AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

1000 AVELLA ROAD

**AVELLA, PA 15312**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**February 15, 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, February 15, 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, Leslie Cunningham, Jeffrey Devenney, James Gagich, Tina Lengauer, Corey McConn, Jennifer Newman, Alex Paris

Absent: Michael Muhr

**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 February Students of the Month:

Vincent Rohde – 6th Grade Student

Shelby Loar – 6th Grade Student

Emma Williams - Senior

Colton Brownlee – Senior

1. Boy Scout Troop #1365 was recognized for earning the Citizenship in the Community Badge.

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

**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 January 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the January 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, 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 January and February 2017 General Fund.

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to approve the Accounts Payable for the January and February 2017 General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Birdsall, Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Devenney, Mr. Gagich, Dr. Lengauer, Mr. McConn, 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. Mr. Devenney, Board President, congratulated the Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball Teams for making the playoffs.**

**2. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**a. Use of School Facilities**

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

NAME: Avella Eagles Connection

PURPOSE: Touch a Truck

PLACE: Parking Lot/Restrooms

DATE: May 13, 2017

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

**b. Mr. Walther, Superintendent, recommended Printscape to complete the athletic wall murals near the gymnasium.**

**c. A Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting is scheduled March 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**3. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

**a. 2017-18 School Calendar**

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the Avella Area School District 2017-18 School Calendar, per Attachment Curriculum “A”.

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

**b. April Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve rescheduling and advertising the April Regular Board meeting from April 19 to April 12, 2017.

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

**c. JSHS Curriculum**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Paris, to approve the revisions to the JSHS curriculum, effective 2017-18 school year, per Attachment Curriculum “B” to Revised Agenda.

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

**d. A discussion was held regarding the status of the vocational agriculture courses being added to the JSHS curriculum.**

**e. A discussion was held regarding enhancing the JSHS Library with a media center.**

**4. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**a. Hickory Telephone Company – Application for Service Contract**

Moved by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. McConn, to approve the Application for Service Contract with Hickory Telephone Company, effective July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020, per Attachment Finance “A”.

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

**b. McLean Architects – Application and Certification for Payment**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Dr. Lengauer, to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment to Gurtner Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of $10,000.00, per Attachment Finance “B”.

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

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**4. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**c. McLean Architects – Application and Certification for Payment**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Dr. Lengauer, to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment to Rame, Inc. in the amount of $63,125.00, per Attachment Finance “C”.

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

**d. McLean Architects – Change Order**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Dr. Lengauer, to ratify McLean Architect’s request for Change Order East West Manufacturing, Inc., dated January 3, 2017, $1,393.00, per Attachment Finance “D”.

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

**e. McLean Architects – Application and Certification for Payment**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Dr. Lengauer, to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of $17,442.90, per Attachment Finance “E”.

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

**f. Resolution – Intermediate Unit I**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Dr. Lengauer, to approve the 2017-18 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 “F”

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

**5. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – No Report**

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**a. Homebound Instructor Posting**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to ratify the posting for a Homebound Instructor for a 5th Grade Student.

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

**b. Homebound Instructor**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve Darren Shaffer as a Homebound Instructor for a 5th Grade Student, per AEA Contract.

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

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for a JSHS/Elementary Extended School Year Program Teacher, effective Summer 2017.

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

**d. Extended School Year Program Special Education Aide - Posting**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Ms. Birdsall, to approve a posting (advertisement if necessary) for an Extended School Year Program Special Education Aide, effective Summer 2017.

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

**7. POLICIES – No Report**

**8. SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**a. Safety Committee meeting is scheduled March 2, 2017 at 7:45 a.m.**

**9. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No Report**

**10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**a. Parent Transportation Contract**

Moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to ratify the Parent Transportation Agreement between Mrs. Tammy Gable and the Avella Area School District to transport student to and from the IU1 Educational Campus at Laboratory from January 30, 2017 to the end of the 2016-17 school year, $25 per day.

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

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, moved by Mr. McConn, seconded by Mr. Gagich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra L. Bentz

Board Secretary