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

## November 4, 2026

# VISITOR'S
# REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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| Elmo Cecchetti | _____ | James Gagich | _____ |
| Suzanne Colilla | _____ | Kimbery Mace | _____ |
| Jeffrey Devenney | _____ | Emanuel Paris | _____ |
| Melissa Dryer | _____ | Tia Shore | _____ |
| Beth Dunmore | _____ | | |

**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**

1. The following students are recognized as the November Students of the Month:
   Aaron Ruffalo – Senior
   Michael Burris – 6th Grade Student

2. Ashlyn McDougan, Avella FFA Student will share her experience competing in the FFA Dairy Handling Competition at The Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts, where she earned 7th place out of 22 competitors.

**REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING**

1. Avella Athletics President, Ryan Shore – Re: Access to the Elementary Building
   - Ryan Shore – 225 Stolze Road Burgettstown, PA 15021

**VISITORS REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM**

**GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** ***ATTACHMENT "A"***

Board Members have been furnished copies of the Board Minutes for the October 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

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**2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** ***ATTACHMENT "B"***

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

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**3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORTS** ***ATTACHMENT "C"***

**4. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** ***ATTACHMENT "D"***

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

**a. Schedule an Athletics Committee Meeting to discuss Athletic Facility Improvements**

**b. Robert West, Jr. High Head Wrestling Coach – Resignation**

Motion to accept the resignation of Robert West as Jr. High Head Wrestling Coach, effective immediately.

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**c. Posting – Jr. High Head Wrestling Coach**

Motion to post (advertise if necessary) the position of Jr. High Head Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 season.

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**2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**3. CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**a. Western Area Career & Technology Center Update**

## 4. FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### a. GG&C Substitute Driver List

Motion to approve the following to the GG&C Bus/Van Driver List:

- Elizabeth Henry
- April Wright

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## 5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

### a. Washington Financial Charitable Foundation

Motion to accept a $13,600.00 grant from the Washington Financial Charitable Foundation to purchase technology devices that will enhance instructional opportunities in math, science, and health-focused curriculum for the junior/senior high school, as outlined in the letter dated October 21, 2026, per Attachment Finance “A”.

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## 6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

### a. Support Professionals MOU – Substitute Pay

Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) clarifying compensation for current support professionals who accept substitute assignments in another department during the school year, at their regularly hourly rate rather than the substitute rate, consistent with summer practices, per Attachment Negotiations “A”.

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## 7. PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE

### a. Substitute Support Personnel List

Motion to add the following to the Substitute Support Personnel List for the 2026-2027 School Year.

- Stephanie Gordon Golembiewski

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**b. School Volunteer List**

Motion to add the following to the school volunteer list for the 2026-2027 school year.

- John Fogg
- Amanda Hammett
- Duane Hammett
- Jared Magon
- Jeromiah McClain
- Tiffiny Mahland
- Rena Turner
- David Vandegraft
- Rachel Vandegraft

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**c. L.R., Elementary Staff – FMLA Request**

Motion to approve L.R., Elementary Staff's request for Intermittent Family Medical Leave, effective October 5, 2026, through October 5, 2027, not to exceed the 12-week FMLA entitlement within the applicable 12-month period, in accordance with FMLA guidelines.

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**8. SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**a. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**

**b. Law Enforcement Mutual Assistance Agreement**

Motion to approve the Law Enforcement Mutual Assistance Agreement between the Avella Area School District Police Department and the Brooke County Sherif's Department to provide mutual assistance and cooperation in the investigation of crimes and related law enforcement activities for a period of twelve (12) months, with the option for renewal by mutual written agreement, per Attachment Safety "A".

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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