

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2013

The Millville Area School Board held the regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013, in the Millville High School Cafeteria. Prior to the start of the meeting, an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel. President Frank Suchwala called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The following Board members answered roll call: William Berger, Larry Breech, Erin Comly, Chris Farr, Dean Kelchner, Cheryl Kessler, Heather Mausteller, Susan Myers, and Frank Suchwala. ABSENT: None Also present were Kathleen Stark, Superintendent; David Bowser, Business Manager; John Fetterman, Elementary Principal; Eric Stair, Secondary Principal; Warren Faust, Technology Coordinator; Ron Zimmerman, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor; Dee Davis, Supervisor of Special Education; and Kathy Musselman. One hundred twelve guests signed the register.

RETIREMENT OFFER: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve the proposed retirement incentive offer. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

GUEST RECOGNITION:

William Freeman, CMVT Wrestling Coach:

- 1) The proposal of the addition of Jr. High Wrestling was discussed. He asked for questions and concerns. None were voiced.

Deanna Waggoner:

- 1) Spoke in favor of retaining the teachers we have and against demotions and furloughs.
- 2) Why are three social studies credits offered when four are required by colleges?

Kara Shultz:

- 1) She stated a group has been formed - Concerned Citizens of Millville and would like to see Millville become a strong school and hopes that everyone gets involved for the betterment of the school.
- 2) Was concerned with the Kindergarten class sizes and number of retentions.

Michelle Reichner:

- 1) Had concerns about the low-test scores of standardized tests. Inquired of the direction the District is going towards remediation, and what the District is doing to motivate students. She felt electives and course selection play an important part in motivation and making a student well-rounded.
- 2) Would like more information on the Student/Teacher Ratio.

Carey Klinger:

- 1) Spoke in regard to career pathways and high school scheduling.
- 2) Would like to see the guidance counselor in the guidance office and available for students, not in the classrooms.
- 3) Expressed concern about college courses for high school credit.
- 4) She feels we have too many Cyber schools. She thinks scheduling can accommodate more options for students, as opposed to online courses.
- 5) Great teachers. Great District at one time. She asked the Board members to do their research. Look at the betterment of the school, class structures, and scheduling.
- 6) Expressed concern about teaching to the tests.
- 7) Expressed concern about the teaching/day ending at 2:30 p.m.

Jenn Rine :

- 1) Didn't feel the superintendent should be involved in scheduling.
- 2) She also stated the number of study halls at the high school is unacceptable.
- 3) Wanted to know if there was any truth to the rumor that Mr. Fetterman would be cut next year?

Kathy Bower:

- 1) Asked about low enrollment and minimum/maximum perimeters of students per class.
- 2) Thought there were too many study halls.

Monique Heffner:

- 1) Are Keystones exiting exams?
- 2) Felt the students should have a say in course offerings and what they want to learn.
- 3) Felt the teachers should have a say in course offerings and what they want to teach.
- 4) Bring some fun back to school.
- 5) She read unfavorable characteristics of school board members.
- 6) Overall, she just wants our students to do well and asked the School Board for help.

Makenzie Snurkowski:

- 1) Spoke in favor of having/retaining the anatomy class.

Christie Kittle:

- 1) Stated she was a concerned parent. She has been in contact with PDE and doesn't understand why we are furloughing. She took issue with the ratios in the power point presented by Dr. Stark stating they were not PDE requirements or state law.

Ginny Spangenberg:

- 1) Unhappy with the number of study halls and scheduling. She would like to see more electives offered. Spoke in favor of the Arts and felt this helped to make a well-rounded student.

Renee Hodgson:

- 1) Stated she was concerned for the future of the school. She asked the school board to work with parents, teachers, and administrators for the betterment of the school's future.
- 2) Would like to be notified when meetings are being held.
- 3) Would like to see an itemized budget and dates employees were evaluated.

Angie Hack :

- 1) Was not happy with inaccurate District website information and felt it needed to be updated more often. She suggested the students have more involvement with the web page.

Jacob Martin:

- 1) As a student council member, he wanted to know what would happen to student council if Mr. Marshman is furloughed.

Paula Holtzinger:

- 1) Do AP classes receive college credit? How is scholarship money dispersed? Why is scholarship money used for LCCC classes? Why are classes being cut? Are the Board members here to benefit the students?
- 2) Opined that extra-curriculars play an important role for developing rounded students.
- 3) Opposed to electives being cut, on-line classes, and scholarship money used for LCCC classes.

Bob Strozek:

- 1) Asked the Board to set a date within the next 2 weeks to have a meeting to answer some of the questions and concerns that have been addressed. When a date is determined, Kara Shultz asked if the automated call system could be utilized as notification.

Laura Holtzinger:

- 1) She praised several teachers she had at Millville and stated they prepared her for college.
- 2) She is not in favor of furloughs or using scholarship money for LCCC classes.
- 3) Reiterated sister Paula's previous concerns.

Sandra Lewis:

- 1) Was a Millville student as well as her children. She feels they got a good education and would like to see her grandchildren receive a good education as well.
- 2) Concerned with the number of study halls.
- 3) Not in favor of cutting electives.
- 4) Feels our students need to be competitive.
- 5) Sandra commented, at one point it was recommended by the government to have Physical Education every day. Why reduce Physical Education?

Karen Cramer:

- 1) Opposed to electives being cut.
- 2) August is too long to wait for scheduling.
- 3) Will we merge with Benton? Where are we headed?

Zelia Heintz:

- 1) Two weeks ago she had some concerns and was contacted about those concerns today. She would like to see a quicker response to concerns.
- 2) Is in favor of small class sizes, especially Learning Support classes.
- 3) Spoke highly of Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Coleman.

Giuseppe Failla:

- 1) Feels information is too secretive.

Andrew Spangenberg:

- 1) Didn't understand why good teachers were being furloughed.

Caitlin Waggoner:

- 1) Felt the teachers were the student motivators.

Linda Swartz:

- 1) Asked who evaluated Mr. Fetterman?

Autumn Steck:

- 1) When will their concerns be addresses?

Tara Holdren:

- 1) Is pre-algebra going to be skipped for one class to bring in line with Keystone objectives?
- 2) Students need to get up to standards.

DISCUSSION:

- 1) Stadium use was discussed. After discussion, a motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Eric Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve the use of the stadium for the scheduled games for the remainder of this school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT
- 2) Use of the Gingham Scholarship monies was discussed. Possible use would be LCCC classes or 501(c)(3). The feeling was although this would be a great benefit for the students, more data would like to be seen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) Board Curriculum Committee: A verbal and written report was submitted as part of the minutes. Frank noted the meeting was well attended.
- 2) Gifted Student Parent Meeting: Dr. Stark submitted a verbal and written report as part of the minutes.
- 3) Faculty Curriculum Committee: Dr. Stark submitted a verbal and written report as part of the minutes.

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ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS: Mr. Fetterman, Mr. Stair, Mr. Faust, Mr. Zimmerman, and Mrs. Davis provided a verbal and written report as part of the minutes. Dr. Stark provided a verbal and written report as part of the minutes and a power point presentation of the evaluation system.

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 Chris Farr and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the Board meeting minutes of April 22, 2013. The motion carried by voice vote. 9 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSENT

2013-2014 PROPOSED FINAL OPERATING BUDGET: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2013-2014 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$12,426,907. In support of the budget, the following taxes will be enacted: 1.2 % Earned Income Tax and 46.75 mill Real Estate Tax. After discussion, the motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 2 NO (William Berger and Chris Farr); 0 ABSENT

CLASS OF 2013: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve the potential list of graduates for the Class of 2013. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

SUPERVISION/EVALUATION PLAN: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the Supervision/Evaluation Plan. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 2 NO (Erin Comly and Frank Suchwala); 0 ABSENT

REFUSE REMOVAL BID: A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve awarding the 2013-2014 refuse removal bid to Evans Disposal Service at the monthly rate of \$565.00. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 1 NO (Larry Breech); 0 ABSENT

ELECTION OF CSIU DIRECTORS: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the slate of candidates for the CSIU Board of Directors. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

GIFTED TEACHER JOB DESCRIPTION: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the Gifted Teacher Job Description. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

UNPAID LEAVE REQUEST: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve the request of Karen Kline for unpaid sick leave from the afternoon of Monday, May 6 through Friday, May 10, 2013 (4.5 days). The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

UNPAID LEAVE REQUEST: A motion by Erin Comly and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the request of Robin Beck for unpaid medical leave for the remainder of the school year (25 days). The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR STAFF: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2012-2013 Extended School Year Staff as follows: Autistic Support K-6 Teacher, Gwen Utt; Life Skills K-6 Teacher, Donna Kramer; Emotional Support K-6 Teacher, Tiffany LeFevre; Life Skills 7-12 Teacher, Kerri Peterman; Social Worker, Erin Butler; Speech and Language Therapist, Megan Hippenstiel; at their daily pay rate, and Para-Professionals, Tom Heffner, Kathy Johnson, Gina Savage; and Van Driver, Wendy Faatz, at their hourly rate of pay. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

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SUMMER LEARNING CAMP: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve the following Summer Learning Camp Teachers, subject to need, with the stipend being \$800.00: Kathy Keller, Jayleen Miller, Jan Anderson, Melissa Wagner, Carol Troisi, Tiffany LeFevre, Jennifer Apichell. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

SUMMER CUSTODIAL AIDES: A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve the following Summer Custodial Aides, with the rate of pay being \$8.00 per hour: Frank R. Suchwala, Ryan Zimmerman, Tiffany Craig, and Megan DeWald. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT; 1 ABSTENTION (Frank Suchwala)

SUPPORT STAFF SUBSTITUTES: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Larry Breech that the Millville Area School Board approve adding the following to the support staff substitute list, pending clearances: Dotty Wilson, Mary Wilce, and Melissa Reichnebach (cafeteria) and Melanie Zearfoss (cafeteria and classroom aide). The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

2013 FALL/WINTER COACHES: A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve the following coaches for the 2013 fall/winter season: Anthony Preston, as the Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach; Nick Kindt, as the Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach; Corey Sweeney, as the Boys' Basketball Coach; and Andy Bloom, as Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, with the rate of pay being in accordance with the coaching pay scale. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

2013 FALL/WINTER VOLUNTEER COACHES: A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the following Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coaches for the 2013 fall/winter season: Rick Thomas, Charles Karns, Joe Steiner, and David Outt. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

RESIGNATION - SWARTZ: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board accept the letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2013 for Brenda Swartz, and adding her to the Para-Professional substitute list. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT; 1 ABSTENTION (Chris Farr)

RESIGNATION - SCHULTZ: A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board accept the letter of resignation from Colleen Schultz, effective June 5, 2013. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSENT

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Erin Comly to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

David B. Bowser
Board Secretary