

The Millville Area School Board held their reorganization and regular meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, in the high school library with public participation available face-to-face, Zoom and Facebook. Susan Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTER OATH TO ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Holloway administered the oath to elected board members, William Berger, Susan Farr, Susan Myers, Deborah Price for four year terms and Michael Farrell for a two year term.

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, Dee Davis, Jim Hess, Whitney Holloway, Noah Adams, and Kathy Musselman.

NOMINATE/ELECT TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board nominate Heather Mausteller as temporary Board President.

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Deborah Price that the Millville Area School Board close nominations for temporary Board President.

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board elect Heather Mausteller as temporary Board President.

The motions carried by voice vote. 9 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Absent

NOMINATE/ELECT BOARD PRESIDENT

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board nominate Susan Myers as Board President for a one year term.

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board close nominations for Board President.

A motion by Deborah Price and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board elect Susan Myers as Board President for a one year term.

The motions carried by voice vote. 9 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Absent

NOMINATE/ELECT BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board nominate William Berger as Board Vice-President for a one year term.

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board close nominations for Board Vice-President.

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board elect William Berger as Board President for a one year term.

The motions carried by voice vote. 9 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Absent

2022 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

A motion by Deborah Price and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2022 Board meeting calendar with meetings to be held at Millville High School at 7:00 p.m., the second and fourth Monday of the month, with the exception of July and December, or if the Monday falls on a holiday. In the event the December 2022 meeting is held at Columbia-Montour Vocational-Technical School the calendar will be adjusted to accommodate their meeting schedule.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

The reorganizational meeting ended at 7:07 p.m. and the regular meeting began.

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

Two guests signed the register. No requests to speak.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MASD Health and Safety Plan 2021-22 Updated

- This evening, the Board of Education will review and consider changes to the district's Health and Safety Plan.
- At the November 22'd Board Meeting, the BOE had passed a motion to authorize the superintendent to revise the MASD H&S Plan consistent with recommendations made that include, but is not limited to:
 - **Implementation of In-District COVID-19 Testing: The district is collaborating with the PADOH and Ginkgo Bio Works to provide COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Testing for members of the MASD Learning Community.** After submission of the district's Statement of Assurances, the district received a Testing Intake Form from Ginkgo which necessitates that the district to develop its testing administration plan and protocols. The MASD administration will collaboratively complete this tomorrow within our admin meeting and submit for review.

Revised Contact Tracing and Quarantine Guidelines: Consistent with CDC guidelines, the district will continue to contact trace all individuals who have come in contact with a confirmed positive case. The district will RECOMMEND quarantine of all close contacts. However, the district will not require quarantine for close contacts who do not present with hallmark COVID-19 symptoms. The H&S plan explains that when individuals are exposed to a positive case and are symptomatic, they will be quarantined from school. The H&S plan outlines isolation and quarantine guidelines and the measures that need to be undertaken to abbreviate quarantines which include testing that occurs outside of the school. While the district plans to implement in-district testing, the district will not provide testing to symptomatic students who necessitate quarantine.

- **Conditional Revised Masking Guidelines:** Consistent with PADOH, the district will maintain the expectation that ALL faculty, staff, students, and visitors who inhabit district building will maintain wearing an appropriate face covering. However, the H&S Plan explains that in the event that mandate is overturn, the district will revert to discretionary masking whereby parents/guardians will determine as to whether their children) will mask when in school.
- **The MASD Health and Safety Plan Revised 12/1/21 is a FLUID Document:** The district will continue to re-evaluate and modify its School Health and Safety Plan to ensure that it reflects the current guidance from PaDOH, CDC, and PDE. Furthermore, the plan will be revised to ensure that the safety and welfare of district stakeholders are maintained. In the event that transmission rates increase within the district, it is incumbent upon the BOE and district administration to reevaluate the plan and modify its guidelines to ensure the safety and health of the stakeholders as well as maintain operational continuity.

PA Supreme Court Reinstates Supersedeas

- The Pennsylvania Supreme Court entered an Order this afternoon reinstating DOH's automatic supersedeas during the pendency of its appeal in Corman et al v. Beam.
- On November 16th, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court ruled that DOH mask order would not be able valid beyond December 4th has been overruled.
- PADOH filed an emergency application to reinstate its automatic supersedeas during its appeal, and after the Corman filed its response to that application, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court entered its order on 11/30/21.
- The Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Order says, in pertinent part, the *"supersedeas is reinstated pending further consideration of the Court following oral argument. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as a position regarding the merits of this appeal."*
- The implications of the PA Supreme Court on K-12 Public Schools is as follows:
 - The PADOH masking order remains enforceable beyond December 4th until the Pennsylvania Supreme Court decides this appeal. Therefore, school entities taking the position that their mask wearing requirements inside of schools will end when the DOH mask order either expires or is found unlawful by a court will have to wait for further action by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.
 - The Pennsylvania Supreme Court intends to act expeditiously in this appeal. Oral argument is scheduled in this appeal for December 8, 2021. Therefore, it entirely possible that the Supreme Court will issue its final decision on the DOH mask order by the end of the calendar year.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT-ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF (ARP-ESSER) 7% ARP ESSERS Grant Completed and Submitted on November 29, 2021

- ARP ESSER 7% Set Asides Consolidated Grant Application was submitted on Monday, November 29, 2021.
- The ARP ESSERS 7% Set Aside consists of three distinct subgrants.
 - ARP ESSER Learning Loss Set Aside
 - ARP ESSER Summer School Set Aside
 - ARP ESSER After School Set Aside
- The ARP ESSER Subgrants provide the MASD with federal subsidy to provide academic programming, social and emotional wellness programming, and professional development for teachers that is necessary to address the challenges experienced by students as a result of the pandemic.
- Pursuant to this Agreement, Grantee will receive total federal funds in the amount of \$100,582.00. The grant shall be used to defray program costs incurred from March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2024.
- ESSER After School Set Aside allocation is \$14,369; ARP ESSER Learning Loss Set Aside: \$71,844, ARP ESSER Summer School Set Aside: \$14,369
- ESSER After School Set Aside SubGrant will be utilized to subsidy personnel costs incurred for the implementation and maintenance of the Extended Learning Day Program.

- ESSER Summer School Set Aside Subgrant will be utilized to subsidize personnel costs incurred to implementation and maintenance an Emotional Support Wellness Summer Program. The ESESP will begin in Summer 2022.

Emotional Support Wellness Summer Program: Summer 2022

- The MASD anticipates that participating students will demonstrate an improvement in problem-solving, emotional regulation, and coping skills as indicated by their end-of-program assessment data and be able to apply strategies and knowledge gained to navigate a variety of school and community contexts and situations.
- Student eligibility will be determined from Child Study, SAP, Interagency, SWIS, and Guidance data. Additionally, students who possess an Individualized Education Plan for Emotional Disturbance will also be eligible to participate in the Social Emotional Wellness Summer Program.
- At the **onset** of the program, the program facilitators will administer a social-emotional rating scale assessment that measures their social emotional wellness, anxiety, coping mechanisms, and pro-social problem solving abilities. **At** the conclusion of the Summer Program, student participants will be assessed utilizing the same assessment to determine the impact of programming upon students.
- Student participants will be exposed to the Positive Action Social Emotional Curricula. The research-based social-emotional wellness curricula seeks to improve absenteeism, classroom behavior, conflict resolution, mental health, school safety, self-concept; decrease disciplinary referrals; and promote positive parental involvement.

Social Emotion Wellness PD Survey

- The district will collaborate with our district Outreach Coordinator from the Columbia, Montour, Snyder, Union Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Alexa Longacre, School Psychologist, Amber Uranko, Secondary Guidance Counselor, and Tarah Kishbach, Elementary Guidance Counselor to identify a survey to assess the K-12 faculty's Professional Development needs as they relate to provide social and emotional learning support to students who have been impacted by the pandemic.
- The district leadership team in collaboration with the aforementioned professionals will review and analyze the data yielded by the survey to identify the social emotional PD priorities that emerge and plan for systemic professional development that will be implemented within the remaining Act 80 days within the 2021-22 school year as well as the 2022-23 school year.

Professional Development:

- On November 30, 2021: Secondary Act 80 Day: 7-12 Teachers undertook training which was focused on the following:
 - PSSA/Keystone Exemplar-Testing Item and Scoring Samplers
 - Identifying Instructional Strategies that can be employed to students who possess learning gaps.
 - Development of District Expectations for Teachers of Record for MVA Asynchronous Instruction
 - Identification and Prioritization of Next Steps to Implement Improvements to Transition Programming for Transition-Age Students with IEPS
 - Revision of 339 Guidance/Career Education Plan to reflect programmatic changes implemented in 2020-21.

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millville Area School Board Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2021

- Reminder: On Monday, January 3, 2022: is no longer an Elementary Act 80 Day. Rather, January 3, 2022 will be a student day for all students districtwide. January 18, 2022 will be a DISTRICTWIDE Act 80 day for all elementary and secondary students.

Important Dates:

- Advisory Committee Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 6PM
- Building and Grounds Committee Meeting: Monday, December 6, 6PM

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Whitney Holloway provided a written report.

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board approve the November 22, 2021 Board meeting minutes.

The motion carried by voice vote. 9 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Absent

PAY DECEMBER EXPENDITURES

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve allowing the Business Manager to pay December 2021 expenditures, with final approval at the January 2022 meeting.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

DISPOSAL APPROVAL

A motion by Susan Farr and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve disposal of textbooks and VHS tapes as indicated on the MASD Disposal Approval Form.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

FIELD TRIP APPROVAL

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve a field trip to the PA Farm Show and Agriscience Fair in Harrisburg, PA January 7, 2022 with four ag students attending and the FFA Advisor.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

TRANSPORTATION DRIVER APPROVAL

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve L. Derr Transportation Drivers: John Crissman and Charles Sekulski and Rhinard Transportation Driver: Donald Keefer.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the enrollment within the Business Entrepreneurship CTE Program at Danville Area School District for Madilyn Parkes beginning the second half of the 2021-22 school year with tuition based on the tuition calculation by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

REVISIONS TO THE 2021-2022 MASD SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion by Susan Farr and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve revisions to the 2021-2022 MASD's School Health and Safety Plan to include changes regarding masking requirements, implementation of in-district COVID testing, and close contact tracing and quarantine guidelines. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

LEAVE OF ABSENCES

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve a requested leave of absence for employee 385 from March 14, 2022 through March 21, 2022, using 4 personal days and 2 unpaid days.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCES

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve an unpaid leave of absence retroactive to March 12, 2021, for employee 673.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

RETIREMENT

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the retirement notice from Melanie Zearfoss, effective retroactive to August 30, 2021.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

SUBSTITUTE APPROVAL

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Klohe Faatz, as a professional substitute.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

EXECUTIVE SESSION

William Berger requested an executive session after adjournment to discuss safety concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Kathy Musselman
Assistant Board Secretary