

The Millville Area School Board held the regular meeting on Monday, June 10, 2013, in the Millville High School Cafeteria. 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, Erin Comly, Chris Farr, Cheryl Kessler, Heather Mausteller, and Frank Suchwala. ABSENT: Dean Kelchner and Susan Myers Also present were Kathleen Stark, Superintendent; David Bowser, Business Manager; John Fetterman, Elementary Principal; Eric Stair, Secondary Principal; Ron Zimmerman, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor; Dee Davis, Supervisor of Special Education; and Kathy Musselman.

Thirty-five guests signed the register.

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS:

Rick Reichner, Jr. High Basketball Coach:

- 1) Inquired about the possibility of increasing the number of basketball games from 15 to 22.

*Due to mandated regulations this is something the Board cannot take action on. Mr. Outt and Mr. Stair are aware of the request by Mr. Reichner and will check into the possibility of increasing the number of games.

Marilyn Strauch:

- 1) She asked a question at a previous meeting and missed the answer after leaving the meeting early, not realizing some of the questions would be answered in Dr. Stark's presentation later that meeting.

Michelle Reichner:

- 1) Inquired as to the number of teachers that would be hired to replace the retiring teachers and if enough teachers would be hired to cover the scheduled classes.
- 2) Wanted to make sure we were hiring quality teachers, expressing a concern that multiple certifications do not assure quality.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Ad hoc Public Relations Committee:

The formation of a Public Relations Committee is in the process. William Berger will be the chairperson of this committee. Susan Myers, Chris Farr, and Erin Comly will be a part of the committee.

Concerned Citizens of Millville E-mail:

Due to the personnel nature of the e-mail, public discussion could not take place.

Teacher/Board Meet and Discuss Meeting:

Acting upon advice of legal counsel, labor law and collective bargaining ramifications, the meeting of June 11, 2013, will be postponed. Erin Comly suggested it was in bad faith to cancel with short notice. Frank stated we did not have a choice but to cancel trusting the advice of legal counsel. Joann Koschoff requested to speak on behalf of the teacher union but was denied since she is not recognized as possessing that authority. Carol Troisi then asked if a meeting would be rescheduled before the contract was set.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mr. Bowser explained and answered questions concerning the Proposed Final 2013-2014 Budget, as provided. The 2013-2014 Budget will be acted upon at the next meeting, June 24, 2013.

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES:

A motion by Erin Comly and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the Board meeting minutes of May 13, 2013. After discussion as to whether guest recognition names should be attached to the minutes, and deciding they should, the motion carried by voice vote. 7 YEA; 0 NAY; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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EXPENDITURES:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the April 2013 General Fund manual checks in the amount of \$577,774.64 and the May 24, 2013 General Fund expenditures in the amount of \$154,680.33. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

MILLVILLE HEALTH CENTER REAL ESTATE TAX APPEAL:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board support Columbia County's defense against the real estate tax appeal by Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority for parcel 24 01a023 (Millville Health Center). Approximate cost for appraisal necessary for defense is \$6,500, of which the district will contribute 75.11% (approximately \$4,882). After discussion, the motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

SCHOOL DENTIST:

A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve Dr. Jean Johnson, as school dentist for the 2013-2014 school year, with her rate of pay remaining the same as last year, \$4 per exam. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

AGREEMENT WITH GEISINGER CLINIC – SCHOOL PHYSICIAN:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the Student Services Agreement with Geisinger Clinic to perform physicals for kindergarten, sixth and eleventh grades, athletic physicals, and IEP examination forms, at a \$4.48 per hour increase to \$96.51 per hour for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

NOAH BASKETBALL SYSTEM:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board accept a proposed donation from the Girls and Boys Basketball Boosters of a Noah Basketball System. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

WEBSITE COORDINATOR AND AV ADVISOR:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve Karen Sullivan as the District Website Maintenance Coordinator at a stipend of \$862 and Karey Killian as the Audio-Visual Advisor at a stipend of \$400 for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

LIBRARY SERVICES:

A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve Karey Killian to provide Extended School Year Instructional Library Services, July 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, at her effective professional hourly rate and approve Karen Sullivan for non-instructional Summer Community Library services June 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., at the prevailing non-professional hourly rate. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

UNPAID LEAVE REQUEST:

A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve the unpaid leave of absence request of Tara Lorson for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

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RETIREMENTS:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board accept the irrevocable letters of retirement and admittance to the 2012-2013 ERIP for the following: Jan Anderson, William Anderson, effective June 7, 2013; Bonnie Fiedler, Marilyn Frear, Dorothy Grocott, Joann Koschoff, Linda Sheeler, effective June 6, 2013; and Gregory Kantner, effective August 3, 2013; adding Marilyn Frear, Dorothy Grocott and Linda Sheeler to the substitute list. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

RESIGN FROM SUMMER LEARNING CAMP:

A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board accept the letter of resignation to teach during the 2013 Summer Learning Camp from Jan Anderson. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

ROLL-OVER OF ACTIVE SUBSTITUTES:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the roll-over of the 2012-2013 active substitutes to the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

TENURE:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Frank Suchwala that the Millville Area School Board approve granting tenure to Alycia Fairchild and Karen Kline. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSENT (Susan Myers and Dean Kelchner)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Suchwala requested an executive session after adjournment to discuss negotiations and personnel.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Erin Comly to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

David B. Bowser
Board Secretary