

AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 AVELLA ROAD
AVELLA, PA 15312

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, June 30, 2026
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER.....Emanuel Paris, Board Vice President
ROLL CALL.....Dana Davis, Board Secretary

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

ADMNISTRATION
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

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING

VISITORS REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM – None

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2026-2027 FINAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET

a. 2026-2027 General Budget with 2.25% tax increase

Motion to approve the General Fund Budget, totaling \$13,820,304.00 be finally adopted for the fiscal year 2026-2027, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, with a millage set at 14.6343 mills, a 0.322 mill increase on real estate, \$5 per capita tax under Section 679; \$5 per capita tax, and one-half of one percent (1/2%) on all earned income, under Act 511. Attachment Budget "A".

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

b. 2026-2027 General Budget with 0% tax increase

Motion to approve the General Fund Budget, totaling \$13,820,304.00 be finally adopted for the fiscal year 2026-2027, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, with a millage set at 14.3123 mills, a 0.000 mill increase on real estate, \$5 per capita tax under Section 679; \$5 per capita tax, and one-half of one percent (1/2%) on all earned income, under Act 511. Attachment Budget "B".

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

c. Rescind Motion – Homestead and Farmstead Resolution

Motion to approve rescinding the following motion board approved June 17, 2026:

Moved by Ms. Dryer, seconded by Mr. Cecchetti, to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Real Estate Tax Assessment Reductions for the 2026-2027 school year, per [June 17, 2026] Attachment Finance "B".

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

d. Homestead and Farmstead Resolution

Motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Real Estate Tax Assessment Reductions for the 2026-2027 school year, per Attachment Budget "C".

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

e. Amended Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda to add a motion to direct and authorize the Superintendent and/or Director of Buildings and Grounds to solicit quotes for a passenger van holding at least 8 passengers and costing no more than \$24,500, and to obtain cooperative purchasing information regarding the same.

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

f. Passenger Van Quotes

Motion to direct and authorize the Superintendent and/or Director of Buildings and Grounds to solicit quotes for a passenger van holding at least 8 passengers and costing no more than \$24,500, and to obtain cooperative purchasing information regarding the same.

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

2. ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

a. Schedule an Athletics Committee Meeting for July

3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

a. Key Solution Education Staffing – Special Education Consultant Agreement

Motion to approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Key Solution Education Staffing, LLC to provide Special Education Consulting for the 2026-2027 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology “A”.

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

b. Key Solution Staffing – School Psychologist Services

Motion to approve the Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Key Solution Staffing, LLC to provide school psychologist services for the 2026-2027 school year, per Attachment Curriculum & Technology “B”.

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

4. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

a. Administration Raise – Superintendent

Motion to approve an increase of 3% in the Superintendent’s salary for the 2026-2027 school year, effective July 1, 2026, per the contract currently in place between the Superintendent and the Avella Area School District.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	_____	SECOND:	_____	ADJOURNMENT
				TIME:

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