

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2011

The Millville Area School Board held the regular board meeting on Monday, November 14, 2011 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, Cheryl Kessler, Heather Mausteller, Susan Myers, and Frank Suchwala. ABSENT MEMBER: Dean Kelchner Also, present were Kathleen Stark, Superintendent, David Bowser, Business Manager, John Fetterman, Elementary Principal, Eric Stair, Secondary Principal, and Dee Davis, Supervisor of Special Education, Warren Faust, Technology Coordinator, Ronald Zimmerman, Buildings/Grounds Supervisor and Barbara Beshore. Guests present who signed the roster were Frank Williams, CSIU Director of Special Education, Dr. Kevin Singer, CSIU Executive Director, Karen Sullivan, Karey Killian and Joann Koschoff.

GUEST RECOGNITION: Frank Williams, Director of Special Education at the CSIU presented information on Brain STEMS – Brain Injuries.

Dr. Kevin Singer, CSIU Executive Director, gave a report on goals for the IU and working with school districts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board recess to executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations matters. The meeting recessed at 7:20 PM.

MEETING RECONVENED: A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board reconvene the regular board meeting. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 PM

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

- Mr. Fetterman, Elementary Principal, monthly report is part of the minutes.
- Mr. Stair, Secondary Principal, report is part of the minutes.
- Mrs. Davis, Supervisor of Special Education reported:
 - Still working on IEP's
 - Working on finalizing December 1 child count
 - Completed Safety Care Training during last Act 80 day
 - 11 staff members certified in Safety Care
 - Mrs. Hippenstiel and Mrs. Utt attended training session on iPad
 - PASA test may not be available for testing this year
 - Positive Behavioral Training instructed by Jess Shuman from the CSIU
 - Elementary Autistic and Life Skills Class will be hosting Berwick SD Autistic and LSS class this week for a Thanksgiving dinner and other activities
- Mr. Faust, Technology Coordinator, reported:
 - Recently purchased a controller and antennas for Wireless networking
 - Replacing old antennas with new equipment
 - The old antennas will be used in the elementary building
- Mr. Ron Zimmerman, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, reported:
 - Tearing down mowers in preparation for winter months
 - Removed control panel from the stadium score board
 - The extra control panel will be sent out to be refurbished
- Dr. Stark, Superintendent, reported:

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- Update on recent power outages. Engineer reported that a squirrel had gotten into Millville's power panel and caused extreme damage. This has been corrected and should see fewer outages.
- Superintendents from Heartland region sent requests to the Secretary of Department of Education for an extension on the start of the PSSA's. PDE reported that they cannot change the testing dates but districts could administer the tests by one week later than time line.
- Met with several committees and held department meetings. The reports are part of the minutes.
- Discussion on voucher bill and cyber school enrollment
- Mr. Bowser, Business Manager, reported:
 - Working on a 2012-13 General Fund Operating budget
 - Will have a preliminary budget for consideration at the December 5 board meeting
 - If there is an Act 1 Limit resolution at December 5th meeting, a formal Preliminary Budget will need to be advertised and then acted on at the late January 2012 meeting
 - Unemployment Compensation with BUCS offered by PSBA will continue

ACCEPT BOARD MINUTES: A motion by William Berger and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board accept the October 24, 2011 board minutes. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board permit the Business Manager to pay the November expenditures with final approval at the next regular meeting. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS: A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the English Department field trip to BTE for the production of Julius Caesar on January 27, and approve the 2012 Senior High Envirothon at Shikellamy State Park during the spring of 2012. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

ACCEPT BOOK DONATIONS TO ELEMENTARY LIBRARY: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board accept the book donations for the elementary library. The book list is part of the minutes. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

DONATION TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS FOR VARSITY/JV BOYS' BASKETBALL: A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board accept Charles Karns, Jr. offer to purchase uniforms for the varsity/junior varsity boys' basketball teams for the 2011-12 upcoming season, with Board approval to the actual uniform design. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT: A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Larry Breech that the Millville Area School Board approve a three-year contract with Kathleen Stark as Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 YES; 2 NO; 1 ABSENT

JODI HOUSEKNECHT'S REQUEST FOR MEDICAL LEAVE: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve Jodi Houseknecht's request for medical leave beginning December 13, 2011 with an approximate return to work date of January 24, 2012, according to FMLA guidelines. She will be using her sick days and then request sick days from the "Sick Leave Bank." The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

APPROVE WINTER GAME STAFF AND VOLUNTEER COACHES: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the 2011-2012 Winter Game staff as

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listed, and approve Kasey Wilcox and Crystal Snyder as volunteer cheer coaches, pending receipt of clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 1 NO; 1 ABSENT

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH: A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve Michael Boone as Junior High Boys' Basketball coach, with clearances on file, for the 2011-12 athletic season. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

KRISTINE SUMMER RESIGNS: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board accept Kristine Summers resignation letter as a custodian effective October 24, 2011. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

EMPLOY LEVI ROEDER, FT CUSTODIAN: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve employing Levi Roeder as a full time custodian, with rate of pay being \$8.00 plus shift differential, pending receipt of clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSENT

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Erin Comly to adjourn the regular board meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

David B. Bowser
Board Secretary