

The Millville Area School Board held their regular meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022, in the high school library. 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 Ed Sanders, Dee Davis, Noah Adams, Brent Crispell, Whitney Holloway, and Kathy Musselman.

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

Eric Masters:

We have not slowed the spread. Masking is having an effect socially and mentally. Social development is declining. Why is this forced on our kids? Local private schools are fine. Public schools masking is damaging health. Opined the board and Mr. Rasmus are responsible and have failed, as they have the ability to make a change.

Mark Follmer:

What do you think the mask is going to help? Google Dr. Peter McCullough. Masking does not prevent COVID. Flush the sinuses to prevent COVID. He is a bus driver and this is damaging to children. Kids have had enough. Children are afraid. COVID is not going away. Thank you for your time.

Deb Price:

We have no control over masking on the bus.

Seth Shultz:

Is against masking and his children will not be getting the shots. If he finds out his children are given the shots it is not going to be a good outcome.

Susan Myers:

No way, shape, or form will the shots be administered by the school. This would become a liability.

Nelly Swisher:

Thanked the board recognizing it is not easy to be in their position. Would like to see masking lifted and allow parent choice. Her child is not afraid but would like you to see her face.

Susan Myers:

Clear face shields are an allowable option.

Nelly Swisher:

Opined the superintendent should not have the power to make changes on his own.

Greg Hemsarh:

Replied the reason for this action was due to meeting timelines. The board cannot always meet fast enough to make a decision. The superintendent does contact the board and then follow-up when we can meet as a board.

Mike Farrell:

Concerned with the students safety as well as faculty and staff. When masking was lifted before the holiday break, numbers were high and we were short maintenance staff as five of the ten were out. They are the ones to keep our buildings sanitized. We have a substitute shortage when teachers are out and it is hard to maintain education. Did research as well through Penn State Children's Hospital and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Masking has no effect on children. Masking does not hurt educational learning but virtual learning does hurt the educational process. Follow through with the fourteen days of masking and then go from there. He has received emails in support of masking. There is no right way.

Eric Masters:

This is an unsettled issue. Let the people control their own actions.

Mike Farrell:

Sometimes students are sent to school sick. If we continue to have a substitute shortage, we may not have a choice other than to go virtual.

Eric Masters:

There are a number of what ifs in the world.

Deb Price:

We may have to go back to virtual classes.

Seth Shultz:

So what if the kids get sick? How many of the Millville students have not had the virus? He did not hear of any fatal outcomes with Millville students. Let the kids get sick and run its course.

Heather Mausteller:

Has her own personal opinion. She understands but does not agree nor disagree. Is concerned for the students with illnesses and staff shortages.

Mark Follmer:

The Christian School has not been closed one day and they don't wear masks. Masks don't work. Google it. Science will prove masks don't work.

BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT

Mrs. Holloway submitted a written report.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board approve the suggestion to combine individual motions to one motion to approve the December 1, December 13, and December 21, 2021 board meeting minutes.

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

APPROVE DECEMBER 1, DECEMBER 13, AND DECEMBER 21, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board approve the December 1, December 13, and December 21, 2021 board meeting minutes.

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

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

A motion by Michael Farrell and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve December 21, 2021 general expenditures in the amount of \$282,407.97; athletic expenditures in the amount of \$1,827; cafeteria expenditures in the amount of \$2,389.77; and December 22, 2021 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$11,384.18

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

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve January 10, 2022 general expenditures in the amount of \$103,321.76; cafeteria expenditures in the amount of \$28,209.45; and athletic expenditures in the amount of \$525.

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

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve December 6, 2021 general expenditures in the amount of \$239,479.80 and athletic expenditures in the amount of \$1,125.

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

2021-2022 MASD HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN REVISIONS

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve an update to the 2021-2022 MASD Health and Safety Plan to reflect CDC recommendations.

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

SECOND GRADE FIELD TRIP

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve a 2nd grade field trip to Hemsarth Dairy, date to be determined.

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

MARK LUDWIG SOCCER ACADEMY

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve allowing soccer field use for the Mark Ludwig Soccer Academy to hold soccer camp from July 5-8, 2022, using the front field from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and the backfield from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the scheduled usage fee (\$200). Ludwig will provide a portable toilet facility.

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

ATHLETIC COACH PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL FORM

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the PA State Athletic Directors Association Athletic Coach Performance Appraisal Form for MASD Athletics.

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

PP&L GRANT

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve with gratitude the Empowering Educators grant from PP&L in the amount of \$1,000.

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

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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LAND O' LAKES GRANT

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve with gratitude the Land O' Lakes grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the agriculture program.

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

PENNSYLVANIA FFA FOUNDATION GRANT

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve with gratitude the Pennsylvania FFA grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the agriculture program.

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

BLOOMSBURG AMERICAN LEGION DONATION

A motion by Michael Farrell and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve with gratitude a donation from Bloomsburg American Legion in the amount of \$500 to purchase a baseball and softball batting cage for the high school gymnasium.

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

FRAN'S DAIRY BAR DONATION

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve with gratitude a donation from Fran's Dairy Bar in the amount of \$50 for the agriculture program.

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

SPRING HOLLOW FARM DONATION

A motion by Michael Farrell and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve with gratitude a donation from Spring Hollow Farm's in the amount of \$100 for the agriculture program.

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

REPURCHASE TIME DEPOSIT #xxx52

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 #xxx52 at the rate of 0.35% for 6 months, with First Columbia Bank and Trust.

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

CONRAD SIEGEL PROPOSAL

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the proposal of Conrad Siegel Actuaries for Affordable Care Act (ACA) consulting services, at \$5, 200 for a 12-month period, no change in cost from last year.

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

ACT 93 VACATION MOU

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the MOU for MASD Act 93 employee vacation usage.

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

RETIREMENT - WILLIAMS

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve accepting with gratitude the retirement notice from Virginia (Jenny) Williams, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

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

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RETIREMENT - SULLIVAN

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve accepting with gratitude the retirement notice from Karen Sullivan, effective June 30, 2022, and approve adding her as a district substitute.

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

FMLA LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve an 8-week FMLA leave of absence request from employee # 558 to begin January 20, 2022. This leave was rescheduled from November 29, 2021.

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

TEACHER MENTOR

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Brittany Fisher as teacher mentor to Madison Welliver.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Brynn Clark to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Kathy Musselman
Assistant Board Secretary