

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2013

The Millville Area School Board held the regular meeting on Monday, June 24, 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, Dean Kelchner, Cheryl Kessler, Susan Myers and Frank Suchwala. ABSENT: Heather Mausteller

Also present were Kathleen Stark, Superintendent; David Bowser, Business Manager; John Fetterman, Elementary Principal; Eric Stair, Secondary Principal; Ron Zimmerman, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor; Warren Faust, Technology Coordinator; and Kathy Musselman.

Fifty-three guests signed the register.

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS:

Kara Shultz

- 1) Recapped the events on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of Millville leading up to the current meeting. In closing, she invited teachers, school board members, parents, and community members to come out and walk, talk, and share together at the Chris Shultz Memorial Run/Walk.

Renee Hodgson:

- 1) Wanted their presence known and stated they are going nowhere. They will continue to attend meetings.

Jody Love:

- 1) Felt the atmosphere was still us against them.
- 2) Felt bullying was evident.

Jennifer Rine:

- 1) Presented the challenge to bring new residents to the area and keep those that we have.

Deb Price:

- 1) Felt we are a small district with high taxes and a highly paid Superintendent. What are we getting back for our investment?

Kathy Bower:

- 1) Stated the reason she attended the meeting was to reinforce that she just wanted the best education possible for the students.

Ginny Spangenberg:

- 1) Stated a recent message on the automated messaging system was confusing.

Larry Breech:

- 1) Stated Dr. Stark was highly qualified, does the work of three people, was first in and last out, and is on duty/on call 24/7. He took issue with unsubstantiated accusations and innuendos. The Board does her evaluation. Felt the accusers were slanderous and intimidators.

Michelle Reichner:

- 1) Referenced the opinion of Larry Breech and requested a response from Board members regarding Dr. Stark.

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Heather Yordy:

- 1) Wanted to know who the Right to Know officer was?

Carol Troisi:

- 1) Why was the half-time teacher of Gifted moved to a full-time position? If we have someone in the District that could teach in that capacity, why weren't they offered that position first before going outside the District?

Frank Suchwala:

- 1) Welcomed the community support. Encouraged them to continue showing up for the meetings. Stay informed.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

No topics of discussion to report.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

CMVT Representative Susan Myers stated she and Larry Breech attended the meeting. Dr. Hornberger spoke on the direction of CMVT. He endorses expansion, especially with the land purchase. The possibility exists for a retail store with the shops selling their products. The new principal will start July 1. Enrollment is complete with an entrance waiting list.

CSIU Representative Larry Breech, stated the CSIU is working on budget and end-of-year processes. He noted the curriculum was not aligned with state funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dr. Stark provided a report on the Community Advisory Committee, Dave Bowser reported on the Budget Committee, Ron Zimmerman reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and Cheryl Kessler reported on the Curriculum Committee Meeting. A verbal and written report as part of the minutes was provided.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS: Mr. Fetterman, Mr. Stair, and Dr. Stark provided a verbal and written report as part of the minutes. Mr. Faust stated he is in the process of working with the CSIU in the conversion of the new software installation. Parents will have access to the same student information as they had in the past, with a generic password they will reset to a personal password. Mr. Zimmerman stated summer cleaning is going well and will start to paint when the cleaning is finished. Upgrades to door access, including entrance cameras and monitors, as well as a new phone system are considerations for the near future. Chris Farr asked Dr. Stark why students were allowed to keep cameras that were provided for a class. William Berger requested decisions such as this be brought before the Board before allowing students to keep supplies.

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 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve the June 6, 2013 Special Board Meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES:

A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve the June 10, 2013 Board meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

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EXPENDITURES:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve the May 2013 General Fund manual checks in the amount of \$819,104.90 and the June 24, 2013 General Fund expenditures in the amount of \$138,018.44. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

PAY JULY 2013 EXPENDITURES:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board permit the Business Manager to pay the July 2013 expenditures, with final approval at the next regular Board meeting. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

2012-2013 BUDGETARY TRANSFERS:

A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board permit the Business Manager to proceed with year-end Budgetary transfers for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, as necessary. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

2013-2014 GF OPERATING BUDGET:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Dean Kelchner that the Millville Area School Board adopt the Final 2013-2014 General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$12,046,622. In support of the budget, the following taxes will be enacted: 1.2% Earned Income Tax, and 46.75 mill Real Estate Tax. After Mr. Bowser discussed the budget, the motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

HOMESTEAD FARMSTEAD RESOLUTION:

A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2013 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

COMMIT GENERAL FUND RESERVES:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board commit General Fund reserves for: 1) OPEB Fund (post-employment) liabilities in the amount of \$1,055,811. 2) Uncompensated leave liability in the amount of \$371,649. 3) Future extraordinary assessment from Columbia Montour Vocational Technical School of \$36,136. 4) Provisions for future PSERS retirement rate increases of \$1,138,191. After further discussion and explanations by Mr. Bowser, the motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

PROPOSED INSURANCE OPTIONS AND CHANGES FOR 2013-2014:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Erin Comly to split this agenda item into three separate motions as listed below:

GENERAL FIRE AND CASUALTY LOSS DEDUCTIBLE:

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board accept the proposal to increase the deductible to \$25,000. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

PRIVACY PROTECTION COVERAGE:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Larry Breech that the Millville Area School Board approve additional coverage (\$500K/\$500K) to our insurance program for \$3,000 per year, for privacy protection coverage. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

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WORKMANS COMPENSATION COVERAGE:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve changing providers of the insurance covering medical costs related to on-the-job injuries, from PSBA provided insurance, Old Republic, to Highmark. After discussion, the motion failed by roll call vote. 1 YES; (Larry Breech) 7 NO; (William Berger, Erin Comly, Chris Farr, Dean Kelchner, Cheryl Kessler, Susan Myers, Frank Suchwala) 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

2013-2014 STUDENT HANDBOOK:

A motion by Erin Comly and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2013-2014 Student Handbook. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 1 NO (Dean Kelchner); 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

2013-2014 COACHES' MANUAL:

A motion by Erin Comly and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2013-2014 Coaches' Manual. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

RESIGNATIONS:

A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board accept the letters of resignation from Lisa Gordner, Lyndi McDaniels, and Vanessa Ruckle, effective immediately. The motion carried by voice vote. The motion carried by voice vote. 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

HIRE PROFESSIONAL STAFF:

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Larry Breech that the Millville Area School Board approve hiring Katrina Clausen, English, Level B-1; Jistine Myers, Gifted, Level M-2; Susan Laayouni, Foreign Language, Level M-6; Rebecca Baney, Foreign Language, Level M-7; Jennifer Apichell, Study Skills/ESL, Level B-1, beginning the 2013-2014 school year and Heather Romanot, Long-Term Substitute, Level B-2, for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

EMPLOY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

A motion by Erin Comly and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve employing David Outt, as Athletic Director for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The motion carried by roll vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR STAFF:

A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve Heidi Ipher, para-professional, for the Summer 2013 Extended School Year, with her rate of pay being her hourly rate. The motion carried by roll vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

SUMMER BAND STIPEND:

A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve a stipend of \$300 to Carolyn Sweeney for two (2) summer band parades. The motion carried by roll vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT (Heather Mausteller)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Erin Comly to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

David B. Bowser  
Board Secretary