

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2012

Pastor Paul Converse read from Psalms and offered prayer before the call to order.

The Millville Area School Board held the regular board meeting on Monday, February 27, 2012 in the Millville High School library. President Frank Suchwala called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM, 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. Also, present were Kathleen Stark, Superintendent, David Bowser, Business Manager, John Fetterman, Elementary Principal, Eric Stair, Secondary Principal, Dee Davis, Supervisor of Special Education, Warren Faust, Technology Coordinator, Ronald Zimmerman, Supervisor of Buildings/Grounds and Barbara Beshore. Guests present were Charles Hartzel, Joann Koschoff, Jodi Houseknecht, Carol Troisi, Karen Sullivan, Robert Kessler and Kevin Cook.

GUEST RECOGNITION: Mr. Charles Hartzel addressed the Board regarding donating a Bushnell Telescope to the school district.

ACCEPT DONATION OF TELESCOPE: A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board accept the donation of a Bushnell Telescope from Charles Hartzel. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Class Size Policy: Dr. Stark reported that a board member inquired about class size and wanted to share the policy with the entire board for review.

Shared Services: Dr. Stark reported that a request from Benton School District for board members from both districts get together to "brain storm" about the possibility of shared services. The following board members are interested in meeting with Benton: Dean Kelchner, William Berger, Chris Farr and Frank Suchwala.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS: CMVT Representative: Mrs. Myers reported:

- Did not act on any contracts
- CMVT discussed the possibility of a 1% rate increase with sending districts
 - Not received with a resounding agreement by member districts
 - Have not made any cuts – would rely on capitol reserves

CSIU Representative: Mr. Breech reported:

- Education and training of new members continues
- QR – Smart phone
- General Operating Budget sent to all districts for review and action
- Plan to complete a "Mid-Year review of the General Operating Budget

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

Secondary Principal, Mr. Stair's report to the Board is part of the minutes.

Elementary Principal, Mr. Fetterman's report to the Board is part of the minutes.

Supervisor of Special Education, Mrs. Davis reported:

- Distributed Gifted Compliance Report
- PASA testing window is now open, and 8-10 students will be administered this test
- February IEP's are near completion
- February 28 – Pre-School Transition meeting will be held
- A new Compliance Monitor, Thomas Wright, has been assigned to Columbia County

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Technology Coordinator: Mr. Faust reported:

- Assisted PIMS administrator with PIMS correction reports
- Attended PETE Conference on February 13, 14, and 15, 2012

Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Zimmerman reported:

- Began contacting contractors for bid quotes to pave parking lots
- Continue working on stadium lighting
 - Reported \$16 per hour for use of lights, however there is a "Peak Demand" charge when the lights are first illuminated
 - Research the possibility of independent contractor for each light
- Preparing fields for spring sport season

Superintendent, Dr. Stark reported:

- State Testing update – Power Point presentation
- PSSA goes away with class of 2016
- Class of 2017 – Keystone Exams administered

BUSINESS MANAGER'S FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Bowser recapped the January 2012 Treasurer's Report, General Fund/Athletic Fund reports, Elementary and Secondary reports. These reports are part of the minutes.

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES: A motion by William Berger and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve the board minutes of February 13, 2012. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE FEBRUARY EXPENDITURES: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the General Fund expenditures dated February 27, 2012 for a total of \$304,603.75 and approve the January 2012 GF manual checks for a total of \$589,790.64. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

PREVAILING WAGE RESOLUTION: A motion by William Berger and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board adopt the Resolution Supporting Prevailing Wage Reform. The resolution is part of the minutes. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES: 0 NO

ACCEPT 2010-2011 SINGLE AUDIT REPORT: A motion by Erin Comly and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board accept the 2010-2011 Single Audit report prepared by Richard Snodgrass, CPA. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

APPROVE DISTRICT AUDITOR: A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve Richard Snodgrass, CPA, as the district's local auditor to complete the Single Audit for 2011-2012 school year, at a cost of \$11,000. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES: 0 NO

ACCEPT BOOKS DONATED TO HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board accept the books donated to the high school library. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

APPROVE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT FIELD TRIP: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the Business Department field trip to Bloomsburg University on March 7, 2012. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

APPROVE 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR: A motion by William Berger and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve the proposed 2012-2013 school calendar. Discussion: Built in snow days and begin school after Labor Day? The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 YES; 3 NO

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ASSISTANT SOFTBALL COACH: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve employing Lori Neyhard as the assistant softball coach for the 2011-12 athletic season. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES: 0 NO

VOLUNTEER COACH STAFF AND SPORT SUPPORT STAFF: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Dean Kelchner that the Millville Area School Board approve the following volunteer coaching staff for the 2011-2012 athletic season: Lance Diehl, Softball, Rachel Hayes, Softball, and Charles Karns, Baseball, and approve Rachel Hays as Softball Scorekeeper. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES: 0 NO

PROFESSIONAL SUBSTITUTES: A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve adding the following to the district's professional substitute list:
Rebecca Stevenson –Math (clearances on file)
Jessica Hicks – Early Childhood/Elementary (clearances on file)
The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Erin Comly to adjourn the regular board meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Suchwala requested an executive session to discuss negotiations, personnel and student discipline.

David B. Bowser
Board Secretary