AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**AVELLA, PA 15312**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**April 12, 2017**

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 12, 2017. Mr. Jeffrey Devenney, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding personnel and contracts. Debra Bentz, Board Secretary, held roll call and the following board members were present:

**BOARD MEMBERS**: Karen Birdsall, Jeffrey Devenney, James Gagich, Tina Lengauer, Corey McConn, Michael Muhr, Jennifer Newman, Alex Paris

Absent: Leslie Cunningham

**ADMINISTRATION**: Cyril Walther, Superintendent

Laura Shola, Business Manager

Sheryl Wright-Brown, JSHS Principal

Zachary Zebrasky, Elementary Principal

Debra L. Bentz, Board Secretary

**OTHERS**: Barbara Graham, District Solicitor

**A. GENERAL PROCEDURES**

##### Roll Call

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentations/Recognitions**

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

Hannah Bower – 6th Grade Student

Dexter Greene – 6th Grade Student

Madeline Jackson - Senior

Jesse Kagle – Senior

**Request to Speak at the Board Meeting - None**

1. Case|Sabatini, District Auditors, presented the Auditor’s Report for the 2015-16 year.

**Visitor’s Request to Speak on Agenda Items - None**

**GENERAL PROCEDURE ITEMS**

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

Board Members were furnished copies of the March 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Dr. Lengauer, to approve the March 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris 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 2017 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Newman, to approve the Accounts Payable for the March and April 2017 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris 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**

**a. James Matalik, Head Varsity Girls’ Basketball Coach - Resignation**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. McConn, to accept the resignation of James Matalik, Head Varsity Girls’ Basketball Coach, effective end of 2016-17 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**b. Posting – Head Varsity Girls’ Basketball Coach**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. McConn, to ratify the posting (advertisement if necessary) of a Head Varsity Girls’ Basketball Coach, effective 2017-18 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**c. James Morris, Ass’t Varsity Girls’ Basketball Coach - Resignation**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. McConn, to accept the resignation of James Morris, Assistant Varsity Girls’ Basketball Coach, effective end of 2016-17 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

**d. A discussion was held regarding the wrestling program and decline of athletes participating.**

**2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**a. Inventory Control**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve Jessica Davis, Science Teacher’s request to dispose of the outdated items listed on B&G Attachment “A”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**b. Use of School Facilities**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the following Use of School Facilities:

NAME: Washington County Board of Elections

PURPOSE: Primary Election

PLACE: JSHS West Wing

DATE: May 16, 2017

NAME: Avella Eagles Connection

PURPOSE: Color Run

PLACE: Parking Lot/West Wing

DATE: May 20, 2017

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

**a. Discussions were held regarding the following:**

* **Status of the Vo-Ag Program**
* **Information Mr. Walther received regarding Pre-K Classroom at Elementary School**

**4. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**a. Finance Committee Meetings are scheduled the following dates:**

* **4/12/17 – 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole**
* **4/26/17 – 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole**
* **5/10/17 – 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee**
* **6/7/17 – 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee**
* **6/21/17 – 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee**

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**5. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**a. Support Professionals - Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Muhr, to approve replacing page 24 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Avella Area School District and Avella Area Education Support Professionals with Attachment Negotiations “A” (original page had typographical error of contract year).

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**b. Additional Assistant Band Director Position**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Muhr, to approve an additional Assistant Band Director position for the 2017-18 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**c. MOU – Additional Assistant Band Director Position**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Muhr, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Avella Area School District and the Avella Education Association regarding the elimination of the Dance Line Sponsor position for the 2017-18 school year, and compensation of said position be paid to the additional Assistant Band Director position, per Attachment Negotiations “B”.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Mr. McConn said “nay”. Motion carried 7-1.

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE a. 2017-18 School Year - JSHS Extra-Curricular Activities**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. McConn, to approve the following to the JSHS Extra-Curriculum Activities for the 2017-18 school year, per AEA Contract:

* Nicholas Deutsch – Band Director
* Bethany Songer – Assistant Band Director
* Ryan Kinzler – Assistant Band Director (Per MOU)
* Jesse Rhoades - Marching Band Drum Line Instructor
* Kristina Piskuric – Color Guard Instructor
* Kristina Piskuric - Winter Guard Dance Line Instructor
* Nicholas Deutsch - Assistant Winter Guard Dance Line Instructor
* Nicholas Deutsch - Choral Director
* Bethany Songer – Choral Director
* Lynn Clarchick - Play Producer
* Debora Descutner – Play Director
* Nicholas Deutsch – Senior Class Sponsor
* Renee Worst – Junior Class Sponsor
* Joelle Cooper – Sophomore Class Sponsor
* Bethany Songer – Freshman Class Sponsor
* Laura Lazzarotti – 7th/8th Grade Class Sponsor
* Carrie Struth – Student Council Sponsor
* Lynn Akins – National Honor Society Sponsor
* Laura Lazzarotti – Newspaper Sponsor
* Natalie Frank – Yearbook Sponsor

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE a. 2017-18 School Year - JSHS Extra-Curricular Activities - Continued**

* Kristen Jakiel – SADD Sponsor
* Jessica Miller – Art Club Sponsor
* Evelyn Breitigan – Community Service Sponsor
* Evelyn Breitigan – Science Club
* Susan Kubacka – Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach
* Amy Rush – Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**b. Ashley Fedak, FMLA**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Dr. Lengauer, to ratify the intermittent FMLA leave for Ashley Fedak, on or about March 17, 2017 for up to 15 days.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**c. School Volunteer List**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Dr. Lengauer, to approve the following to the School Volunteer List for the 2016-17 school year.

* Lisa Heinz

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**d. 2016-17 Substitute Support Personnel List**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Dr. Lengauer, to approve Michele Richards to the Substitute Support Personnel List for the 2016-17 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**7. POLICIES**

1. **Diabetes Management Policy**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Devenney, to approve the adoption of the Diabetes Management Policy #209.2, effective April 12, 2017. (First reading was held 3/15/17)

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

**8. SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**a. A Safety Committee meeting is scheduled May 4, 2017 at 7:45 a.m.**

**9. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No Report**

**10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – No Report**

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Muhr, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, Mr. Muhr, Ms. Newman and Mr. Paris said “aye”. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra L. Bentz

Board Secretary