

The Millville Area School Board held the regular meeting on Monday, November 22, 2021, in the high school library. Guests attended face-to-face, Zoom, and Facebook. Prior to the start of the meeting Pastor Ryan, Millville Christian Church offered devotion and prayer. President Susan Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Eleven guests signed the register.

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

Kaylee McAfee: A 6th grade student with a compromised immune system. Thanked the Board for allowing her to speak and to thank them for what they have done thus far to protect her. She requested that masking and contact tracing remain.

Anita Albertson: Thank you to the Board. She has become more educated to the problems of the district and has a better understanding with respect and appreciation. The Superintendent should be spending time on constructing and implementing curriculum instead of rewriting the Health and Safety Plan. Being a board member is a selfless and thankless job and no amount of money would interest her in becoming a member of the Board.

Nellie Swisher: Felt the same as Anita. Situate the Health and Safety Plan that is best for the students.

Amanda DelVecchio: Knows firsthand that many are suffering. Children have anxiety and are traumatized. Keep the students in school they need the structure. Asking the Board to take a stand.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Implementation of COVID Testing

- Today, the Superintendent's Office submitted a Statement of Assurances to the PaDOH. In order to ascertain the free Individual Diagnostic Rapid Antigen Testing to be implemented within our schools
- The Statement of Assurances ensures that the district will:
 - Obtain explicit consent from parents and guardians prior to administering COVID testing of students.
 - Adhere to FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act whereby it does NOT share COVID testing data unless consent is rendered.
 - Adhere to the testing guidance provided by the PaDOH.
 - Provide professional development for school nurse and administration regarding testing protocols, logistics, contact tracing, quarantining, and isolating.
- Consulted with CSIU-16 throughout the process. The CSIU explained that the state COVID testing vendor, Ginkgo would be reaching out to the district within 48 hours to review Statement of Assurances.
- Ginkgo will forward to the district an Implementation Plan to be completed. I hope to complete the process prior to the Thanksgiving recess.

- Bernadette Boerckel, Chief Outreach Officer CSIU 16 indicated that the district should receive testing supplies within two weeks, which is earlier than original estimates.

Updates to the Health and Safety Plan: Board Review and Consideration 11/22/21

- When the board considers the input from community stakeholders regarding any proposed adjustments to the MASD Health and Safety Plan, I request that the board supplant language within their respective motion authorizing the implementation of in-district COVID testing as a mitigation strategy utilized to more accurately identify those who must quarantine/isolate.

Extended Learning Day Program (ELDP) Schedule:

- ELDP Schedule has been shared with Faculty, Staff, Students, and Parents/Guardians.
- The schedule has been developed around Bloomsburg University Academic Calendar since the Bloomsburg University students comprise $\frac{3}{4}$ of the instructional staff.
- The ELDP will NOT meet this week. However, ELDP will meet November 30 and December 2, 2021.
- EDLP will resume on Tuesdays for Mathematics instruction and Thursdays for Reading instruction on January 25.

Microsoft Teams Concerns:

- Due to feedback from parents concerning the Chatting function made available to students within the Microsoft Teams Suite, the administration will be discontinuing the “chat” feature for it has it is being misused as a forum to engage in rule-violating behaviors.

The Chat Function will be suspended at the conclusion of the day on November 24, 2021.

Substitute Teachers NEEDED:

- District is deficient in the number of teacher substitutes available to provide services for daily teacher absences and Virtual Instructional Support (VIS)
- Tony Serafini, Director of Curriculum for the CSIU-16 supervises the Guest Teacher Program. A service offered to local school districts that provides substitute teacher training to people who have a bachelor’s degree, but do not have a Pennsylvania teaching certificate. It also provides substitute training to college Education Majors with 60 completed credit hours. Education Majors will leave the program with a Locally Issued permit allowing the participant to sub up to 20 days per school year within CSIU participating school districts.
- Recognizing the challenges that districts are experiencing to staff substitute teachers, Mr. Serafini is willing to provide the prerequisite Guest Teacher Professional Development within the Millville Area School District to a cohort of ten or more interested professionals. Individuals who are interested in this extraordinary experience to work within our community schools are encouraged to contact Kathy Musselman in the District Office at 570-458-5538 X 3220.
- GTP dates that are being offered through the CSIU-16 are: January 13, April 8, July 14, 2022.

Professional Development:

- On November 12, 2021: Districtwide Act 80 Day: K-12 Teachers undertook training which was focused on the following: Instructional Strategies to be Employed for Students who have Experienced Learning Loss, Act 13 Teacher Evaluation and Teacher Effectiveness, Transition Indicator 13, 339 Guidance and Career Education Plan, and AIMSWEB progress Monitoring.

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· Reminder: On Tuesday, November 30, 2021: HS Act 80 Day, Elementary Student Learning Day ONLY. On 11/30/21, Secondary Teachers will be examining: 1.) Test exemplars for PSSAs and Keystones and identify action plans to situate students for success on state assessments; 2.) Responsibilities for Teachers of Record; and 3.) Collaborate on Instructional Strategies to Address Learning Needs of Students with Learning Gaps.

iReady: Second Diagnostic Assessment and Implications:

- The Millville Area School District will be conducting the iReady assessment upon the students return from Winter Recess in early January.
- This assessment will enable teachers to measure student growth between the beginning of year assessment and the mid-year assessment.
- This data will be utilized to inform student groupings for Quaker Time within which students will receive targeted skill-based instruction that correlates with their identified skill needs.
- The MASD will provide ALL parents with their students' iReady Diagnostic Assessment results. If you have concerns regarding the assessment, parents/guardians are encouraged to communicate with their child's teacher and/or guidance counselor.

Important Dates:

- Advisory Committee Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 6PM
- Building and Grounds Committee Meeting: Monday, December 6, 6PM
- Reorganization Meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Provided verbal and written reports as part of the minutes.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

CSIU Representative, Deborah Price provided reports.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports, as well as, Elementary and Secondary Student Union reports submitted and part of the minutes.

NOVEMBER 8, 2021 BOARD MINUTES

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the November 8, 2021 board meeting minutes.

The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT

NOVEMBER 15, 2021 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board approve the November 15, 2021 special board meeting minutes.

The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT

EXPENDITURES

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve November 22, 2021 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$307,895.89 and athletic expenditures in the amount of \$356.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

UNTABLE THE MOTION TO REVISE THE 2021-2022 MASD SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve untabling the motion to revise the 2021-2022 MASD Health and Safety Plan that was tabled by the Board of Education at the Special Board Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021.

The motion to untable carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

Greg Hemsarh: Proposed to revise the MASD Health and Safety Plan by modifying contact tracing and quarantine guidelines being limited to positive cases or in the same household as the positive person.

Joe Rasmus: Masking does limit the number of positive cases. Prior to the September 7, 2021 masking order from the Secretary of Health, 130 students, staff, and faculty were quarantined. Since masking, those numbers have dropped significantly. If masks are not required or optional and the number quarantined rises, we may need to switch learning modalities. Concerned with inability to obtain substitutes making it necessary to create large study halls at the secondary level as sometimes the need is greater at the elementary building and the limited number of substitutes are pulled to the elementary building. This limits the quality of education or the need to close a building and/or switch learning modalities. Is fatigued by the situation. Dislikes masking but will continue to do so to keep the students and faculty safe.

Greg Hemsarh: Make the person in close contact aware but not quarantine unless symptomatic or wishing to do so.

Joe Rasmus: Contact is less than 6' or 15 minutes with close contact either cumulative or consecutive.

Several Board Members: Close contact should be 15 minutes consecutive contact.

Joe Rasmus: When individuals have been vaccinated, they can be tested on day 5 and return on day 7. Oftentimes, when parents test their ill children, they sometimes wait up to three days to obtain results. When this happens, students may be quarantined on day 3-4, then test on day 5 and return on day 7. The amount of time from school is impacted based upon vaccination status.

Ben Pratt: December 4th, the Commonwealth Court school masking order is scheduled to be lifted, but the health secretary could impose new requirements. Another emergency proclamation to mask could be adopted December 4. Governor Wolf's administration could implement new requirements that the masking mandate remains in place. The Supreme Court will hear appeals December 8.

Ben advised to follow the masking mandate through January 17th even if lifted on the 4th due to unmasking the 6th, 7th, 8th, then masking is changed to a mandate and the need to mask after being unmasked for three days. Follow the MASD School Health and Safety Plan once masking is lifted.

REVISE THE 2021-2022 MASD SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

After discussion, a motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve giving Mr. Rasmus authorization to change the MASD Health and Safety Plan in draft form to include revising contract tracing, masking, and testing language.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

UNTABLE THE MOTION TO REVISE THE 2021-2022 DISTRICT CALENDAR

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve untabling the motion to revise the 2021-2022 MASD calendar whereby February 17, 2022 which has been identified as a snow makeup day will become a student day in order to address district closure on November 4, 2021.

The motion to untable carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

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The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONAL TIME TEMPLATE 2021-2022

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template (EITT) 2021-22 as written to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for consideration. As per Section 520.1 of the school code, the EITT provides LEA's with flexibility to meet the instructional time requirements in the event of an emergency that prevents a school entity from providing for the attendance of all pupils or usual instructional hours.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

FIELD TRIP APPROVAL

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve field trips as follows: December 2, 2021, Girton Manufacturing, (8th grade); December 3, 2021, "Tree Fest" Caroling/Performance, All grade 7-12 Chorus members attending; December 9, 2021, 8th grade CMAVTS tour (open to all 8th grade students); January 21 or 28, 2022, PA FFA Northeast Region Winter Career Development Events, Tunkhannock HS, (open to any Ag. student); April 25, 2022, Washington D.C. for the junior and senior classes to explore U.S. Government.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

COLUMBIA MONTOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Millville School District Partnership Assessment in the amount of \$590.90 payable to The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce in support of The Foundation's programs, funding and supports offered to students and teachers of the district.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES ROOF RESTORATION PROJECT

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. to undertake a roof restoration project for Millville Area Jr/Sr High School for \$219,856 for base roof restoration plus Alternative #2 for additional roof restoration undertaken for an additional \$9,650 and provide district with a 15 year warranty.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

DONATION ACCEPTANCE

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve with gratitude an additional memorial donation in honor of former music teacher, Mrs. Gordner, for \$475, to be used in the music department.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

NEW COURSE SELECTION GUIDE 2022-2023

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the 2022-2023 Secondary Course Selection Guide.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

ELDP INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Chelsea Taylor and Madison Welliver as instructional providers for the Extended Learning Day Program (ELDP).

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

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MEDICAL LEAVE

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve a medical leave based on medical documentation for employee #251 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Chelsea Taylor, as a long-term substitute for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

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 8:12 p.m.

Kathy Musselman
Assistant Board Secretary