

The Millville Area School Board held the regular meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022, in the high school library. President Susan Myers called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 Maustellar, Susan Myers, Deborah Price, and Jessica Whitmoyer

Also present were Joseph Rasmus, Dee Davis, Jim Hess, Matthew McWilliams, Whitney Holloway, Alicia Differ, Edward Sanders, Kathy Musselman, and Chelsea Rosenberger

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

One guest signed the register, but did not wish to speak. Present via Zoom, Guest Nelly Swisher commented on the first grade class size. Nelly stated that she had heard about the potential large class sizes in 1st grade. She was concerned and wanted to express her opinion as well as gain information on the potential of adding a third section or if the district would continue forward with two sections. Mr. Rasmus answered this with a discussion of current enrollment numbers for Kindergarten and First Grade, as well as other Elementary grades, as of August 8, 2022. Mr. Rasmus expressed that the district was watching the first grade, specifically, very closely. He stated that there are a number of variables to this decision, including but not limited to, students pulled from the classroom for direct instruction for specially designed instructions. This would change and possibly lessen the number of students in the classroom.

Mr. Rasmus asked Mr. Sanders, Elementary Principal, to comment. He shared some current class sizes at neighboring schools. At Central Columbia, the highest class number for first grade was 23, Benton School District had 43 students split in three sections, Milton School District had the highest number at 15 in one of their Elementary schools, and Bloomsburg School District's highest number was 21 students in a classroom. Mr. Rasmus compared that number with Millville's current sections of 24 students each. Over the summer, the district has received some late enrollments.

Board President, Susan Myers stated that our current policy capped the class size at 25 students. Ms. Myers asked the board for their concerns. Board member, Brynn Clark offered that one of her children was in a MASD class with 22 students each, and he had a great year, commending the 1st grade teachers at Millville. Ms. Myers stated that they have tried to abide by the policy in the past. Board member Jessica Whitmoyer stated her concern with the high class size number, wanting the board to consider adding a third teacher due to the formative ages of these students in question. Board Member Michael Farrell was concerned with the number but cited concerns with the financial considerations to adding a third teacher, being a small school with a smaller budget. Countering, Board Member Deborah Price countered with her desire to see a third section added and offered the potential for a teacher to move forward from grade to grade with an additional section of students as in the past. Ms. Myers asked the board to come to a consensus for the administration. After polling the members, President Susan Myers stated the desire to hold the line for the current time and revisit if total enrollment reaches 51 students, as per Board Policy.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Modification of the 2022-23 MASD Transportation Plan

As per prior convening of the Transportation Committee, Mr. Rasmus discussed the updated Transportation Plan for the 22-23 School Year shared with the public via Zoom and provided for the board. He reviewed the changes from the original presentation at the July 25, 2022 board meeting. The process for Elementary school pickup will be changed in that parents will now go up the stadium road and be asked to remain in their vehicles. Appropriate cones and signage will be placed in the areas by that entrance. The committee believes this will greatly increase safety. Mr. Rasmus stated that information would be coming home and on Sapphire by the end of the calendar week.

Board Member Heather Maustellar questioned about student drivers. Mr. Rasmus answered that there will be a time communicated for student drivers to park and added to the plan. Ms. Deborah Price asked if these changes were communicated with local homeowners and stated that MASD has not seemed to have safety issues in the

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past. Vice President William Berger stated that there have not been incidents, but there have been problems. Mr. Rasmus countered that a lot of the safety concerns came to light when the drone footage of the drop-off/pick-up procedures was viewed. Ms. Myers and Mr. Rasmus stated that communication would go to local homeowners.

Districtwide Student Performance Presentation

Mr. Rasmus shared performance data with the board and the public from the PSSA Standardized tests. Looking at 4th grade data, student proficiency in ELA has progressed overall, however, the percent of students as advanced is declining. The district will be using PVAAS and E-metric data to assess and address particular skill areas of need for our students. The administrative team believes we need to make the most improvement in Math and are taking steps to do so, including a new Math series. In 4th grade, the total students performing at basic and below grade level is lower. However, in 6th grade, the total number of students placing at proficient and advanced is lower. Finally, once students reached 7th and 8th grade the number of students placing proficient and advanced was even lower. This is a concern for the administration team, and they believe they will be taking steps to work on these deficit areas.

2022-23 Differentiated Supervision Plan

Mr. Rasmus reviewed past practice for the differentiated supervision plan in that we have previously had three models of which teachers were assigned, whereas with the current 22-23 Differentiated Supervision plan, teachers will be evaluated using two models: formal and clinical. This plan will be shared and reviewed with the professional staff during the upcoming in-service days.

Opening In-Service and Act 80 Professional Development Priorities

Mr. Rasmus provided the board with the proposed in-service agenda highlighting the agenda items of the iReady platform, Building Faculty meetings, Compliance measures, the new Math series, Google Classroom implementation, and the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Williams from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

CMAVTS Meeting Update

Mr. Rasmus spoke on the discussion about CMAVTS from the Superintendent's meeting and the current model under which the school operates. CMAVTS is discussing an "elective" option whereas students would potentially attend on a part-time basis. In that case, the students following that model would not be considered concentrators of those programs. This would follow under a half-day program for two years. Amongst the other local superintendents, this is an exciting change, but it is still only tentative dialogue.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Holloway previously submitted her report but noted for the board that the CMAVTS loan had now closed. The proceeds would be held at First Columbia Bank until further direction is given on the disbursement for CMAVTS.

JULY 25, 2022 BOARD MINUTES

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board approve the July 25, 2022 board meeting minutes.

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

EXPENDITURES

A motion by Heather Maustellar and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve August 8, 2022 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$254,071.92.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

2022-23 DIFFERENTIATED SUPERVISION PLAN

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Heather Maustellar that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the updated 2022-23 Differentiated Supervision plan to ensure that the manner with which professional staff are evaluated supervision is consistent with Act 13 and promotes best instructional practices districtwide.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

2022-23 DISTRICTWIDE LESSON PLAN FORMATTING GUIDELINES

A motion by Heather Maustellar and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the 2022-23 Districtwide Lesson Plan Guidelines which promote instructional practices that ensure that the learning needs of all students are well met.

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

UPDATED MASD TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve modifications to the 2022-2023 MASD Transportation Plan consistent with administrative recommendations.

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

CSIU AGREEMENT

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the agreement between Millville Area School District and CSIU 16, whereby Millville Area School District will provide meals for the CSIU 16 Pre-K counts program for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

DR. ROBERT M. WILLIAMS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL

A motion by Heather Maustellar and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the proposal for professional services of Dr. Robert L. Williams, Education Leadership and Classroom Consultant, to provide Act 13 Danielson Framework professional development training on August 23, 2022, at a cost of \$1,852.65.

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

2022-23 FOUNDATIONS: IMPLEMENTATION IN GRADE 3

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Maustellar that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the acquisition and implementation of FOUNDATIONS, a multisensory, explicit, structured language program that fosters comprehensive reading, writing, and spelling skills in Grade 3 beginning in the 2022-23 school year at a cost of \$8,563.32.

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

FOSS IMPLEMENTATION

A motion by Heather Maustellar and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the acquisition and implementation of FOSS Inquiry-Based, Hands-On Science modules for grades K-6 that are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards beginning with the 2022-23 school year.

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

DISPOSING OF AND RETAILING USED DEVICES BY VENDOR BUYBACK

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the disposal of Apple iPads and Teacher Macbooks by retailing the used devices through vendor buyback purchasing.

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

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BACKPACK DONATION ACCEPTANCE

A motion by Susan Farr and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve acceptance and acknowledgement of a donation of 600 backpacks to be given to K-12 students within the Millville Area School District.

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

FILEBANK RETRIEVAL

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve removal/retrieval of all documents from Filebank.

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

ATHLETIC EVENTS ADMISSION PASSES

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve athletic admission ticket fees per game as follows: \$4 Adults; \$2 Students - Ages 12 years of age through HS graduation. Age 12 and under, Senior citizens age 60 and above, and faculty and staff - Free Admission. Season passes for fall and winter: Adults - \$50.00/Students- \$30.00. Season passes for fall only: Adults - \$40.00/Students- \$25.00. Administration may grant free passes to athletic events for student promotions/awards and special events.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 1 No (Heather Maustellar); 2 Absent

BENTON CTE STUDENT

A motion by Heather Maustellar and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve CONNOR KAPP attending the Benton Ag Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

RETURNED CHECK FEES

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve charging a \$35 fee payable to The Millville Area School District for each check that is returned from the bank.

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

EMPLOY DEDICATED ELEMENTARY SUBSTITUTE FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Heather Maustellar that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Megan Titter as a Dedicated Daily Elementary Substitute for the 2022-23 School Year.

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

EMPLOY DEDICATED SECONDARY DAILY SUBSTITUTE FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Stephanie Adams as a Dedicated Daily Secondary Substitute for the 2022-23 school year.

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

EMPLOY SECONDARY SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SCIENCE TEACHER

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Lindsey Allegar-Shultz as a Secondary Special Education and Science Teacher at Bachelors +30 Step 6 with a salary of \$56,975.

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

MENTOR TEACHER

A motion by Heather Maustellar and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Diann Vera as Mentor Teacher for the 2022-23 School Year for new Secondary Special Education and Science Teacher, Lindsey Allegar-Shultz.

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

SUBSTITUTE APPROVAL

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Heather Maustellar that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Pam Fry and Stephine Welsh, as cafeteria and paraprofessional substitutes. Clearances on file.

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

COLUMNAR STEP ADVANCEMENT

A motion by Heather Maustellar and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the columnar step advancement of Wendy Fetterman to Masters, as a result of satisfactory completion of continued education requirements, as per the CBA.

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

FMLA

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve a 12-week FMLA leave for employee 152 to begin the start of the 2022-2023 school year and end approximately November 15, 2022.

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

RESIGNATION

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve acceptance of the resignation notice from Jeff Craig, as security assigner/scheduler, effective August 3, 2022.

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

RESIGNATION

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Heather Maustellar that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the resignation of Dana Sarnoski, as Jr. High Softball Assistant Coach.

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

CSIU GUEST TEACHERS

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Megan Haines and Joseph Mowad as CSIU Guest Teacher Substitutes. Clearances on file.

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

JR. HIGH SOFTBALL COACHES

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Heather Maustellar that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Nicole Whitenight, as Junior High Softball Assistant Coach and Tisha Book, as Junior High Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach. Clearances on file.

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

VOLUNTEER GIRLS SOCCER COACH

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Chase Laubach as a volunteer Girls Varsity Soccer Coach. Clearances on file.

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

2022-2023 GAME STAFF

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Rachel Allbeck, Leslie Berger, Tisha Book, Kevin Cook, Brenda Craig, Ryan Craig, Donna Davis, Rick Davis, Lisa Evans, Klohe Faatz, Wendy Faatz, Ruth Ann Henrie, Kayleen Jenkins, Carey Klinger, Terri Lawton, David Outt, Chelsea Rosenberger, Regina Savage, Mike Whitenight, Nicole Whitenight, and Zach Whitenight as game staff for the 2022-23 athletic season.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent; 1 Abstention (William Berger)

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2022-2023 SECURITY STAFF

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Heather Maustellar that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Jeff Craig, Ryan Craig, Brian Nichols, and Dale Titman as security staff for the 2022-23 year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

TRANSPORTATION DRIVER APPROVAL

A motion by Heather Maustellar and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Rhinard Transportation bus drivers, Glen Rhinard and Donna Fisk. Clearances and necessary documentation on file.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Heather Maustellar and seconded by Michael Farrell to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Chelsea Rosenberger
Assistant Board Secretary