

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millville Area School Board Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2014

The Millville Area School Board held the regular meeting on Monday, February 24, 2014, in the Millville High School Library. Prior to the meeting Pastor Anna Fyock offered devotion and prayer. President Frank Suchwala 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, Larry Breech, Chris Farr, Gregory Gordner, Cheryl Kessler, Heather Mausteller, Susan Myers and Frank Suchwala. Absent: Dean Kelchner

Also present were Kathleen Stark, Superintendent; David Bowser, Business Manager; Eric Stair, Secondary Principal; Edward Sanders, Elementary Principal; Dee Davis, Supervisor of Special Education; Ron Zimmerman, Buildings and Grounds; and Kathy Musselman.

Five guests signed the register.

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS:

Bill Forsythe and Tony Lylo, Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School

Bill Forsythe, spoke on the five-year outlook, particularly expansion, programming, and equipment updates.

Tony Lylo, spoke on the 2014-2015 budget, school improvements, enrollment, the possibility of acquiring revenue through grants, potential formation of a foundation or combined foundation, and revenue savings by using donated equipment.

BOARD INFORMATION:

Volunteer Softball Coach Information

Mr. Stair recapped information pertaining to Volunteer Softball Coach, Miranda Sorber, as submitted and part of the minutes.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

2013-2014 School Calendar

Updates to the 2013-2014 school calendar were discussed. Action will take place at a later meeting.

Columbia County Assessor Funding

Mr. Bowser recapped information and answered questions pertaining to Columbia County assessor funding. Action will take place at a March meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

CMVT Representative, Susan Myers, reported the admission policy was tabled and in the hands of the solicitor.

CSIU Representative, Larry Breech, reported the CSIU is working on the preparation of the general operating budget and teacher negotiations will begin soon.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Mr. Faust submitted a written report and Mr. Stair, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Zimmerman and Dr. Stark provided a verbal and written report as part of the minutes. Dr. Stark also provided information and handouts for Bright Bytes technology and testing data analysis and review.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mr. Bowser recapped the Treasurer's Report, General Fund Account, Elementary and High School Student Union Activity Fund, as submitted and part of the minutes.

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APPROVE BOARD MINUTES:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the February 10, 2014 Board meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT

EXPENDITURES:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve January 2014 General Fund manual checks in the amount of \$540,719.91 and February 24, 2014 General Fund expenditures in the amount of \$217,989.07. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

BASEBALL FIELD TRIP:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve a field trip to a Penn State baseball game on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

FMLA:

A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Greg Gordner that the Millville Area School Board approve a nine-week unpaid leave of absence request from Ruth Zerance, beginning Tuesday, February 25, 2014, in accordance with FMLA regulations. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve Charles Gerasimoff, as Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2014 season, at the coaching pay schedule rate, pending clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Frank Suchwala requested an executive session after adjournment to discuss negotiations and a student issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

David B. Bowser

Board Secretary