to the following Varsity Boys' Wrestlers for their placement in the WPIAL 2A South Section Championships, earning them a spot at the WPIAL Individuals this coming weekend. Chas Rush (172) – 2nd place, Dominic Muzzi (189) – 2nd place, Gage Samol (127) – 4th place, Dustin Mace (114) – 2nd place, Xander Winters (107) – 5th place, Jorden Moore (121) – 6th place.

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 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

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

2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

ATTACHMENT "B"

Board Members have been furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the January and February 2026 General Fund.

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

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORTS

ATTACHMENT "C"

4. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ATTACHMENT "D"

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

a. Schedule Athletics Committee Meeting

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Steel City Therapy, LLC – Terminate Service Agreement

Motion to retroactively authorize the Administration to terminate the Service Agreement with Steel City Therapy, LLC., effective January 30, 2026.

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

c. KeySolution Education Staffing – Occupational Therapist

Motion to retroactively approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and KeySolution Education Staffing to provide Occupational Therapy services, 25 hours per week, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "A".

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

d. School Calendar – 2026-2027

Motion to approve the Avella Area School District Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology “B”.

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

e. Bristol Brown, Burgettstown Tuition Student

Motion to approve Bristol Brown to enroll in the Avella Area School District’s vocational agricultural course of study as a tuition student for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. Green’s Taxi, LLC – Supplemental Transportation Agreement

Motion to approve the attached Supplemental Transportation Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Green’s Taxi, LLC., per Attachment Facilities & Transportation “A”.

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

b. GG&C Bus Company, Inc. – Terminate Service Agreement

Motion to direct and authorize the Administration to terminate the Transportation Agreement between the Avella Area School District and GG&C Bus Company, Inc. in the event that GG&C fails to cure, within the contractually required thirty (30) days’ notice and cure period, the deficiencies as listed in the Notice of Material Breach dated February 13, 2026. Per the Transportation Agreement, termination would occur upon fifteen (15) day’s written notice from the School District to GG&C following the conclusion of the thirty (30) day notice and cure period.

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

c. Transportation Services – Request for Proposals

Motion to authorize and direct the Administration to prepare and advertise a request for proposals for transportation services.

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

d. GG&C Bus/Van Driver List

Motion to approve Kenneth Collins to the GG&C's Bus/Van Driver List for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Schedule Finance Committee Meetings

b. Resolution – Intermediate Unit 1

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 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, per Attachment Finance "A".

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

c. RESOLUTION

Motion to approve the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of School Directors for the Avella Area School District, hereby set the amount of bonds of the newly elected tax collectors for four years (2026-2030), West Middletown Borough for two years (2026-2028), and be set in the amount of thirty (30%) percent of the estimated amount of collections as follows:

Cross Creek Township	Rachel W. Welsh, Tax Collector		
Assessed Value		\$	93,945,309
Estimated Amount of Collections, School District		\$	1,344,573
Amount of Bond (30% of Collections)		\$	403,372
Hopewell Township	Beverly Paul, Tax Collector		
Assessed Value		\$	74,339,515
Estimated Amount of Collections, School District		\$	1,063,969
Amount of Bond (30% of Collections)		\$	319,191
Independence Township	Judy Magon, Tax Collector		
Assessed Value		\$	86,389,221
Estimated Amount of Collections, School District		\$	1,236,428
Amount of Bond (30% of Collections)		\$	370,929
West Middletown Borough	Beverly Paul, Tax Collector		
Assessed Value		\$	6,330,110
Estimated Amount of Collections, School District		\$	90,598
Amount of Bond (30% of Collections)		\$	27,180

This Resolution approved by the Board of School Directors for the Avella Area School District at its Regular Monthly Meeting on February 18, 2026.

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

e. Boundless Federal Funding – Federal E-Rate Program

Motion to approve contracting with Boundless Federal Funding, LLC to assist with the Federal E-Rate Program for the funding years through June 30, 2030., per Attachment Finance “B”.

	MOTION:		SECOND:		
Roll Call:	Mr. Cecchetti		Ms. Colilla		Ms. Dryer
	Ms. Dunmore		Mr. Gagich		Mr. Jacobs
	Ms. Mace		Mr. Paris		Ms. Shore

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion to approve the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Avella Area Education Support Professionals, for the period of time beginning July 1, 2026 and continuing through June 30, 2030, per Attachment Negotiations “A”.

	MOTION:		SECOND:		
Roll Call:	Mr. Cecchetti		Ms. Colilla		Ms. Dryer
	Ms. Dunmore		Mr. Gagich		Mr. Jacobs
	Ms. Mace		Mr. Paris		Ms. Shore

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Proven Educational Consulting Addendum

Motion to approve the Addendum to Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Proven Educational Consulting, LLC, as per Attachment Personnel & Policy “A”.

	MOTION:		SECOND:		
Roll Call:	Mr. Cecchetti		Ms. Colilla		Ms. Dryer
	Ms. Dunmore		Mr. Gagich		Mr. Jacobs
	Ms. Mace		Mr. Paris		Ms. Shore

b. Saturday Detention Monitors

Motion to approve the following as the Saturday Detention Monitors for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Assignments will rotate based on seniority (as listed below) and availability.

- Jason Fogg
- Carrie Struth
- Kara Ruffalo
- Renee Worst
- Brandon Miller

	MOTION:		SECOND:		
Roll Call:	Mr. Cecchetti		Ms. Colilla		Ms. Dryer
	Ms. Dunmore		Mr. Gagich		Mr. Jacobs
	Ms. Mace		Mr. Paris		Ms. Shore

c. MJ – Intermittent Family Medical Leave

Motion to approve M.J., elementary employee’s request for an Intermittent Family Medical Leave, effective March 9, 2026.

	MOTION:		SECOND:		
Roll Call:	Mr. Cecchetti		Ms. Colilla		Ms. Dryer
	Ms. Dunmore		Mr. Gagich		Mr. Jacobs
	Ms. Mace		Mr. Paris		Ms. Shore

- d. Mrs. Carrie Graff, Elementary Principal, Federal Programs Coordinator, will review Policy 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement, during a parent meeting held Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

- a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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