

Avella Area School District  
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**2020  
 Roster of Board Members**

| <b>NAME</b>                               | <b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>   | <b>YRS. SVC</b> | <b>TERM EXPIRES</b>   |
|---|--|-----------------|---|
| Leslie Cunningham<br><i>President</i>     | <a href="mailto:cunninghaml@avellasd.org">cunninghaml@avellasd.org</a> | 10.0            | 2021<br>Elected 2009, 2013, 2017<br><i>Independence Township</i>  |
| Jeffrey Devenney                          | <a href="mailto:devenneyj@avellasd.org">devenneyj@avellasd.org</a>     | 12.0            | 2023<br>Elected 2007, 2011, 2015,<br>2019<br><i>Independence Township</i>                                     |
| Melissa Dryer                             | <a href="mailto:dryerm@avellasd.org">dryerm@avellasd.org</a>           | 2.0             | 2021<br>Elected 2017<br><i>Hopewell Township</i>  |
| James Gagich                              | <a href="mailto:gagichj@avellasd.org">gagichj@avellasd.org</a>         | 12.11           | 2023<br>Elected 2003, 2007, 2015,<br>2019<br>Replace Fantoni 1/15/03-12/1/2003<br><i>Cross Creek Township</i> |
| Corey McConn<br><i>Treasurer</i>          | <a href="mailto:mcconncorey@avellasd.org">mcconncorey@avellasd.org</a> | 18.0            | 2021<br>Elected 2001, 2005, 2009<br>2013, 2017<br><i>Cross Creek Township</i>                                 |
| Summer Miller                             | <a href="mailto:millers@avellasd.org">millers@avellasd.org</a>         |                 | 2023<br>Elected 2019<br><i>Independence Township</i>  |
| Emanuel A. Paris, IV                      | <a href="mailto:parise@avellasd.org">parise@avellasd.org</a>           |                 | 2023<br>Elected 2019<br><i>Cross Creek Township</i>   |
| Leslie R. Thames<br><i>Vice-President</i> | <a href="mailto:thamesl@avellasd.org">thamesl@avellasd.org</a>         | .10             | 2023<br>Elected 2019<br>Replace Cassidy 2/13/19-12/4/2019<br><i>Hopewell Township</i>                         |
| Scott Willyerd                            | <a href="mailto:willyerds@avellasd.org">willyerds@avellasd.org</a>     |                 | 2021<br>Replace Hixenbaugh 6/24/20-12/2021<br><i>Hopewell Township</i>  |
| Debra Bentz<br><i>Board Secretary</i>     | <a href="mailto:bentzd@avellasd.org">bentzd@avellasd.org</a>           |                 | Board Secretary<br>(Non-Member)   |

**Avella Area School District  
2020  
Board Committees**

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| <p><b>Athletic Committee</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Missy Dryer</li> <li>2. Emanuel Paris</li> <li>3. Leslie Thames</li> </ol>                                    | <p><b>Personnel Committee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jeffrey Devenney</li> <li>2. Missy Dryer</li> <li>3. Summer Miller</li> </ol>   |
| <p><b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Committee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jeffrey Devenney</li> <li>2. James Gagich</li> <li>3. Corey McConn</li> </ol>                 | <p><b>Policy Committee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Summer Miller</li> <li>2. Scott Willyerd</li> </ol>  |
| <p><b>Curriculum Committee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jeffrey Devenney</li> <li>2. James Gagich</li> <li>3. Emanuel Paris</li> </ol>                             | <p><b>PSBA Representative:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jeffrey Devenney</li> </ol>   |
| <p><b>Employee Relations Contract:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cyril Walther, Superintendent</li> </ol>  | <p><b>Technology Committee</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Missy Dryer</li> <li>2. Corey McConn</li> <li>3. Leslie Thames</li> </ol>   |
| <p><b>Finance Committee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. James Gagich</li> <li>2. Corey McConn</li> <li>3. Emanuel Paris</li> </ol>                                    | <p><b>Transportation Committee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Missy Dryer</li> <li>2. Summer Miller</li> <li>3. Leslie Thames</li> </ol>   |
| <p><b>Legislation Committee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scott Willyerd</li> </ol>   | <p><b>WACTC Representative:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Leslie Cunningham, Delegate</li> <li>2. Missy Dryer, Alternate</li> </ol> <p>*Meetings– 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday/Monthly</p> |
| <p><b>Negotiations Committee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Leslie Cunningham</li> <li>2. James Gagich</li> <li>3. Corey McConn</li> <li>4. Emanuel Paris</li> </ol> |  |