

The Millville Area School Board held their regular meeting on Monday, March 22, 2021, with public participation via Zoom and Facebook. Prior to the start of the meeting, an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call: William Berger, Brynn Clark, Susan Farr, Greg Hemsarh, Heather Mausteller, Susan Myers, Deborah Price, and Jessica Whitmoyer. Absent: Michael Farrell.

Also present were Joseph Rasmus, Alicia Differ, Jim Hess, Dee Davis, Alexa Longacre, Brent Crispell, Noah Adams and Kathy Musselman.

#### GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

No guests requested to speak.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

##### *Community Giving Foundation – Youth in Philanthropy*

- Under the guidance of Ms. Clausen and Mrs. Uranko, students within the Millville YIP chapter cultivate their school and community leadership through a variety of community service projects and initiatives to improve our school and community.
- Our YIP is seeking organizations, programs, groups, and/or individuals to apply for grant opportunities related to addressing youth issues, including mental health, stress surrounding career or college planning, drug and alcohol abuse, and nicotine addiction. All grant requests must support services provided to youth residing in Millville School District.

##### *Federal Guidelines Procurement Processes: Implications on BPI Project*

- On February 8, 2021, the Millville Area Board of Education approved the McClure Company to undertake the Bipolar Ionization project to introduce technology into our existing HVAC system that will remove 99.4% of particles in the air such as mold, bacteria, and COVID-19.
- Subsequent to the board's approval in February, the district received updated guidance from PDE through the regional federal coordinator that PDE was enforcing Universal Grant Guidance.
- U.S. Office of Management and Budget has issued comprehensive grant rules "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," referred to as the Uniform Guidance (UG)-formerly referred to as Uniform Grant Guidance.
- UGG explains that LEAs must adhere to required procedures:
  - Costs/Obligations/Property Management
  - Allowability of Costs
  - Cash Management
  - Subrecipient Monitoring
  - Procurement
- For services or products that total \$21,300 or greater require a "Request for Proposals" process in order to yield sealed bidding upon services/products.
- Utilizing federal subsidy, the LEA must advertise for three weeks in two newspapers.
- Initially the district was told that COVID constitutes an emergency. Since the UGG provides a caveat that LEAs do not have to conform to the UGG in times of an emergency, several regional school districts proceeded with Bipolar Ionization Projects based upon their reading of the federal guidance.
- Upon receipt of this information, sought guidance from solicitor, reviewed concerns with vendor, and drafted formal correspondence to Susan McCrone, Division Chief: Federal Programs at PDE for explicit guidance.
- After delay, the district received feedback from the regional coordinator suggesting that MASD put the job out to bid.

*Curriculum Updates*

- Implementation of new Basal Reading Series K-6 – Wonders: McGraw-Hill  
Wonders K-6  
 Connects classroom to core standards, inspiring literature, and the world with this comprehensive literacy program that includes integrated EL instruction and social emotional learning lessons.  
WonderWorks K-6  
 Flexible literacy intervention program, grounded in research, that provides scaffolded support designed to accelerate students back to grade level.  
Wonders for English Learners K-6  
 Builds proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing with scaffolded support for all language proficiency levels.
- Implementation of Wilson FOUNDATIONS: Grades K-3 all students  
 Multisensory structured language program  
 Fosters systematic and explicit instruction to the K-3 classroom  
 Provides research-based materials and strategies essential to a comprehensive reading, spelling, and handwriting program.  
 Makes learning to read fun while laying the groundwork for life-long literacy. Students in grades K-3 receive a systematic program in critical foundational skills emphasizing phonemic awareness, word study, high frequency word study, reading fluency, vocabulary, comprehension strategies, handwriting and spelling.

*Quaker Time*

- Introduction of Quaker Time in grades K-12. During Quaker Time, all students receive skill-based instruction.
- Prior to COVID, MASD offered all students in grades K-6 Interventional Instruction. This was removed from instruction to enable the MASD to dismiss students earlier.
- Skill-based Instruction: Remediation, reinforcement, enrichment.
- Instructional cohorts will be determined by student performance data from diagnostic assessments.
- Leadership is examining skill-based instructional platforms such as iReady to serve as the inclusive diagnostic and instructional platform for teachers.
- All students get what they need within the Quaker Time context, students will receive skill-based instruction in Mathematics and Reading/Language Arts.
- Funding: ESSERS II and III: Addresses learning loss and close the skill gap resulting from COVID-19

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Mr. Sanders provided a written report, Ms. Differ, Mrs. Longacre, Mr. Crispell, and Mr. Hess provided written reports with verbal highlights. Mrs. Davis provided a verbal report stating she is preparing for the Federal Programs audit at the end of April and finishing IEPs for ESY determination. She also stated her excitement for the implementation of WonderWorks and FOUNDATIONS.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

CMVT Representative, William Berger

- Ninth grade enrollment is nearly full.
- No building expansion. Working with the architects for necessary building repairs to bring the building to code.
- Following policy, for the General Operating Budget to pass, a yes vote from five of the seven sending districts was needed until Benton dropped from programming, lowering the yes vote to four of six sending districts to pass the budget.

CSIU Representative, Deborah Price, provided a written report and the CSIU meeting minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports along with Elementary and High School Student Union reports were submitted.

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millville Area School Board Meeting Minutes

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APPROVE MARCH 8, 2021 BOARD MINUTES

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the March 8, 2021 Board meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 Yea; 0 Nay; 1 Absent

EXPENDITURES

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board approve March 11, 2021 expenditures in the amount of \$3,000 and March 22, 2021 expenditures in the amount of \$218,945.11. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

CMAVTS 2021-2022 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School 2021-2022 General Operating Budget. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

SMILE DENTISTRY STUDENT EXAMS

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve SMILE Dentistry to perform student dental exams at \$8 per exam. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

2021 SENIOR CLASS TRIP

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the 2021 Senior Class Trip, June 3, 2021, to Six Flags and Ocean City, NJ. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

RESCIND BOARD MOTION: BIPOLAR IONIZATION PROJECT

A motion by Susan Farr and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board rescind the approval of the McClure Company to undertake a Bipolar Ionization Project which was board approved on February 8, 2021. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR BIPOLAR IONIZATION PROJECT

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve district administration initiating a Request for Proposals (RFP) to complete a Bipolar Ionization upgrade to the district's existing HVAC systems. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

MOU ACT 93: CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA)

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Act 93 employees and the district which allows Act 93 employees to contribute up to five unused vacation days to their HAS and/or a 403B. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

2021-2022 CSIU DRIVER EDUCATION AGREEMENT

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) and Millville Area School District for the 2021-2022 CSIU Driver Education Program. This MOU constitutes an agreement that the CSIU will conduct the behind-the-wheel instruction and administer the EOCST to students of MASD with MASD overseeing the program. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

ACQUISITION OF NEW BASAL READING SERIES: WONDERS BY MCGRAW HILL

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the acquisition of a K-6 Basal Reading/Language Arts Series: Wonders from McGraw Hill for \$99,458.55. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

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ACQUISITION OF WILSON FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM: K-2

A motion by Susan Farr and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the acquisition of the Wilson Foundations, a research-based, multisensory language development program to be implemented in grades K-2 at a cost of \$14,640.25. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

RESIGNATION - FAUS

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board accept the notice of resignation from Mollie Faus, with regret, effective March 21, 2021. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

RETIREMENT - STRAUCH

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board accept with gratitude, the notice of retirement from Marilyn Strauch, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

DISTRICT TENURE

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve granting tenure to Christopher Rhinard, effective March 22, 2021. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

MASD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA HEALTH AND WELFARE TRUST (CS TRUST)

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board appoint Dee Davis, as Millville Area School District representative to the Central Susquehanna Health and Welfare Trust (CS Trust). The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

EXTENSION OF FMLA

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve a two-week FMLA extension through March 21, 2021, for employee #835. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

SCHOOL VEHICLE EMPLOYEE DRIVERS

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Tiffany Anderson and Christy Passaretti, as school vehicle drivers. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

DISCONTINUE OFFERING THE HYBRID LEARNING MODEL

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve to discontinue offering the Hybrid Learning Model at the end of the third marking period. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Kathy Musselman  
Assistant Board Secretary