AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**AVELLA, PA 15312**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**July 17, 2013**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Avella Area School District Board of Education was held in the Avella Jr. Sr. High School Library on Wednesday, July 17, 2013. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding personnel. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

**BOARD MEMBERS**: James Cassidy, Leslie Cunningham, Kevin Geresti, Corey McConn, Jennifer Newman, Alex Paris, Donald Underwood

Absent: Jeffrey Devenney, Michael Muhr

**ADMINISTRATION**: Dr. Janell Logue-Belden, Superintendent

Laura Shola, Business Manager

Thomas Graham, JSHS Principal

Cyril Walther, Elementary Principal

Debra L. Bentz, Board Secretary

**OTHERS**: Rachel Lozosky, District Solicitor

2 Visitors

#### A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Dr. Logue-Belden, Superintendent, presented the June Progress Report to the Board.

**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 were furnished copies of the Board Minutes for the June 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Board Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Geresti, to approve the June 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE *ATTACHMENT “B”***

Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the June and July 2013 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the Accounts Payable for the June and July 2013 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORTS *ATTACHMENT “C”***

**4. SOLICITOR’S REPORT *ATTACHMENT “D”***

**5. BOARD INSURANCE REPORT *ATTACHMENT “E”***

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

**a. Additional Assistant Softball Coach**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve an additional Assistant Softball Coach for the 2013-14 school year.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**b. 2013-14 Coaches**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the following coaches for the 2013-14 school year:

**Baseball**

Jason Fogg – Head Baseball Coach

James Morris – Assistant Baseball Coach

James Matalik – Junior Varsity Baseball Coach

**Softball**

Gary Yaquinto – Head Softball Coach

Tammy West – Assistant Softball Coach

Lauren Yaquinto – Assistant Softball Coach

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

**b. 2013-14 Coaches - Continued**

**Cross County**

Joelle Yamber – Head Cross Country Coach

Jessica Davis – Assistant Cross Country Coach

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**c.** Mr. Paris reported the status of the Athletic Committee meeting. The Board reviewed a letter to be mailed to all students grades 7-12 regarding student participation in the future football program.

**2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**a.** Dr. Logue-Belden reported the Avella Fire Department was called to the JSHS Building on July 15, 2013, due to the roofing contractors starting an insulation fire in the cafeteria area. Minimal damage was reported.

**3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

**a. SPHS C.A.R.E. Center**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the Referral Service Agreement Contract between the Avella Area School District and SPHS C.A.R.E. Center for the 2013-14 school year, per Attachment Curriculum “A”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**b. Dustin Henke – Tuition Student**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve Dustin Henke to attend Ft. Cherry School District’s agricultural course of study for the 2013-14 school year. Dustin Henke will be in the 11th grade for the 2013-14 school year.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**c. Brandon Jay DeGarmo – Tuition Student**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve Brandon Jay DeGarmo to attend McGuffey School District’s agricultural course of study for the 2013-14 school year. Brandon Jay DeGarmo will be in the 10th grade for the 2013-14 school year.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**d.** Dr. Logue-Belden reported the full time Art Teacher will be responsible for teaching all art classes in the JSHS Building and Grades 2-6 in the Elementary Building.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**4. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**a. R.A.M.E. Inc. – Payment #2**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Underwood, to approve the Application and Certification for payment #2 to R.A.M.E., Inc. in the amount of $73,772.12, per Attachment Finance “A” to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**5. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**a. Trudy Roney Photography, LLC - School Photographer**

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the Independent Contract Agreement between Trudy Roney Photography, LLC and the Avella Area School District for the 2013-14 school year, per Attachment Negotiations “A” to Revised Agenda, contingent upon receipt of acceptable background clearance information and acceptable proof of insurance.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**b.** A Negotiations Committee Meeting is scheduled August 8, 2013 at 6:15 p.m.

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**a. Brady Amerson, Part-Time Elementary Music Teacher**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Geresti, to hire Brady Amerson to the position of part-time Elementary Music Teacher, temporary professional employee, per AEA Contract, effective August 19, 2013.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**b. Kerri Bauer, National Honor Society Sponsor**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Geresti, to approve Kerri Bauer as the National Honor Society Sponsor, effective 2013-14 school year, per AEA Contract.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**c. Sheryl Wright-Brown, Sophomore Class Sponsor**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Geresti, to approve Sheryl Wright-Brown as Sophomore Class Sponsor, effective 2013-14 school year, per AEA Contract.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Continued**

**d. Tonya Yuhas, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve Tonya Yuhas as a part-time cafeteria worker (4 hours per day/ 180 days per year), effective the first day of the 2013-14 school year, per PSEA Contract.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Mr. McConn abstained. Motion carried 6-0-1.

**e. Volunteers 2013-14**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the following volunteers for the 2013-14 school year. All clearances are on file.

Herman Bongiorni, Jr. – Elementary School

Michelle Bongiorni – Elementary School

Jay English - Band

Tonya Yuhas – Elementary School and High School

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**f. Contracted Medical/Dental Personnel List**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the Contracted Medical/Dental Personnel List for the 2013-14 school year, per Attachment Personnel “A”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**g. Security Personnel List**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the Security Personnel List for the 2013-14 school year, per Attachment Personnel “B”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**h. Administration Raises**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the Administrative personnel raises, effective July 1, 2013, as per contracts listed on Attachment Personnel “C”. Amounts have been budgeted and Performance Evaluations completed**.**

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**i. Non-Union Staff Raises**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve all non-union personnel raises, effective July 1, 2013, as per Attachment Personnel “D”. Amounts have been budgeted and Performance Evaluations completed**.**

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**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Continued**

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**j. Geraldine Coffield, Custodian – Unpaid Medical Leave**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve Geraldine Coffield’s request for an unpaid medical leave, effective July 11 – September 11, 2013.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**k. Homebound Instructors – 12th Grade Student**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve Joelle Yamber and Jessica Davis as Homebound Instructors for a 12th grade student, effective July 18, 2013, per AEA Contract.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**l.** The Personnel Committee is scheduled to meet July 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. for second round interviews for the Foreign Language Teacher position.

**m.** A Special Meeting is scheduled August 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with voting to occur.

**7. POLICIES**

**a. Pay-to-Play Policy**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the revisions to Policy #252, Participation in Athletics Pay-to-Play, effective immediately. (First reading was held July 2, 2012)

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

**8. SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**a.** A Safety Committee meeting is scheduled August 7, 2013 at 7:45 a.m.

**9. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**a.** A discussion was held regarding technology policies.

**10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – No Report**

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Geresti, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra L. Bentz

Board Secretary