

The Millville Area School Board held their regular meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022, in the high school library. Prior to the start of the meeting, an executive session was held for personnel and legal matters. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

Robin Andrews:

Not in favor of masks being optional.

Nelly Swisher:

Thanked the board and respected their position. Favored masks optional and hoped it would stay that way. Her child has been wearing a face shield and although she can breathe easier with the shield compared to masking, the shield is uncomfortable, itchy, and distracts from her learning.

Opined with the given climate to acquire substitutes more could be offered. She would like to become a bus driver substitute for the district but not allowing younger children to accompany the bus driver was a concern for her. Felt if the driver completed a legal form or waiver not holding the district or bus contractor liable would suffice.

Deborah Price:

Is not allowing drivers children on the bus a stipulation by the bus contractor?

Susan Myers:

No.

Joseph Rasmus:

Will bring the busing concerns to our insurance provider, Lanny Diltz, with Yoder Insurance and solicitor, Ben Pratt, for safety and liability reasons. He will obtain information and share with the board.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Mr. Sanders and Ms. Differ, provided reports with verbal highlights, Mrs. Davis provided a verbal report, and Mr. Crispell and Mr. Hess provided written reports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Rasmus presented a power point detailing the proposed changes to the MASD Health and Safety Plan.

After approval, the plan will be posted to the district website. Some of the proposed changes include:

- Masking optional unless building or school wide positivity rate meets or exceeds 5%. If the positivity rate meets or exceeds 5%, the district will mask for seven calendar days.
- Individual contact tracing will no longer occur. Close contact recommendations will be made.
- Lunches will no longer be segregated and students will be eating in the cafeteria.
- Individuals that are exposed to COVID will be recommended to mask.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

CMVT Representative, Jessica Whitmoyer and CSIU Representative, Deborah Price provided written reports.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports along with Student Union reports were submitted.

APPROVE JANUARY 10, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the January 10, 2022 board meeting minutes.

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

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

A motion by Michael Farrell and seconded by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve January 10, 2022 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$225,100.78 and athletic expenditures in the amount of \$2,814.

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

2021-2022 MASD HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN REVISIONS

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve revisions to the 2021-2022 MASD Health and Safety Plan.

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

ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIPS

A motion by Susan Farr and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve elementary field trips: Kindergarten to Clyde Peeling's Reptiland, May 27, 2022; First grade to Montour Preserve Maple Sugaring, Friday, March 4, 2022 and Hiawatha Riverboat, May 24, 2022; Second grade to the Irem Shrine Circus and Riverlands, April 21, 2022 and Ashland Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine and Red Deer Farm, June 1, 2022; Fourth grade to Pennsylvania Capitol and State Museum, May 3, 2022 and Greenwood Environmental Center at Camp Victory, May 20, 2022; Fifth grade to Lake Tobias, May 26, 2022; Sixth grade to Knoebels, May 19 or 20, 2022.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent; 1 Lost connectivity (Jessica Whitmoyer)

SECONDARY FIELD TRIPS

A motion by Michael Farrell and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the following field trips: Northern Branch Natural Resource Career Development Events held at Montour Preserve on April 7, 2022, any ag student may sign-up and then a team of 5 students will be selected; Year-end award ceremony presented by the Community Giving Foundation for all YIP members to be held at Danville High School April 20, 2022; Envirothon, presented by Columbia County Conservation District, held at Shikellamy State Park April 26, 2022, any ag student may sign-up and then a team of 5 students selected to compete.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent; 1 Lost connectivity (Jessica Whitmoyer)

TAX INDEX RESOLUTION

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve adopting a resolution indicating that the board of school directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the fiscal year 2022-2023 by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent; 1 Lost connectivity (Jessica Whitmoyer)

BU STUDENT TEACHER PLACEMENT

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Tiffany Anderson, as cooperative teacher to BU student teacher Lanie Guiser, from January 25, 2022 through May 12, 2022.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent; 1 Lost connectivity (Jessica Whitmoyer)

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millville Area School Board Meeting Minutes

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RETIREMENT - STEINER

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve accepting with gratitude the notice of retirement from Susan Steiner, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent; 1 Lost connectivity (Jessica Whitmoyer)

FMLA

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve FMLA leave of absence for employee #427 retroactive to December 20, 2021, with possible return to work January 26, 2022.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent; 1 Lost connectivity (Jessica Whitmoyer)

EVENT SECURITY OFFICER

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Brian Nicholas, as an event security officer.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent; 1 Lost connectivity (Jessica Whitmoyer)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Greg Hemsarh to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Kathy Musselman
Assistant Board Secretary