

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millville Area School Board Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2014

The Millville Area School Board held the regular meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014, in the Millville High School Library. Prior to the meeting Pastor Paul Converse 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, Dean Kelchner, Heather Mausteller, Susan Myers and Frank Suchwala. Absent: Cheryl Kessler

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

Thirty-nine guests signed the register.

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS:

Heidi Brandt and Renee Hodgson asked about notification of recent committee meetings.

Carol Troisi felt the number of teachers meeting the final candidates for the Superintendent position should not be limited.

Jayleen Miller asked about the status of the next Public Relations meeting.

Bobbi Jo Mordan had a concern with the school calendars and felt more parental input was needed.

Dan Dent requested graduation be held on Friday, June 6, 2014.

Kara Shultz asked about the status was of teacher negotiations and the possibility of a strike.

Renee Hodgson asked about the status of the Superintendent search.

BOARD INFORMATION:

National School Lunch Program

Dave Bowser spoke about the recent Food Service program audit and recapped the written report submitted as part of the minutes.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Golf Club Proposal Updates

Student, John Snurkowski, and his mother, Kathleen, provided more information and answered questions about the spring golf club proposal. Mr. Bowser and Mr. Stair researched various issues including school liability, transportation, and other issues, and reported their findings. After discussion, a motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the trial of a golf club, with no district funding.

GOLF CLUB PROPOSAL TABLED:

After further discussion, and the desire to consult legal counsel, the motion was made by William Berger and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board table the golf club proposal. The motion to table carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

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REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

CMVT Representatives, Susan Myers and Larry Breech, stated they were not in favor of approving the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School 2014-2015 Operating Budget.

CSIU Representative, Larry Breech, attended the BrainWare presentation at CSIU. He also noted the robotic program that makes it possible for students at remote locations to take part in the classroom and demonstrated at the January 13th Board meeting by Dr. Singer and Geoff Craven, was gaining much notoriety.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Curriculum Committee

Dr. Stark provided a written and verbal report of the March 8, 2014 meeting as part of the minutes.

Buildings and Grounds

Dean Kelchner provided a verbal report and Dr. Stark provided a written report as part of the minutes.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Mr. Stair, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Faust, Mr. Zimmerman and Dr. Stark provided verbal and written reports as part of the minutes. Dr. Stark also provided a power-point presentation, BrainWare Safari, school performance profile, and Penn College NOW, a program that allows high school students to earn Penn College credits through dual enrollment.

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.

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the March 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 the February General Fund manual checks in the amount of \$542,467.87 and the March General Fund expenditures in the amount of \$147,688.42. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

PHONE SYSTEM:

A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the installation of an IP Office Phone System at the quoted cost of \$73,598.39. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

FIBER OPTIC REPLACEMENT:

A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the replacement of the fiber optic cable at the replacement cost of \$78,972.01. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

ID CARD SYSTEM:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the purchase of an Evolis Primacy Expert ID Card System at the cost of \$2,510.00. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

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CSIU PRELIMINARY 2014-2015 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2014-2015 CSIU Preliminary General Operating Budget with no obligation of the district to purchase any CSIU programs during 2014-2015. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

CMVT 2014-2015 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET:

A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School 2014-2015 General Operating Budget. The motion failed by roll call vote. 0 YES; 8 NO; 1 ABSENT

2014-2015 NUTRITION GROUP FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2014-2015 Nutrition Group Food Service Contract. This is a one-year contract with the option to renew yearly for the following three years. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

COLUMBIA COUNTY ASSESSOR FUNDING:

A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Gregory Gordner that the Millville Area School Board approve the assessor funding proposal by the Columbia County Office of Assessments to fund a clerical position within the Columbia County Assessment Office at a shared cost of \$4142.86 per school district. The motion carried by roll call vote. 5 YES; 3 NO (Chris Farr, Heather Mausteller, Frank Suchwala); 1 ABSENT

HEALTH CARE CAREER DAY FIELD TRIP:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve a field trip to Geisinger in Danville, to participate in Health Care Career Day, on April 11, 2014. Nine students having an interest in a health care career will attend. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

BAND AND CHORUS SENIOR TRIP:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve a Millville Music Boosters sponsored band and chorus senior trip to the Scranton Cultural Center, on Saturday, March 29, 2014, to see the live performance of "Rock of Ages", with eleven students participating. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

DONATION BY THE CLASS OF 1957:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board accept a painting by artist, Raymond Weaver, donated by the class of 1957. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT

REVISED 2013-2014 CALENDAR:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the revised 2013-2014 school calendar. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

GRADUATION:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Gregory Gordner that the Millville Area School Board approve holding Baccalaureate and senior awards June 5, 2014 and graduation June 6, 2014 at the request of senior, Dan Dent. The motion carried by roll call vote, pending approval by Mr. Stair, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Kakaley. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

2014-2015 CALENDAR:

A motion by Gregory Gordner and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2014-2015 school calendar. The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 YES; 2 NO (Larry Breech and Frank Suchwala); 1 ABSENT

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MATERNITY LEAVE:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Frank Suchwala that the Millville Area School Board approve the request of Sonja Flook, for maternity leave beginning on or around May 2, 2014, using 1 comp day, 2 personal days, and sick days for the remainder of the leave. She has notified the Superintendent that she is planning to return at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

GAME STAFF:

A motion by Gregory Gordner and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve Cynthia Lyons as Game Staff for the 2014 athletic season. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

JR HIGH FIELD HOCKEY VOLUNTEER:

A motion by Gregory Gordner and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve Tina Verbyla as a Jr. High Field Hockey Volunteer, for the 2014 season, pending clearances. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT

GIRLS JR HIGH BASKETBALL CO-COACHES:

A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve Sherry Kakaley and Emily Young as Jr. High Girls Basketball Co-coaches for the 2014-2015 fall/winter season. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

GIRLS JR HIGH BASKETBALL VOLUNTEERS:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve Chad Weatherill and Robert Burns, pending clearances, and Lance Diehl, as Jr. High Girls' Basketball Volunteers for the 2014-2015 fall/winter season. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT

VOLUNTEER TRACK AND FIELD COACH:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve Jeff Bower as a volunteer track and field coach for Maci Bower. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Frank Suchwala requested an executive session after adjournment to discuss the contract and negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Dean Kelchner to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

David B. Bowser

Board Secretary