

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

**VISITOR'S  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**January 20, 2021**

**7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER.....Corey McConn, Board President  
ROLL CALL.....Debra Bentz, Board Secretary

Leslie Cunningham	_____	Corey McConn	_____
Jeffrey Devenney	_____	Emanuel Paris	_____
Melissa Dryer	_____	Leslie Thames	_____
James Gagich	_____	Scott Willyerd	_____

**ADMINISTRATION**

Cyril Walther, Superintendent  
Laura Shola, Business Manager  
Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSHS Principal  
Zachary Zebrasky, Elementary Principal  
Debra L. Bentz, Board Secretary

**A. GENERAL PROCEDURES**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

1. Board Members are recognized for volunteering their time for the betterment of public education in our community from the staff, students, and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

**REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING - None**

**VISITORS REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM**

**GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS**

- 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **ATTACHMENT "A"**  
Board Members have been furnished copies of Board Minutes for the December 2020 Reorganization and Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: _____	Second: _____	
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham: _____	Mr. Devenney: _____	Ms. Dryer: _____
Mr. Gagich: _____	Mr. McConn: _____	Mr. Paris: _____
Ms. Thames: _____	Mr. Willyerd: _____	

- 2. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** **ATTACHMENT "B"**  
Board Members have been furnished copies of Accounts Payable for December 2020 and January 2021 General Fund.

Motion: _____	Second: _____	
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham: _____	Mr. Devenney: _____	Ms. Dryer: _____
Mr. Gagich: _____	Mr. McConn: _____	Mr. Paris: _____
Ms. Thames: _____	Mr. Willyerd: _____	

- 3. **FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORTS** **ATTACHMENT "C"**
- 4. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** **ATTACHMENT "D" to Revised Agenda**

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Discussion Item: Hopewell Township Board Member Vacancy**
- b. \_\_\_\_\_, **Hopewell Township Board Member**  
Motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the vacant Hopewell Township Board Member position, effective January 20, 2021 – December 2021.

Motion: _____	Second: _____	
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham: _____	Mr. Devenney: _____	Ms. Dryer: _____
Mr. Gagich: _____	Mr. McConn: _____	Mr. Paris: _____
Ms. Thames: _____	Mr. Willyerd: _____	

Oath of Office administered to \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**
- 2. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**
- 3. **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**
- 4. **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**
  - a. **Western Area Career & Technology Center Update**
- 5. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**
  - a. **Adoption of Resolution – Act 1**  
Motion to approve the adoption of the Resolution, pursuant to Section 311(d)(1), indicating that the District will not raise the rate of any tax by more than its index, per Attachment Finance "A".

Motion: _____	Second: _____	
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham: _____	Mr. Devenney: _____	Ms. Dryer: _____
Mr. Gagich: _____	Mr. McConn: _____	Mr. Paris: _____
Ms. Thames: _____	Mr. Willyerd: _____	

**6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**a. Avella Area Education Association Contract**

Motion to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Avella Area Education Association and Avella Area School District for the years beginning September 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2024, per Attachment Negotiations "A" to Revised Agenda.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____
Ms. Thames:	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____		

**7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**a. Substitute Teacher List**

Motion to approve the following to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2020-2021 school year:  
Joshua Knotts  
Faith Law

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____
Ms. Thames:	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____		

**b. School Volunteer List**

Motion to approve Brianna Jenkins to the School Volunteer List for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____
Ms. Thames:	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____		

**c. Susan Majestic – Family Medical Leave**

Motion to approve Susan Majestic's request for a Family Medical Leave, effective January 29, 2021.

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____
Ms. Thames:	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____		

**8. POLICIES**

**a. PSBA Principles for Governance and Leadership**

Motion to adopt the PSBA Principals for Governance and Leadership, per Attachment Policies "A".

Motion:	_____	Second:	_____		
Roll Call: Ms. Cunningham:	_____	Mr. Devenney:	_____	Ms. Dryer:	_____
Mr. Gagich:	_____	Mr. McConn:	_____	Mr. Paris	_____
Ms. Thames:	_____	Mr. Willyerd	_____		

**b. PSBA Policies**

Motion to approve the adoption/revisions to the following policies recommended by PSBA, per Attachment Policies "B":

- PSBA News Network - Volume VII
- 103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
- 218.3 – Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault
- 252 – Dating Violence

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Roll Call:	Ms. Cunningham: _____	Mr. Devenney: _____	Ms. Dryer: _____
	Mr. Gagich: _____	Mr. McConn: _____	Mr. Paris _____
	Ms. Thames: _____	Mr. Willyerd _____	

**9. SAFETY COMMITTEE**

a. **Safety Committee meeting is scheduled February 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.**

**10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: _____	Second: _____	ADJOURNMENT TIME: _____
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	Motion: _____	Second: _____	
Roll Call:	Ms. Cunningham: _____	Mr. Devenney: _____	Ms. Dryer: _____
	Mr. Gagich: _____	Mr. McConn: _____	Mr. Paris _____
	Ms. Thames: _____	Mr. Willyerd _____	