

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millville Area School Board Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2014

The Millville Area School Board held the reorganizational and regular meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School. 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. Prior to executive session Dean Kelchner left the meeting.

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

Five guests signed the register.

ELECT TEMPORARY PRESIDENT:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board elect Dean Kelchner as temporary Board President. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

NOMINATE/ELECT BOARD PRESIDENT:

A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board nominate Frank Suchwala for the position of Board President for a one-year term. A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Cheryl Kessler to close the nominations. A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board elect Frank Suchwala for the position of Board President for a one-year term. The motion to elect Frank Suchwala as Board President carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

NOMINATE/ELECT BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT:

A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board nominate Susan Myers as Board Vice-President for a one-year term. A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by William Berger to close the nominations. A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board elect Susan Myers as Board Vice-President for a one-year term. The motion to elect Susan Myers as Board Vice-president carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

2015 BOARD MEETINGS:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Gregory Gordner to set the 2015 Board meeting calendar with meetings to be held at the Millville High School at 7:00 p.m., the second and fourth Monday of the month, with the exception of May, July, and December. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS:

No guests requested to speak.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Act 1 Options and Timing for the 2015/2016 Budget

After discussion, a motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Larry Breech that the Millville Area School Board vote to resolve to not increase real estate taxes by more than the Act 1 limit, for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Susan Myers, CMVT Representative, stated a principal was hired, there has been no action on hiring a new director, and Cheryl Kessler was recognized for serving 20 years on the CMVT Board.

Larry Breech, CSIU Representative, discussed ongoing negotiations occurring with collective bargaining units at the IU.

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ADMINISTRATOR VERBAL REPORTS:

Mr. Sanders spoke about elementary happenings such as, the owl and Veterans Day assemblies, math night, and canned food drive.

Mr. Stair stated the students and teachers are working hard, took 2nd place at the BU math competition, celebrated veterans' week and had a very successful collection for the veterans at the nursing home.

Mr. Faust stated a content filter has been installed, mobile device manager data will be transferred over the summer, Apple i-pad ID's are needed, the fiber connection is working and the new phone system is being tweaked.

Mr. Zimmerman reported the fields have been leveled for spring, equipment has been put away and winterized, the truck and equipment sale went well, has been in contact with Tremco roofing.

Mrs. Jenkins has been observing students and teachers and enjoying getting to know them, stated we will partnership again with BU for student teachers, a representative from Sapphire, a student information system, has been contacted, met with Gail Menapace from head-start briefly, nine teachers went to the IU for PVAS training, and talked about a theater production grant to purchase theater equipment.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mr. Bowser recapped reports of the Treasurer, General Fund, Elementary and High School Student Union Activity Funds, as submitted and part of the minutes.

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the November 10, 2014 Board meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote. 9 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSENT

EXPENDITURES:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve October 2014 manual checks in the amount of \$886,443.20 and November 24, 2014 General Fund checks in the amount of \$105,284. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

EXPENDITURES:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board permit the Business Manager to pay the December 2014 expenditures with final approval at the next regular Board meeting. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

2001 FORD PICK-UP TRUCK AND IMPLEMENTS BID:

A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board accept a bid of \$7,303 submitted by Credit Cars of Bloomsburg, as highest bid, for a 2001 Ford F 250 pick-up truck, snowplow, and salt spreader. The motion carried by roll call vote. 5 YES; 4 NO (Gregory Gordner, Dean Kelchner, Heather Mausteller, Frank Suchwala); 0 ABSENT

LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Approval of the 2014-2015 Legal Services Consultation Agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP, failed due to a lack of a motion.

REPRESENTATION:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve the services of Dr. William T. Hartman, for representation during labor negotiation arbitration hearings at a proposed cost of \$5,000. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

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COMMUNITY AID:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Gregory Gordner to approve the partnership agreement with Community Aid to place a clothing bin on school property (above the baseball field) that will generate shopping vouchers to be given to families in need. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board adjourn to executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss personnel and a student issue. Board member, Dean Kelchner left the meeting at this time.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board reconvene from executive session at 8:55 p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - KISHBACH

A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Gregory Gordner that the Millville Area School Board approve a leave of absence for Tarah Kishbach, to begin on or about January 4, 2015, returning to work on or about March 16, 2015. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

SUBSTITUTE - BOWMAN:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Frank Suchwala that the Millville Area School Board approve Leann Bowman, as a professional substitute. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

HIRE 10-MONTH SECRETARY:

A motion by Gregory Gordner and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve hiring Carey Klinger, as a permanent 10-month Building Secretary, at \$9.25 per hour, pending clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 1 NO (Frank Suchwala); 1 ABSENT

HIRE SOCIAL WORKER:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Gregory Gordner that the Millville Area School Board approve hiring Julie Lewellyn, as a Social Worker, at \$55,000, and in accordance with the service contract. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 1 NO (Chris Farr); 1 ABSENT

HIRE PARAPROFESSIONAL:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve hiring Jennifer Brown, as a paraprofessional, at \$9.25 per hour. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve changing job classification, effective January 1, 2015, for Ruth Zerance, from a part-time employee (5) five hours per day to a full-time employee (8) eight hours per day, inclusive of a ½ hour unpaid lunch. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 1 NO (Frank Suchwala); 1 ABSENT

SUBSTITUTE - ROSENBERGER:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve Chelsea Rosenberger, as a paraprofessional and professional substitute, pending child abuse clearance. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

SUBSTITUTE -KLINGER:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve Chelsea Klinger, as a paraprofessional substitute, pending clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

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SUBSTITUTE -EVELAND:

A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve Marlene Eveland, as a paraprofessional substitute. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

TECH CLUB ADVISOR:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve Troy Showers, as Tech Club Advisor, for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

ACCOMPANIST:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve Letha Stone, as accompanist for the Holiday Concert. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

VOLUNTEER BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve Fred Newhart, as a Volunteer Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, for the 2014-2015 season, pending clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

VOLUNTEER CHEERLEADING COACH:

A motion by Gregory Gordner and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve Jessica Whitmoyer, as a Volunteer Cheerleading Coach, for the 2014-2015 season. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

VOLUNTEER ELEMENTARY GIRLS BASKETBALL COACHES:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Greg Gordner that the Millville Area School Board approve Megan Hippenstiel and Sherry Kakaley, as Volunteer Elementary Girls Basketball Coaches, for the 2014-2015 season. The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 YES; 2 NO (Chris Farr and Frank Suchwala); 1 ABSENT

UNPAID LEAVE:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Larry Breech that the Millville Area School Board approve adding January 19, 2015, as an unpaid day, to the leave of absence request by Mary Lorence. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 1 NO (Frank Suchwala); 1 ABSENT

MOU:

A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the memorandum of understanding for the Superintendent and Business Manager, with health care premiums remaining the same until June 30, 2015. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Susan Myers to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

David B. Bowser

Board Secretary