AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

1000 AVELLA ROAD

**AVELLA, PA 15312**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**December 18, 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, December 18, 2013. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:15 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, Corey McConn, Jennifer Newman, Alex Paris

Absent: Jeffrey Devenney, Kevin Geresti, Michael Muhr, Donald Underwood

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

Laura Shola, Business Manager

Thomas Graham, JSHS Principal

Cyril Walther, Elementary Principal

Debra L. Bentz, Board Secretary

**OTHERS**: 3 Visitors

#### A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION - None

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

**VISITORS REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM - None**

**GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS**

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

Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the November and December 2013 General Fund.

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the Accounts Payable for the November and December 2013 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

**a.** Mr. Graham, JSHS Principal, reported 36 students have signed up for the football team for the 2014 school year. The Board is in favor of the football program remaining at Avella School District.

**b.** A discussion was held regarding clearances of members of outside organizations using the school facilities.

**2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**a. Bleacher Specs**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. McConn, to approve McLean Architects to prepare bid specifications for the replacement of JSHS gym bleachers.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**b. Use of Facilities**

Moved by Mr. Cassidy, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the following Use of School Facilities:

NAME: Avella Athletics Inc.

PURPOSE: Wrestling TournamentPLACE: JSHS Gym, Cafeteria, Locker Rooms

DATES: February 9, 2014

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

**a.** A discussion was held regarding the District’s starting time.

**b.** A letter from Highmark regarding CPR Training was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Logue-Belden reported the staff will be trained in CPR.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

**c. Washington DC Trip**

Moved by Mr. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the interested class officers, club officers and Mrs. Lochran’s Civics class to participate in the 8th grade Washington DC trip, due to lack of participation, per Attachment Curriculum “B”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**d. 2013-14 School Calendar**

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the following revision to the 2013-14 school calendar:

No School due to power outage: December 12, 2013

Makeup Day: January 20, 2014

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**e. WACTC Program of Studies**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to accept the WACTC Program of Studies for the 2013-14 school year, per Attachment Curriculum “C”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**f. Holocaust Museum Field Trip**

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve Mrs. Lazzarotti’s Sophomore English Class and Mrs. Wright-Brown’s American History Class to attend the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC on February 20, 2014. The bus will depart at 6:30 a.m. and return approximately 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. (Invitation will be extended to additional AP classes if there are vacant seats.) The Board agreed to contribute $1500 towards the educational fieldtrip.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**4. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**a.** New band uniforms will be addressed at the January Board Meeting.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**5. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**a. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. McConn, to approve the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Avella Area Education Support Professionals, for the period of time beginning July 1, 2013 and continuing through June 30, 2016, per Attachment Negotiations “A”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**b.** Per letter dated 12/10/13 from PSERS, Linda Jukes will not be able to perform independent consulting services for the Avella Area School District, per Attachment Negotiations “B”.

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**a. 2013-14 School Volunteers**

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

Kelly Stritzinger - Elementary

Melissa Torboli-Fuller – Elementary

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**b. Pete Fernbaugh, Play Director**

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve Pete Fernbaugh as the Play Director for the 2013-14 school year. All clearances are on file.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**7. POLICIES – No Report**

**8. SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**a.** A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled January 2, 2014 at 7:45 a.m.

**9. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**a.** A Technology Committee Meeting will be scheduled in January.

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Cassidy, seconded by Ms. Newman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. McConn, Ms. Newman, and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra L. Bentz

Board Secretary