

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2012

The Millville Area School Board held the regular board meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012 in the Millville High School library. President Frank Suchwala called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, and Ronald Zimmerman, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. Guests registered as present were Joann Wollett, Susan Steiner, Elizabeth Bennett, Michelle Reichner, Seth Eyer, Karen Sullivan, Kathy Bower, Trisha Whispell, Wendy Fetterman, Wendy Faatz, Joann Koschoff, Rob Davidson, Michele Bower, Sheryl Davidson, Carey Klinger, Carol Troisi, Rebecca Walker, Heather Yordy, Kelly and Joseph Carnevale.

GUEST RECOGNITION: Joann Koschoff expressed concern about talk of possible furloughs.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: Curriculum Committee minutes of March 1, 2012 and two other documents attached were presented to the Board and are part of the minutes. Mrs. Kessler reported that the committee met with elementary parents regarding field trips. The committee also discussed:

- Standards Align System
- PA School report card
- Keystone Project Assignments
- Common Core/PSSA
- Teacher evaluation system
- Comprehensive Plan

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Elementary Field Trips: The Curriculum Committee did meet with the parents and President Suchwala asked the Board members if they had any questions. Field trip information is part of the Board packet for review and comments. Mr. Fetterman reported that he is gathering additional transportation costs for the additional field trips.

COMMENTS:

- Mr. Farr received comments from parents and they felt unsure what was required to get approval for all elementary grades to experience a field trip. He would support the field trips since the money would be coming from PTO funds.
- Mrs. Myers clarified that the PTO has not committed any funds for field trips and proposed financial support for field trips.
- Mrs. Comly questioned the number of chaperones for the sixth grade trip.
- Mrs. Mausteller recommends that each grade be permitted one field trip and not several trips.
- Mr. Kelchner questioned the different costs outlined by each grade and was concerned with the sixth grade trip costs. Discussion ensued regarding the funding of field trips.
- Mrs. Carey Klinger, treasurer of PTO, was told that trips were approved for grades 2, 4 and 6 trips and that funding would not be necessary. The PTO has not received any requests for financial support..
- President Suchwala clarified that PTO bylaws provide that funding is directed to the school without the requirement of the Board requesting it.
- Mrs. Kessler stated that she taught for many years and planned field trips. All she is requesting is how this field trip fits into curriculum and what the field trip entails.

APPROVE ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIPS: A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve that all elementary grades go on at least one field trip per year inclusive of the current school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES: 0 NO

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APPROVAL OF SPECIFIC FIELD TRIPS AS LISTED: A motion by William Berger and seconded by Dean Kelchner that the Millville Area School Board approve specific field trips as listed which were not previously approved. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES: A motion by William Berger and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the board minutes of February 27, 2012. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE 2012-2013 CSIU GF OPERATING BUDGET: A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2012-2013 CSIU General Fund Operating Budget as proposed. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

2012-2013 CMVT GF OPERATING BUDGET: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2012-2013 CMVT General Fund Operating Budget as proposed. DISCUSSION/COMMENTS: Mr. Breech questioned if a 1% additional district assessment was included as an addition to the budget presented. Mrs. Myers commented that it was not explained adequately to determine if it was included in their proposal. Concern was also expressed regarding the projected reduction to the fund balance and what, if any cost containment considerations were made. The motion did not carry by roll call vote. 0 YES; 9 NO

DEVLIN'S REQUEST FOR LEAVE AND FMLA: A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve Carrie Devlin's request for leave, using thirteen sick days and the remainder as unpaid under the FMLA guidelines. The leave would begin on approximately August 20, 2012 through November 19, 2012. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

NEEB AND BESHORE RETIRE: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Heather Mauseller that the Millville Area School Board accept the irrevocable letters of retirement with regrets from Sandra Neeb (26.5 years) and Barbara Beshore (28.7 years) effective June 30, 2012. COMMENTS: Members of the Board and President Suchwala praised the work and influence that Mrs. Neeb has had on the student body over the years and will be greatly missed, and praised Mrs. Beshore as a unique individual. The motion carried by affirmative voice vote. 8 Aye; 1 Nay

LORI NEYHARD RESIGNS: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board accept Lori Neyhard's resignation letter as assistant softball coach effective immediately. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

GUEST TEACHER AND NON-PROFESSIONAL SUBSTITUTES: A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve adding the following to the district's non-professional and Guest Teacher substitute list:

GUEST TEACHER: Julie K. Klinger – pending updated clearances

NON-PROFESSIONAL: Nancy Williams – Cafeteria, Barbara Beshore - clerical

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 7:53 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Suchwala requested an executive session to discuss negotiations and a student issue.

David B. Bowser
Board Secretary