

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2011

The Millville Area School Board held the regular board meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011 in the Millville High School library. President Frank Suchwala called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The following Board members answered roll call: William Berger, Larry Breech, Erin Comly, Dean Kelchner, Cheryl Kessler, Heather Mausteller, Susan Myers, and Frank Suchwala. ABSENT: Chris Farr. Also, present were Kathleen Stark, Superintendent, David Bowser, Business Manager, Eric Stair, Secondary Principal, Dee Davis, Supervisor of Special Education, and Ron Zimmerman, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds. Guests present who signed the roster were, Karen Sullivan, Austin Hack, Dora Comstock, Carol Troisi and John Snurkowski.

GUEST RECOGNITION: Mr. John Snurkowski, representing Above the Poconos Skydivers, reserved the right to speak on topic under Discussion Items: Skydiving at Homecoming.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- School Related Group Sponsorship: Dr. Stark shared concerns regarding groups completing Use of Facilities or Fund Raising Request forms under the sponsorship of a booster group or fund raising group. The request forms must be signed by the appropriate member of the Millville Booster Association Board of Directors as acceptance of responsibility. President Suchwala directed Dr. Stark to contact the Booster Club Oversight Committee to meet and develop guidelines.
- Millville Virtual Academy Handbook: Dr. Stark presented a draft of a proposed handbook for the students enrolled in Millville's cyber school.
- Regular Education Work Study Criteria: Dr. Stark presented guidelines for any senior student requesting release from class for work release. Mrs. Comly recommends that the criteria state "Must have scored proficient or advanced on the PSSA tests as required for graduation." Dr. Stark recommends that the Curriculum Committee review the criteria.
- 2011-12 Calendar – Make up days: Dr. Stark reviewed the 2011-12 calendar for possible flood make up days by using December 22, and April 9, 2012. The Board preferred to add make-up days at the end of year.
- Girls Soccer Game during Homecoming: Mr. Stair presented a request from parents asking to move the girls' soccer game from Saturday afternoon to Friday evening. The Board's recommendation is to leave homecoming games as scheduled on Saturday.
- Homecoming – Skydiving Event: The Board reviewed the proposal to host a Skydiving Event during Homecoming.

APPROVE SKYDIVING EVENT: A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the Skydiving Event, to be held during Homecoming, contingent upon the solicitor's approval and contract approval. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

BOARD F.Y.I. President Suchwala would like to review the Memorandum of Understanding with the Law Enforcement agencies at the next board meeting.

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ACCEPT BOARD MINUTES: A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board accept the August 22, 2011 board minutes. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE BUS CONTRACTORS, DRIVERS, AND ROUTES: A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2011-12 bus contractors, routes and drivers. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

APPROVE HS FIELD TRIPS: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve two 2011-12 high school field trips:
High School Band to Bloomsburg Fair on September 28, 2011;
Career Day at Penn College of Technology on October 14, 2011
The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

APPROVE BERGER PAY INCREASE: A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the pay differential of \$1.60 per hour for Leslie Berger, due to the nature of assignment, for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 YES; 1 NO; 1 ABSENT; 1 ABSTENTION

EMPLOY FT CUSTODIAN-MILLARD BEATTY: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve employing Millard Beatty, Jr. as a full-time custodian, with rate of pay being \$8.00 per hour, pending receipt of updated clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

ACCEPT SCHOOL POLICE RESIGNATION: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board accept Neil DeWald's resignation letter as school police effective immediately. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

APPROVE SUBSTITUTES: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve adding the following to the professional and non-professional substitute lists and approve Guest Teachers:

PROFESSIONAL: Elizabeth Pursel – English and Elementary (clearances on file)
John VanKirk – Social Studies (clearances on file)

The motion carried by affirmative voice vote. 7 Aye, 1 Nay, 1 Absent

BOARD THANK YOU: Mrs. Myers thanked the custodial staff for the excellent job during the flood evacuation.

WALKING TRAIL UPDATE: Dr. Stark reported that questions arose during the pre-bid process of the project and concerns about a variety of issues. The project is on hold.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler to adjourn the regular board meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

David B. Bowser
Board Secretary