

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millville Area School Board Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2014

The Millville Area School Board held the regular meeting on Monday, September 29, 2014, in the Millville High School Cafeteria. Prior to the start of the meeting Pastor Paul Converse offered prayer and devotion. 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, Chris Farr, Gregory Gordner, Dean Kelchner, Cheryl Kessler, Heather Mausteller, Susan Myers and Frank Suchwala. Absent: Larry Breech

Also present were Cynthia Jenkins, Superintendent; Eric Stair, Secondary Principal; Edward Sanders, Elementary Principal; Warren Faust, Technology Coordinator; Ron Zimmerman, Buildings and Grounds; and Kathy Musselman.

Forty-six guests signed the register.

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS:

Carol Troisi, MEA President: Thanked supporters. She encouraged voters to vote during the November elections. Stated she was eager to get back to teaching October 1.

Colleen Eves: In reference to the situation with Mr. Kindt, Colleen asked if counseling would be available. She offered to help if she was needed.

Kara Shultz: Inquired about the availability of a revised 2014-2015 school calendar.

Wendy Faatz: In lieu of using the holiday breaks to make-up lost academic time for the strike days, Wendy questioned the possibility of extending the school day 30-45 minutes.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

A Columbia-Montour Vocational Technical School Representative is needed as Cheryl Kessler will be stepping down at the end of her term.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Susan Myers, CMVT Representative, stated the last meeting was disheartening. The decision was made not to pursue the land purchase, searches are being conducted for a Director and principal, and they are still looking at ways to improve the programs offered and the implementation of new programs.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Mr. Stair gave a verbal and written report. Mr. Sanders, Mr. Faust, Mr. Zimmerman, and Mrs. Jenkins gave verbal reports. Mr. Stair thanked student council for their hard work with planning homecoming festivities, such as volleyball and a movie on Friday, dress-up events, and rent a senior day. The parade, soccer, and homecoming crowning will be on Saturday. Mr. Stair congratulated the girls' soccer team for their evening win over Benton even though their thoughts were with Mr. Kindt. Mr. Stair and Mrs. Jenkins congratulated and thanked Mr. McCaffery and the band for their performance at the Bloomsburg Fair. Mrs. Jenkins stated she also enjoyed watching the Teen Star finalists at the Bloomsburg Fair. Mr. Stair, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Jenkins have been conducting interviews. Mr. Sanders has been attending educational leadership training. Mr. Faust has been working on getting the "bugs" out of the new phone system. Mr. Zimmerman has been working on a new security fob entrance system, painting, and stair tread replacement. All stated they were anxious and excited to start school on Wednesday.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Written reports of the Treasurer, General Fund, Elementary and High School Student Union Activity Fund were submitted as part of the minutes.

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APPROVE BOARD MINUTES:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the September 8, 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 William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve August 2014 manual checks in the amount of \$400,911.21 and September 22, 2014 General Fund checks in the amount of \$149,793.48. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

PSBA OFFICER ELECTIONS:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board nominate Kathy Swope for the position of PSBA President Elect. A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board close the nominations for PSBA President Elect. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board nominate Mark Miller for the position of PSBA Vice-President Elect. A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board close the nominations for PSBA Vice-President Elect. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Gregory Gordner that the Millville Area School Board nominate Otto Voit III for the position of PSBA Treasurer Elect. A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board close the nominations for PSBA Treasurer Elect. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board nominate David Hutchinson for the position of PSBA At-large Representative Elect. A motion by Gregory Gordner and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board close the nominations for PSBA At-large Representative Elect. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT

REVISED 2014-2015 CALENDAR:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the revised 2014-2015 school calendar. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Gregory Gordner that the Millville Area School Board approve a leave of absence for Sherri Plocinski, from October 27-October 31, 2014, using two personal days and three unpaid days. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

SUBSTITUTE:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve adding Andrew Hemsarth, to the professional substitute list. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

SUBSTITUTE:

A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve adding Kayla McCloskey, to the professional substitute list, pending updated FBI fingerprint clearance. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

PARAPROFESSIONAL SUBSTITUTE:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve adding Kandis Wodehouse, to the paraprofessional substitute list, pending clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

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RESIGNATION - ROBERTS:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board accept the letter of resignation dated September 15, 2014, from Elizabeth Roberts, effective with 60 days held or upon start of replacement. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

RESIGNATION - PETCHEL:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board accept the letter of resignation dated September 16, 2014, from Jared Petchel, effective November 14, 2014, or upon start of replacement. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

RESIGNATION - KAHL:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board accept the letter of resignation dated September 10, 2014, from Joseph Kahl, effective November 7, 2014, or upon start of replacement. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

RESIGNATION - WILSON:

A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board accept the letter of resignation from Dotty Wilson, effective September 15, 2014. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

HIRE BIOLOGY TEACHER:

A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board hire Devon Lyons, as a Biology teacher, at Step M-5, pending clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

MENTOR:

A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Gregory Gordner that the Millville Area School Board approve Susan Steiner, as mentor to Devon Lyons, for 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 William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve adding Ryan Craig, as game staff, for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

VOLUNTEER OM COACH:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded Frank Suchwala that the Millville Area School Board approve Jamie Earnest, as a Volunteer Odyssey of the Mind Coach, for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

CHEERLEADING COACH:

A motion by William Berger and seconded Dean Kelchner that the Millville Area School Board approve Becky Jacobs, as cheerleading coach, for the 2014-2015 season. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 1 NO (Heather Mausteller); 1 ABSENT

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Susan Myers to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

David B. Bowser

Board Secretary