

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millville Area School Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2014

The Millville Area School Board held the regular meeting on Monday, May 12, 2014, in the Millville High School Library. 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, Cheryl Kessler, Heather Mausteller, Susan Myers and Frank Suchwala.

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

Fifteen guests signed the register.

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS:

Carol Troisi opinioned about the Board's actions and lack of progress in teacher negotiations.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

*Sixth Grade Field Trip*

In lieu of the approved sixth grade class trip to the Franklin Institute, a proposal was presented for the sixth grade class to visit Penns Cave and tour the cavern. After discussion, a motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Dean Kelchner that the Millville Area School Board approve the sixth grade class to visit Penns Cave and tour the cavern. The motion failed by roll call vote. 4 YES; 5 NO (Larry Breech, Chris Farr, Cheryl Kessler, Heather Mausteller, Susan Myers); 0 ABSENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Curriculum Committee Report*

Dr. Stark provided a verbal report and minutes of the April 28, 2014 meeting.

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve the April 28, 2014 Board meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote. 9 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSENT

EXPENDITURES:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board permit the Business Manager to pay the May 2014 expenditures, with final approval at the next regular Board meeting. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

2014-2015 PROPOSED FINAL OPERATING BUDGET:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Larry Breech that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2014-2015 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$12,585,806. In support of the budget the following taxes will be enacted: 1.2% Earned Income Tax, and 46.75 mill Real Estate Tax. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

2014-2015 DEPOSITORIES:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the depositories for the 2014-2015 fiscal year as: First Columbia Bank, M & T Bank, PSDLAF, Bank of New York Mellon, and RBC Capital. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

PENCON/DIRECT ENERGY CONTRACT:

A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Gregory Gordner that the Millville Area School Board accept the 2014-2015 contract with PenCon/Direct Energy, as status quo with the portfolio we currently have with fluctuating rates. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

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REFUSE REMOVAL BIDS:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Dean Kelchner that the Millville Area School Board approve awarding the 2014-2015 refuse removal bid to Evans Disposal Service at the monthly rate remaining the same as last year at \$565 per month. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 1 NO (Heather Mausteller); 0 ABSENT

ALTERNATIVE ED. PLACEMENT:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve placing student 1-2014 and student 2-2014 in alternative ed. for the remainder of the school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

CLASS OF 2014 GRADUATES:

A motion by Greg Gordner and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the potential list of graduates for the Class of 2014. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

ELECTION OF CSIU DIRECTORS:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board vote in favor of the slate of candidates for the CSIU Board of Directors. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

SUMMER CUSTODIAL AIDES:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve employing the following Summer Custodial Aides, with the rate of pay being \$9 per hour, for the 2014 Summer: Megan DeWald, Dylan Lee, Frank R. Suchwala, and Dominique Travepiece. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 1 NO (Gregory Gordner); 0 ABSENT; 1 ABSTENTION

UNPAID LEAVE:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the request of Courtney Musselman for an unpaid leave of absence using four days, May 7, 8, 9, and 12, 2014. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the following job descriptions as submitted: Technology Coordinator, Assistant Technology Coordinator, Title I Math Teacher (Schoolwide Program), and Title I Reading Teacher (Schoolwide Program). The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

JOURNEYS 2014 K-3:

Dr. Stark presented the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys 2014 K-3 proposal. A concern from Carol Troisi and Heidi Brant was the materials only target grades K-3. Part of the program would include parental involvement; Marilyn Strauch questioned the effectiveness. After discussion, a motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve the purchase of the Journeys 2014 K-3 Reading Series at the discounted cost of \$57,139.77 accounting for a savings of \$134,980.95 from the valued cost of \$192,120.72. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Frank Suchwala requested an executive session after adjournment to discuss negotiations and labor issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Heather Mausteller to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

David B. Bowser

Board Secretary