

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2011

Pastor Paul Converse preceeded the meeting by reading Psalm 100 and offered prayer.

The Millville Area School Board held the regular board meeting on Monday, September 26, 2011 in the Millville High School library. President Frank Suchwala called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Ron Zimmerman, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds. Guests present who signed the roster were, Karen Sullivan, Austin Hack, Josh Bloom, Carol Troisi, Robert Kessler, Joann Koschoff and Kevin Cook.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Memorandum of Understanding with Local Law Enforcement Agencies: Chief Ted Stout, Millville Police Department, explained the legalities of jurisdiction of municipalities within the school district.

- If Millville Borough Police sees an incident at the elementary school or stadium, they can step in and contain the situation until the proper authorities arrive. (i.e. Greenwood Twp. Police or State Police) They cannot intervene without proper authorization.
- Other area school districts hire police officers to staff events, under the Municipal Jurisdiction Act (Act 22).
- Greenwood Twp. Police might take the lead (be responsible) for scheduling police to cover school events, if you need one or two officers at the event.
- An alternative to using the police, the district could hire event staff, under ACT 235 (armed security,) or there are security agencies out there that could do this type of work.
- The district could hire off-duty police as school police as another option.
- Chief Stout likes the idea of hiring school police for larger higher risk events, and suggests using security personnel for lesser events.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS: CMVT Representative: Mrs. Kessler highlighted the CMVT Board meeting as follows:

- Hired an assistant to the Business Manager
- Approved bus contractors
- Approved Wrestling Co-Op with Millville to begin Fall 2012
- Mr. Bacher reported that a staff member scouted student interest from the different shops for volunteers to assist after school working in flood damaged homes. Fishing Creek Transportation offered bus service to bus the students to those areas.
- Evaluation of the director has begun.

CSIU Representative: Mr. Breech recapped the CSIU board meeting:

- Distributed the Program Profile flyer for the month
- Met to discuss the numeration package for Dr. Witten, and they are complying with contract terms
- Numerous staff and Dr. Singer helped in flood recovery
- Looking at new programs
- Reviewing expenses and would like to see a fee reduction to the school districts
- The Board express concerns with operating expenses and Dr. Singer will review concerns

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ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS: Mr. Fetterman, Elementary Principal, report is part of the minutes.

Mr. Stair, Secondary Principal, report is part of the minutes.

Mrs. Davis, Supervisor of Special Education reported the following:

- New registrations came in and several need special services
- Attended PIMS/Penn Data Training at BLAST IU 17, trying to get congruency across the state.
- Attended Medical Access Training at State College – Billing for OT/PT
- Sept. 28, 2011 State Auditor returns to review audit exceptions and will pick ten more records to review.
- Several staff members met with CSIU Assistive Technology staff to review hardware to assist a student with minimal communication skills. They recommend an iPad with communication application on it.

Mr. Zimmerman, Supervisor of Buildings/Grounds, reported:

- Elevator problems at the high school
- Need to change the sump pump in the high school “pit” area
- Experienced a power outage on Friday
- High school Multi-Stack is down
- Elementary Chillers not functioning

Dr. Stark, Superintendent, reported:

- Friday's power outage caused delays in serving lunch and lunch at the elementary moved back one half hour
- Conversion to Common Core
 - Will meet with Math and English Departments – all day meeting
- Sent e-mail notices to staff, that Arnie Duncan, Secretary of Education, is proposing some changes to NCLB
- As of 9/26/11 – thirty students enrolled in Millville's cyber school
- Skydiving Event – contracts have been received and granted final approval today
- Need to discuss School Police and to think about a committee to assist Administration in making a decision on how security will work best for the district.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Bowser recapped the August 2011 Treasurer's Report, General Fund/Athletic Fund Report, Elementary and Secondary Student Union Reports. These reports are part of the minutes.

ACCEPT BOARD MINUTES: A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board accept the September 12, 2011 board minutes. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

RATIFY/APPROVE EXPENDITURES: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the September 26, 2011 General Fund expenditures for a total of \$203,989.90; and approve the August 2011 GF manual checks for a total of \$383,819.11. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

APPROVE ELEMENTARY, HIGH SCHOOL AND MUSIC DEPT. FIELD TRIPS: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2011-12 elementary, high school and music department field trips. The field trip requests are part of the minutes. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

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FIRST READING OF POLICY 707: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the first reading of Policy 707: Use of Facilities, page 2, Item L. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

APPROVE MILLVILLE VIRTUAL ACADEMY HANDBOOK: A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2011-12 Millville Virtual Academy Handbook. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

APPROVE PAY INCREASE FOR JENNIFER GLIDEWELL: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Frank Suchwala that the Millville Area School Board approve the pay differential of \$1.60 per hour for Jennifer Glidewell, due to the nature of assignment, for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO;

EMPLOY PT CAFETERIA: A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve employing Lois Williams, as a part-time cafeteria employee (4 hrs.), with rate of pay being \$8.00 per hour, pending receipt of updated clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

CHANGE FIELD HOCKEY COACH STATUS: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board change Kahla Doran's coaching position from co-coach to JV/Varsity Coach for the 2011-12 field hockey season. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

APPROVE ADDITIONAL FALL GAME STAFF: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve additional 2011-2012 fall game staff as follows: Taylor Farr – Scorebook, Timekeeper and Tickets;
Rachel Hayes – Scorebook, Timekeeper and Tickets;
Tina Watts – Tickets
The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 1 NO

COPELAND AND REESE RESIGNATIONS: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board accept Melissa Copeland's resignation letter as a part-time elementary cafeteria employee, effective, September 23, 2011, and accept Robert Reese's resignation as school police, effective September 20, 2011. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion Heather Mausteller and seconded by Erin Comly to adjourn the regular board meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Suchwala requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

David B. Bowser
Board Secretary