

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

March 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. The following students are recognized s the March Students of the Month:
Connor Ruffalo – Senior
Brantley Dolanch – 6th Grade Student
2. Congratulations to sisters, freshman Gabriella Dolanch and junior Abigail Dolanch for their outstanding performances at the WPIAL Girls Wrestling Championships and the PIAA West Region Girls Wrestling Tournament. Their success in the postseason earned them a place at the PIAA Individual Wrestling Championships in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Abigail finished 7th in her bracket and is now only the second student-athlete from Avella to place at the PIAA State Tournament three times.

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 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 February and March 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. Open Position – Girls' Varsity Basketball Head Coach

Motion to open the position for the Girls' Varsity Basketball Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year, per recommendation of the Athletic & Activities Committee.

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

b. Dana Hammond, 7/8th Grade Softball Head Coach – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Dana Hammond, 7/8th grade Softball Head Coach, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 season.

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

c. Posting – JSHS Coaching Positions

Motion to approve the postings (advertisement if necessary) for the following coaching positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Girls' Varsity Basketball Head Coach
- 7/8th Grade Softball Head Coach

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

2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update

b. Student Discipline - HF

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

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

c. School Calendar – 2026-2027

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

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. AASD Water Line Project

Motion to award the Water Line Project for the Avella Area School District to John T. Subrick, Inc., the low bidders outlined in NIRA Engineers’ letter dated March 16, 2026, in the amount of \$344,300.00 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. Equipment – Municibid

Motion to authorize the Administration to utilize Municibid Auction for cafeteria shelving units.

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

c. 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 “B”.

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

d. Green's Taxi, LLC – Transportation Agreement

Motion to approve the attached Transportation Agreement with Green's Taxi, LLC, to provide Primary and Auxiliary Transportation Services to the Avella Area School District for a term beginning April 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2029, per Attachment Facilities & Transportation "C".

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

e. GG&C Bus/Van Driver List

Motion to approve the following to the GG&C Bus/Van Driver List for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Christina Brink
- Matthew Chambers
- Christina Grubbs
- Joshua Holstein
- Kristy Jocuns
- Alec Long
- Kelly Miles
- Sharon Rice
- Cherryleen Rodriguez

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

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Matter of Record

Motion to approve and make a matter of record the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Avella Area Education Support Professionals, approved at the February 18, 2026 school board meeting is for the period of five (5 years) beginning July 1, 2026 and continuing through June 30, 2031.

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

b. Separation Agreement and Release

Motion to accept the resignation for personal reasons of Gregory Curtin, elementary Title I Teacher, effective, February 27, 2026 and to approve the Separation Agreement and Release related to said resignation, per Attachment Negotiations "A".

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

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Posting – Title I Reading Specialist

Motion to post (advertise if necessary) for an Elementary Title I Reading Specialist teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

b. Katelyn Schwab, Part-Time Cafeteria Employee - Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Kaitlyn Schwab, part-time cafeteria employee, 5.5 hours per day/180 days per year, effective _____.

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

c. Stephanie Burris, Part-Time Cafeteria Employee – Increased Hours

Motion to approve the increased hours for Stephanie Burris; 5 hours to 5.5 hours, effective March 19, 2026 (due to the resignation of Katelyn Schwab).

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

d. Jamie Woodburn – Part-Time Cafeteria Employee

Motion to approve Jamie Woodburn as a part-time cafeteria employee, 5 hours per day/180 days per year, effective March 19, 2026.

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

e. Posting – Part-Time Cafeteria Employee

Motion to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a part-time cafeteria employee, 5 hours per day/180 days per year, effective immediately.

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

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 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	_____		