

The Millville Area School Board held their regular meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021, with public participation via Facebook and Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

Carol Troisi: Requested notification as soon as possible to furloughed professional staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Joseph Rasmus

Secondary Initiatives: Career and Technical Education Programs 2021-2022

- MASD will implement three CTE programs in 2021-2022.
- Course selection will occur next week for grades 8-11 to plan for the forthcoming school year.
- Graduation Credit Requirements: Class of 2022: 26 credits, Class of 2023: 27 credits, Class of 2024: 27.5 credits, Class of 2025: 28.5 credits, accumulated from specific courses passed with a grade of 70 or above in Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior year.
- MASD leadership team is developing a new district policy regarding parameters for students who wish to attend neighboring districts' CTE programs or MASD students who wish to attend CTE programs.

Secondary Initiatives: STEM Grades 7 and 8

- April 1, 2021, the secondary faculty participated in an orientation and overview of the FUSE STEM curricula and STEM kits. FUSE is a full STEM lab designed for equity and accessibility to all students. FUSE offers 32 customizable STEM and design challenges in a student-centered, choice-driven learning environment. FUSE is currently in over 200 schools nationwide. FUSE challenges are designed to introduce STEAM concepts and skills in an engaging way. Students choose the challenges they want to work on and progress at their own pace. Challenges are based in STEAM topics like 3D design and printing, robotics, architecture, music mixing, animation and more.

K-8 Curriculum and Instruction: iReady

- iReady is a comprehensive assessment and instruction program that empowers teachers with the resources they need to help all students succeed. IReady provides teachers an understanding of student strengths and areas of need and provides tailored instruction and practice for each students' growth. IReady is proven to work-students make remarkable learning gains.

EITC Sponsorships: 2021-2022

- District leadership has been collaborating with the Columbia-Montour Chamber of Commerce Foundation to develop EITC sponsorships to subsidize district CTE and STEM initiatives.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER'S REPORT*The Role of the SRO: Teacher, Mentor, and Police Officer*

- Teacher: A.L.I.C.E training; classroom discussion of the 4th amendment; mandated intruder/evacuation drills.
- Mentor: Develop relationships with our students. These relationships lay a foundation to gain trust. As trust develops, students are more comfortable asking for guidance or discuss concerns they may have. Students approach the SRO to help with class projects/assignments, speak about careers in law enforcement and corrections, concerns or problems they or someone they know is experiencing regarding peer issues, potential abuse or criminal activity. Accessibility and trust given to students' increases the likelihood students are assured their concerns are being addressed.
- Police Officer: Physical Security - Monitor surveillance cameras, walk the hallways checking for open doors and potential hazards, and serve on the Safety Committee, meeting each month to discuss safety/security related issues and how to correct potential and existing problems. Safety Recommendations– Would like to see pedestrian crossing signs placed at the bus lane in front of the elementary school and reflective yellow paint lining the bus lane to increase visibility and awareness.

Traffic Control – Cross students at the beginning and ending of student day, assist buses into the bus lane, and direct traffic in order to keep it flowing so the intersection does not become congested.

Law Enforcement – Student use of computers for unauthorized reasons that could potentially lead to criminal use; students texting threats; investigate suspicious circumstances; suspected child abuse reporting; summary citations of student use of vape in school; possible marijuana use; and motorist illegally passing school bus with flashing signal activated.

APPROVE MARCH 22, 2021 BOARD MINUTES

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board approve the March 22, 2021 Board meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote. 9 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Absent

EXPENDITURES

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve April 12, 2021 expenditures in the amount of \$179,553.15. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent; 1 Abstention (Greg Hemsarh)

DONATION ACCEPTANCE

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve accepting the following monetary donations with gratitude: \$1,500 from Capital Blue Cross to be used for instruction and student needs; \$695 from Columbia-Montour Chamber to be used for STEM; and \$100 from the Columbia-Montour Chamber for the purpose of a scholarship. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

FUSE STEM CURRICULA

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the implementation and acquisition of FUSE STEM Secondary Curriculum kits for the 2021-22 school year at the cost of \$21,583. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

APPROVAL OF COURSE SELECTION GUIDE FOR 2021-22

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Secondary Course Selection Guide for 2021-22. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

REVISIONS TO GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve revisions to the Millville Area School District Graduation Requirements as delineated within the 2021-22 Secondary Course Selection Guide. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

SECURLY 360 CLOUD

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the implementation and acquisition of Securly 360 Cloud, a comprehensive technology management system for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

iREADY

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the implementation of iReady assessment and instruction system for students in grades K-12 for the 2021-2022 school year for \$22,789. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL SUSPENSION OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES FOR ECONOMIC REASONS

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve a resolution of intent required by Pennsylvania Public School Code PS § 1124(d)(2) Concerning Potential Suspension of Professional Employees for Economic Reasons. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

RETIREMENT-NOVAK

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board accept with gratitude, the notice from Eric Novak to consent to retire from teaching effective June 29, 2021. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

APPOINTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TEACHER

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Nicole Guise as a full-time, permanent secondary Agriculture Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year at Step B-1. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

FMLA EXTENTION

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. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

GUIDELINES FOR COMPENSATORY TIME

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Millville Area School District and Millville Area Educational Support Personnel allowing compensatory time under the guidelines set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millville Area School Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Susan Myers called an executive session after adjournment for personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Kathy Musselman
Assistant Board Secretary