AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

1000 AVELLA ROAD

**AVELLA, PA 15312**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**February 20, 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, February 20, 2013. Mr. Corey McConn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 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, Jeffrey Devenney, Kevin Geresti, Corey McConn, Michael Muhr, Jennifer Newman, Alex Paris, Donald Underwood

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

Laura Shola, Business Manager

Thomas Graham, JSHS Principal

Joel Kirsch, Elementary Principal

Debra L. Bentz, Board Secretary

**OTHERS**: Barbara Graham, District Solicitor

9 Visitors

#### A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

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

Samantha Strope – 6th Grade

Julia West – 6th Grade

Patricia Conn – 12th Grade Student

Cassandra Hamilton - 12th Grade Student

**REQUEST TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING**

1. Linda Barnett requested to speak regarding the basketball time clock, bleachers and Athletic Director.

**VISITORS REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM**

1. Jack Conn, 242 Fallen Timber Road, Avella, Pennsylvania, requested to speak regarding cyber charter students following PIAA Regulations.

2. Rich West, 292 Wotring Road, Avella, Pennsylvania, requested to speak regarding student participation in the school athletic programs.

**GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS**

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

Board Members were furnished copies of the Board Minutes for the January Regular Board Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the January Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

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

Board Members were furnished copies of the Accounts Payable for the January and February 2013 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Geresti, to approve the Accounts Payable for the January and February 2013 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**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. Wrestling Ticket Prices**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Newman, to ratify the following increase in ticket prices for the WPIAL Team Tournament Qualifying Dual Wrestling Match held on January 23, 2013.

Adults: $6.00

Students: $2.00

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**a. Inventory Control**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Newman, to approve disposal of items listed on Attachment B&G “A”. Please see additional attachment from Mr. Hage to Revised Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE - Continued**

**b. Use of School Facilities**

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

NAME: Girls’ Basketball Camp Grades 3-8PURPOSE: Skills CampPLACE: High School Gym

DATES: Saturdays in April, May, June (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

NAME: Girl Scouts of SW PAPURPOSE: Girl Scout Fun DaysPLACE: Elementary Gym

DATES: May 6 and May 20, 2013 (3:30 – 5:30 p.m.)

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**c.** The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported the status of their meeting held on February 19, 2013.

**3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

**a. 2013-14 School Calendar**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Geresti, to approve the Avella Area School District 2013-14 School Calendar, per Attachment Curriculum “A”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**b. Student Ski Trip**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Geresti, to approve a student ski trip to Seven Springs on February 24, 2013. Students are responsible for all fees, including bus costs. Teachers will chaperone.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**4. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**a. Resolution – Intermediate Unit I**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the 2013-14 Intermediate Unit I General Operational Budget. Section 914-A(6)(1) Act 102 of 1970, requires that the Intermediate Unit Budget be approved by at least a majority of the school districts comprising the Intermediate Unit. Attachment Finance “A”

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**4. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**a. Resolution – Intermediate Unit I - Continued**

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**b. Edline Web Hosting Renewal**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve renewing the E-Rate Web Hosting Agreement, per Attachment Finance “B”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**c. Tax Collector Compensation Rates**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to reaffirm the following Tax Collector compensation rates for the years 2014-2017.

Cross Creek Township 2.2%

Hopewell Township 2.2%

Independence Township 2.2%

West Middletown Borough 4.4%

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**5. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**a. Nicolle Bazant Pleil, Food Service Director**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve Nicolle Bazant Pleil as the Food Service Director, effective February 21, 2013, 3 year contract, 90 day probationary period, $35,000, pending receipt of clearances and signed contract, per Attachment Negotiations “A”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**a. Marching Band Dance Line Instructor**

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Underwood, to approve Kristina Kocher as the Marching Band Dance Line Instructor for the 2013-14 school year, per AEA Contract.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**b. Substitute Teacher List**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, to approve the following to the 2012-13 Substitute Teacher List. All clearances are on file.

1. Dean Mastrangelo

2. Bethany Kern

3. Joseph Walter Frabell

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**c. School Volunteer**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the following volunteers for the 2012-13 school year. All clearances are on file.

1. Amanda Ruschel – Elementary School

2. Janice Miller – Dance Team

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**7. POLICIES**

**a. Policies**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Paris, to adopt/revise the following policies, effective February 20, 2013:

* #114 Gifted Education
* Recommended Revisions to #204 Attendance

**b.** A discussion was held regarding cyber charter students following PIAA Regulations.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**c. Intermediate Unit: Notice of Adoption of Policies and Procedures**

Moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds by School Districts, per Attachment Policies “A”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**8. SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**a.** The Safety Committee meeting is scheduled March 7, 2013 at 7:45 a.m.

b. Dr. Logue-Belden, Superintendent, reported the security update from the Washington County Superintendents’ Meeting.

**9. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No Report**

**10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – No Report**

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Muhr, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Geresti, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman, Mr. Paris and Mr. Underwood said “aye”. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra L. Bentz

Board Secretary