AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

1000 AVELLA ROAD

**AVELLA, PA 15312**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**April 16, 2014**

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, April 16, 2014. 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 and negotiations. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

**BOARD MEMBERS**: James Cassidy, Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, Corey McConn, Michael Muhr, Jennifer Newman, Alex Paris, Donald Underwood

Absent: Kevin Geresti

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

Laura Shola, Business Manager

Cyril Walther, Elementary Principal

Debra L. Bentz, Board Secretary

**OTHERS**: Rachel Lozosky, District Solicitor

13 Visitors

#### A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. The following students were recognized as the April Students of the Month:

Amber Clingenpeel – Senior

Aaron Casciola – Senior

Nicholas Chase – 6th Grade Student

Nathaniel Jackson – 6th Grade Student

**REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING**

1. Dr. Dennis McCarthy, WACTC Executive Director, requested to speak regarding the WACTC Program.

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

**GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES *ATTACHMENT “A”***

Board Members were furnished copies of the March Regular and Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. Muhr, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the March Regular and Special Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the March and April General Fund.

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Accounts Payable for the March and April General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

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

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

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

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – No Report**

**2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**a. Inventory Control**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve disposal of the items listed on Attachment B&G “A”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**b. Use of Facilities**

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

NAME: Voting Board - Cross Creek #3

PURPOSE: Voting

PLACE: High School Gym

DATES: 5/20/2014

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

**a. The following items were discussed:**

* STEM and Vo-Ag Programs
* Bell Schedule for JSHS
* Reading Series

**4. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**a.** A Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled May 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

**b. S&S Flooring**

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the quote from S&S Flooring to resurface the JSHS Gym, in the amount of $18,100, to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund, per Attachment Finance “A”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**5. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**a. CAO Employees Intent to Participate in Retirement Plan**

Moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to make a matter of record the letters received from Debra Bentz, Dawn Brownlee, Bruce Kidd and Margaret Marker, respectively, providing written notice of their intent to participate in the Retirement Plan for the Four Central Office Positions, as approved by the Board on March 19, 2014. Attachment Negotiations “A”

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**b.** Negotiation Meetings are scheduled April 23 and 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**a. Dana Davis - Resignation**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to accept the resignation of Dana Davis, JSHS Secretary, effective April 21, 2014.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**b. Dana Davis – Substitute Secretary**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve Dana Davis as a day-to-day secretarial substitute on an as needed basis through the end of May or until her replacement is trained, as deemed necessary by the Administration, to be paid at a rate of $14.25 per hour with no benefits.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**c. Posting – JSHS Secretary**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the posting (advertising if necessary) for a full time JSHS Secretary.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**d. Posting – Homebound Instructor**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to ratify a posting for a Homebound Instructor for a 12th Grade learning support student, 5 hours per week.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**e. Kristin Jakiel, Homebound Instructor**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to ratify Kristin Jakiel as a Homebound Instructor for a 12th Grade learning support student, 5 hours per week, effective April 7, 2014.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**f. 2013-14 School Volunteers**

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

Jennifer Scott – Dance Team and Band

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**g. Extended School Year Program Coordinators - Posting**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve a posting for three (3) Extended School Year Program Coordinators, effective Summer 2014.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**h. Extended School Year Program Teacher - Posting**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve a posting for one Extended School Year Program Teacher, effective Summer 2014, 19 – One (1) Hour Sessions.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**i. Extended School Year Program Special Education Aides - Posting**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve a posting for the Extended School Year Program Special Education Aides, effective Summer 2014.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**j. Camp Laugh-A-Lot Program Special Education Aide - Posting**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve a posting for a Special Education Aide for the Camp Laugh-A-Lot Program, effective Summer 2014.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**k. Cyril Walther, JSHS Principal**

Moved by Mr. Muhr, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to appoint Cyril Walther as JSHS Principal, effective June 1, 2014, at a base salary of $90,500, with all provisions of the Act 93 Agreement pertaining to this position to apply.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**7. POLICIES – No Report**

**8. SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**a.** Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled May 1, 2014 at 7:45 a.m.

**9. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**a. Greg Wargo, Network Administrator**

Moved by Mr. Muhr, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the Contract of Employment with Greg Wargo, Network Administrator, effective May 1, 2014, per Attachment Technology “A”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – No Report**

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Devenney, seconded by Mr. Paris, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra L. Bentz

Board Secretary