

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

April 15, 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:
Brayden Davis – Senior
Gage Lesnock – 6th Grade Student
2. Odyssey of the Mind Student Presentation

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 March 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 March and April 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 in May

b. 2026-2027 School Year – JSHS Extra-Curricular Activities

Motion to approve the following to the JSHS Extracurricular activities for the 2026-2027 school year.

Band Director

Noah Kilgus – Summer Band

Assistant Band Director

Amanda Kolson – Elementary Music Teacher

Jason Stough – Drum Line

Cheryl Rush – Color Guard

Julianne Rush – Other

Pep Band

Noah Kilgus

Winterguard

Julianne Rush – Dance Line

Cheryl Rush – Dance Line Assistant

Choral Director

Noah Kilgus

Musical Producer/Play Producer

Lynn Clarchick

Senior Class Manager

Joelle Cooper

Class Sponsor

Samantha Jacobs – Junior

Christina Musser – Sophomore

VACANT – Freshman

Sarah Franks – 7/8 Combined

Student Council

Carrie Struth

National Honor Society

Lynn Akins

Newspaper

Lynn Akins

Yearbook

William Belding

Curriculum Related Clubs

Jessica Miller – Art Club

VACANT – Community Service

Renee Worst – Debate Team

Erika Minch – SADD

VACANT – Science Club

Joelle Cooper – STEM Club

Varsity Cheerleading

Melody Paris – Head Summer/Football

Melody Paris – Head Basketball/Wrestling

Samantha Jacobs – Assistant Summer/Football

Samantha Jacobs – Assistant Basketball/Wrestling

Weight Room Coordinator

JT Mylan – After School

JT Mylan – Evening

Vo-Ag

Kara Ruffalo

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

c. Jamie Scears – JSHS Extracurricular Activities – Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Jamie Scears for the following JSHS extracurricular activities for the 2026-2027 school year.

- Freshman Class Sponsor
- Community Service Club

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

d. Posting – JSHS Extracurricular Activities

Motion to approve the postings for the following extracurricular activities for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Freshman Class Sponsor
- Community Service Club

	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. Center for Community Resources

Motion to approve the Student Assistance Program Agreement between Center for Community Resources and Avella School District for the 2026-2027 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	_____

c. Bradley Center Agreement

Motion to approve the Agreement between the Bradley Center and Avella Area School District, effective 2026-2027 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology “B”.

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

d. ESL Agreement

Motion to approve the Agreement between the Intermediate Unit 1 and the Avella Area School District for English as a Second Language (ESL) Services for the 2025-2026 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology “C”.

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

e. FFA Trip, Indianapolis IN

Motion to approve members of the FFA Program to travel to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in late October 2026, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology “D”.

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

f. NFHS Network School Broadcast Program Agreement

Motion to approve the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program Agreement between NFHS Network and Avella Area School District for the "One-Time Fee" Agreement, providing installation and access to two (2) cameras and associated software for the purpose of streaming athletic events at no cost to the district, for a term of five (5) years, beginning August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2031, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "E".

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

g. ProSoft Technologies, Inc. Software Agreement

Motion to renew the Software Maintenance Agreement between Avella Area School District and ProSoft Technologies, Inc. for the period starting July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "F".

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

h. Finalsite

Motion to renew the proposal from Finalsite for website hosting services, for a term of four (4 years) effective May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology "G".

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

4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

a. Rental of School Facilities – PA Dawgz Football Organization

Motion to approve the rental of the Avella Area School District's facilities for football games to be played on Saturdays (5/23/26, 6/6/26, 6/20/26, and 6/27/26) to PA Dawgs Football Organization, conditioned upon and agreement to be prepared by the solicitor and approved by both parties.

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

b. 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:

- Bryson Kaffka
- Kortney Kiskadden
- Samantha Linneer

	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. Western Area Career and Technology Center – Proposed Budget

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Western Area Career & Technology Center's proposed budget totaling, \$6,418,818.00, per letter dated March 26, 2026, from Michael Milanovich, Executive Director of Vocational Education, per Attachment Finance & Transportation "A".

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

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Lauren Baker – Title I Reading Specialist

Motion to approve Lauren Baker (current first grade teacher) as the Title I Reading Specialist 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. Posting – Elementary First Grade Teacher

Motion to approve a posting for a full-time Elementary First Grade Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. (Lauren Baker's position)

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

c. Substitute Teacher List

Motion to approve Debra Evans to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

d. Substitute Support Staff List – Cafeteria

Motion to approve Katelyn Schwab to the Substitute Support Staff List (Cafeteria) for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

e. Ralph Bradbury – Notice of Retirement

Motion to retroactively accept the retirement notice of Ralph Bradbury, Full-Time Custodian, per letter dated October 22, 2024. His effective date of retirement from the district will be June 9, 2026.

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

f. L.B., Elementary Teacher – FMLA Request

Motion to approve L.B., Elementary Teacher's request for Intermittent Family Medical Leave, effective April 1, 2026.

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

g. PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement

Motion to approve the PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement between the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and the Avella Area School District, effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, 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	_____

h. IDEA Policies and Procedures

Motion to approve the Notice of Adoption of Approved LEA Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds form and Coordinated Early Intervention Services form from the Intermediate Unit 1, per Attachment Personnel and Policy "B".

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

8. SAFETY COMMITTEE

a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

b. Safe & Drug Free School – Memorandum of Understanding

Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Pennsylvania State Police Department and the Avella Area School District, Section 1317-2, (due every two years), per Attachment Safety "A".

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

ADJOURNMENT

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