

The Millville Area School Board held their regular meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021, in the high school library. Prior to the start of the meeting, an executive session was held to discuss personnel matters. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Joseph Rasmus, Ed Sanders, Alicia Differ, Jim Hess, Noah Adams, Alexa Longacre, Brent Crispell, Whitney Holloway, and Kathy Musselman.

#### GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

No guest requested to speak.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

##### *Seamless Summer Options*

- Pursuant to the authority in Section 2202(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (the FFCRA) (PL 116-127), as extended by the Continuing Appropriations Act 2021 and Other Extensions Act (PL 116-159), and based on the exceptional circumstances of this public health emergency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) established a waiver to allow the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) to operate when school is open during the regular school year, through June 30, 2022. This waiver is expected to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Under SSO, local education agencies are not allowed to provide SSO meals when schools are open during the regular school year. However, FNS recognizes that state agencies and school food authorities need additional support and flexibility to continue serving meals to children while maintaining appropriate safety measures and managing the impacts of COVID-19. This will be especially important during school year 2021-2022 when communities are reopening but school children are not yet vaccinated; social distancing will be particularly important while communities balance reopening schools and safety for students.
- Allowing school food authorities to participate under SSO during COVID-19 operations during the regular school year facilitates the safe provision of meals by eliminating the need to collect meal payments, including cash payments, at meal sites. This speeds up service of meals, thereby reducing contact and potential exposure to COVID-19. It also facilitates implementation of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for safe school meal service, which include serving meals outdoors or in classrooms. Schools may not have access to electronic systems typically used to determine eligibility and collect payment when meals are served outside the cafeteria. Instead of spending time confirming each student's enrollment and eligibility status at a central point-of-service, this waiver gives school food service professionals greater flexibility to distribute meals at a variety of safe meal sites that serve a smaller number of children.
- The current SSO waiver ends on September 30, 2021. The new waiver will be in place on October 1, 2021. There is one significant changes that will be implemented with the new waiver: The district will no longer be able to provide meals to individuals who are NOT educated within its schools. Therefore, the MASD will no longer be able to provide meals for day care facility and/or provide public distribution to individuals up to the age of 18 years old. For clarity, K-12 students will continue to be afforded with access to FREE nutritious school meals: Breakfast and Lunch through the remainder of the school year.

*Updates to the 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan*

- On September 7, 2021, the MASD implemented changes to the 2021-22 Health and Safety Plan to reflect an increase in transmission rates as witnessed within the district.
- While the newly implemented mitigation strategies may be burdensome, they are being undertaken to maintain the continuity of face-to-face instruction and to reduce the spread of illness.
- *As of September 7, 2021, the following COVID data has been documented:*
  - 12 COVID positive cases (faculty/staff/students): currently in isolation
  - 6 COVID positive cases (faculty/staff/students): have returned from isolation
  - 45 quarantine cases (faculty/staff/students): currently in quarantine
  - 69 quarantine cases (faculty/staff/students): have returned to school from quarantine
- *As of September 13, 2021, the following COVID data has been documented:*
  - 11 COVID positive cases (faculty/staff/students): currently in isolation
  - 33 quarantine cases (faculty/staff/students): currently in quarantine
- Within the 2020-21 School Year, the MASD had documented 24 students who had been confirmed positive for COVID-19. As of September 7, 2021, the district has documented 14 students who have been confirmed positive for COVID-19.
- In an effort to maintain the highest degree of safety for all members of our learning community, the district is maintaining strict adherence to protocols identified within the updated 2021-22 School Health and Safety Plan. The MASD Health and Safety Plan is available upon the district website for public review.
- According to the MASD Health and Safety Plan, when an individual who is positive and MASKED comes in close contact with another individual who is MASKED, the positive individual must isolate for 10 days. However, the close contact does NOT have to quarantine whatsoever. This is the merit of maintaining masking within our schools.

*COVID Data Overview and Impact on District Mitigation Strategies- Non-Compliance with Masking in Schools*

- The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has received information indicating that schools are flagrantly violating and does not intend to comply with the Order.
- Failure to implement and follow the control measures under the Order subjects a person, which includes administration and the board of education, to the penalty provisions of the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955. A violation occurs each day there is a violation and may be charged for each student or staff member attending the school.
- Further, failing to implement or follow the control measures may also expose school personnel to personal liability under 42 Pa.C.S. §8550 (relating to willful misconduct), as well as other remedies and actions as provided by law.
- Failing to adhere to the order, the district may personally face lawsuits from those who may be affected by noncompliance with the Order, including children who may become ill as a result of the district's violation, or disabled children who are unable to attend school because of the district's failure to follow the order. In such a situation, you could face suit and potential liability with no indemnification or protection. Districts' liability insurers have explored cancelling coverage as a result of those districts' possible illegal conduct and potential purposeful violations of law.
- Districts' violations of law may negatively affect workers' compensation claims coverage and premium calculations.
- Districts that do not comply with or affirmatively elect to violate the law may be referred to the United States Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights for investigation.
- Failure to comply with the Order may prevent immunocompromised and other susceptible students from attending class in violation of the IDEA, ADA, and Rehabilitation Act.

*Extended Learning Opportunities to Address Learning Loss*

- All students K-12 have undertaken the iReady Diagnostic.
- Parents of students K-12 who have performed one or more grade levels below their chronological year will receive notification from the district of their child's eligibility.
- Once parents/guardians submit their forms indicating their interest for their child(ren) to participate, the district will endeavor to situate the necessary personnel to provide extended instruction in Mathematics and English Language Arts to students subsequent to the school day.
- Students will be recommended for two days of extended learning for 2 additional hours of instruction twice per week.
- Teachers will utilize iReady Tools for Instruction and Teacher Toolbox to access lessons that are not only aligned to the PA Core Standards, but also are aligned to the learning needs of students as evidenced by their respective performance of the iReady adaptive diagnostic assessment.
- The MASD will provide students with a snack and refreshment at the onset of Extended Learning Days.
- The MASD will coordinate transportation to transport the students home from school.
- This programming is subsidized by ESSERS III federal subsidy that was awarded to the district.
- Although the district has announced October 2021 as the start for such services, a definitive start date will be situated once all variables are solidified... more information to follow.

BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT

Mrs. Holloway submitted a written report with verbal highlights.

APPROVE AUGUST 23, 2021 BOARD MINUTES

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the August 23, 2021 board meeting minutes.

The motion carried by voice vote. 7 Yea; 0 Nay; 2 Absent

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

A motion by Susan Farr and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve September 13, 2021 cafeteria expenditures in the amount of \$31,057.97; September 13, 2021 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$471,976.79; and athletic expenditures in the amount of \$1,298.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

REVISED 2021-2022 MASD PHASED SCHOOL REOPENING HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve revisions to the 2021-2022 MASD Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

RESCIND CTE ENROLLMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve rescinding enrollment approval within the CTE programs of study at Central Columbia School District for students Ethan Robertson and Caitlyn Weatherill.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

HEMLOCK TOWNSHIP CONTRACT

A motion by Susan Farr and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the agreement with Hemlock Township to provide SRO services to Millville Area School District at an annual cost of \$98,177.92.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DISPOSAL APPROVAL

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve disposal of (17) Intro to Chemistry books and (11) Physical Science books, per attached disposal form. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DONATION OF DICTIONARIES

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board accept with gratitude a donation of dictionaries from the Sons of the American Legion to be donated to third grade students at Millville Elementary School.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MONETARY DONATION TO YIP

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board accept with gratitude a \$2,000 donation to YIP - Youth in Philanthropy from the Sons of the American Legion.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

MILLVILLE FIRE COMPANY/MILLVILLE ROD AND GUN CLUB REIMBURSEMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve reimbursement from Millville Rod and Gun Club for food product loss negligence when storing ice cream in MASD freezers for use at Millville Fire Company Carnival.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

REPURCHASE TIME DEPOSIT #XX309

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Millville Area School District's repurchase of time deposit #xx309 at the rate of 0.35% for 6 months, with First Columbia Bank and Trust.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

FIELD TRIP APPROVAL

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve a field trip to Bloomsburg Fairgrounds on September 24, 2021, to set-up student presentation exhibits.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

MOU SUPPORT STAFF

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the MOU between Millville Area School District and Millville Area Educational Support Personnel Association, PSEA, to allow those employees required to quarantine due to their direct exposure with a person or student during their employment at Millville Area School District, will be provided up to a total of five (5) days paid leave, for the 2021-22 school year.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

REVISED BUSINESS MANAGERS CONTRACT

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve adoption of the revised Business Manager Contract for Whitney Holloway.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TEACHERS

A motion by Michael Farrell and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Chandra Johnson and Chelsea Taylor to provide up to 5 hours of virtual instructional support per week for students necessitating quarantine or isolation having parental request for virtual instructional support. Compensation will be at their professional hourly rate.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RESIGNATION - WOLFE

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board accept the notice of resignation from Sara Wolfe, effective September 10, 2021.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

RESIGNATION-FAUS

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board accept the notice of resignation from Laura Faus, effective August 25, 2021.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

EMPLOY CUSTODIAL STAFF

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve employing Aleah Propst, as second shift, full-time custodial staff, with a salary including shift differential of \$10.40 per hour.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ADVISOR

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Gwen Williamson, as National Honor Society Advisor, for the 2021-2022 school year.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

GIRLS SOCCER VOLUNTEER COACH

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Rick Rivera-Gomez, as Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach, for the 2021-2022 athletic season.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Kathy Musselman  
Assistant Board Secretary