

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2011

The Millville Area School Board held the regular board meeting on Monday, December 5, 2011 in the Millville High School library. Pastor Converse read from the Gospel of John and offered prayer. President Frank Suchwala called the meeting to order at 7:07 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, and Dee Davis, Supervisor of Special Education, Warren Faust, Technology Coordinator, Ronald Zimmerman, Buildings/Grounds Supervisor and Barbara Beshore. Carol Troisi was also present.

APPOINT TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Dean Kelchner to appoint William Berger as temporary chair.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mr. Bowser administered the oath of office to the elected board members:

4 Year Term: Larry Breech, Heather Mausteller, Dean Kelchner, Cheryl Kessler and Frank Suchwala

2 Year Term: Erin Comly

NOMINATION/ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT: William Berger made a motion to nominate Frank Suchwala as Board President. Dean Kelchner moved to close the nominations and was seconded by Larry Breech. A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board elect Frank Suchwala as board president. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

NOMINATION/ELECTION OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT: A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Frank Suchwala to nominate William Berger as vice president. Dean Kelchner moved to close the nominations and was seconded by Heather Mausteller. A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board elect William Berger as board vice president. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

SET MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board set the dates, time and location as presented for the 2012 Board meetings and approve the board calendar. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

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:
 - Finalized December 1 child count at noon today
 - 146 students identified
 - Mr. Suchwala inquired about the Gifted Audit report
- Mr. Faust, Technology Coordinator, reported:
 - Set up computers for CDT testing and state test administered without any problems
 - Mr. Breech commended Mr. Faust for working with Bruce Dewald and his acceptance to RIT. Mr. Faust stated that Mrs. Kline should receive the commendation for her leadership and instruction.
- Mr. Ron Zimmerman, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, reported:
 - Worked on baseball infield
 - Glitches in the heating system

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- McClure is coming to review program issues and regulating heating in the elementary office area.
- Mr. Berger inquired about the Trail's Project
 - Dr. Stark stated waiting on RFP and need to acquire the Earth Disturbance permits before proceeding to solicit bids.
- For the Record: Mr. Berger stated if they are not qualified to do the MPDF permit, as the prime consultant, they should have hired someone to do that work. If we continue to pay them more money over and above what we are paying them, I feel that their fee should be reduced by whatever the cost incurred. In addition, there was a bridge on this project that was removed from the plans, so there should be a credit on their invoice for the design.
- Dr. Stark, Superintendent, reported:
 - Payment of tuition for cyber student in a Pre-K programs in PA. Supreme Court overruled the findings and states that if the district does not offer a Pre-K program the district does not have to pay for the program.
 - Reviewed CDT results and will instruct teachers how to access information
 - Recommends retaking the test in early May after Keystone Exams
 - Curriculum Committee will review results and discuss tutoring and extra time to work with students.
 - Staff report was submitted to PDE and the student/teacher ratio indicates excess faculty

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS: Mr. Bowser recapped the October 2011 Treasurer's Report and the 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 November 14, 2011 board minutes. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the November 22, 2011 General Fund expenditures for a total of \$194,238.90 and approve the October 2011 GF manual checks for a total of \$655,697.16. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

ACCEPT AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board accept the Auditor General's report for school years 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 as audited. The motion carried by roll call vote.

PERMIT PAYMENT OF DECEMBER EXPENDITURES: A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board permit the Business Manager to pay the December 2011 expenditures with final approval at the next regular board meeting. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

ADOPT RESOLUTION ELECTING TO NOT INCREASE TAX RATE: A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board adopt the Resolution Electing to Not Increase Its Tax Rate above the Act 1 limit. After much discussion, the motion carried roll call vote. 6 YES; 3 NO

PURCHASE CHEERLEADER UNIFORM: A motion by Larry Breech and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve the purchase of one cheerleader uniform. COMMENT: Mrs. Mausteller remembers Mr. Reese asking the advisor there were enough uniforms purchased to avoid future purchases and was assured that they had enough. Mrs. Mausteller and Mr. Breech will not support this motion. The motion did not carried by roll call vote. 4 YES; 5 NO

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ACCEPT DONATION OF CHEERLEADER UNIFORM: A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Larry Breech that the Millville Area School Board accept the donation of a cheerleader uniform. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 YES; 2 NO

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

SCHOOL RELATED GROUP SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES: A motion by William Berger and seconded by Cheryl Kessler that the Millville Area School Board approve the guidelines for "School Related Group Sponsorship" acceptance of responsibility for building usage or fund raisers as requested by approved school-related organizations. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS: A motion by William Berger and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the Science class field trips to Berwick Hospital on January 5, 2012, and Geisinger Medical Center in early May 2012, and approve the Senior High Chorus to perform at the Bloomsburg Women's Center on December 13, 2011. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

CMVT JOINT OPERATING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: A motion by Chris Farr and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board appoint Cheryl Kessler as board representative to the CMVT Joint Operating Board for a three-year term ending November 30, 2014. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

KILLIAN'S REQUEST FOR LEAVE: A motion by Chris Farr and Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve Karey Killian's request for maternity leave to begin on or about January 30, 2012, under FMLA guidelines. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve Chad Holdren as Junior High Boys' Basketball co-coach, pending receipt of clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9YES; 0 NO

ADDITIONAL WINTER GAME STAFF: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Erin Comly that the Millville Area School Board approve Koy Whitekiller, Tony Slusser for boys' basketball scorekeeper/timekeepers and Michael Whitenight as timekeeper pending receipt of Act 34 and 151 clearances. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

ELEMENTARY GIRLS' BASKETBALL VOLUNTEERS: A motion by Frank Suchwala and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve the elementary girls' basketball volunteers as follows: MEGAN HIPPENSTIEL, SHERRY KAKALEY, LANCE DIEHL, AIMEE DIEHL, HOPE HAND, MIKE BELLES AND DARREN HENRIE, clearances on file; and approve Jenn Rine pending receipt of Act 34 and 151 clearances. The motion carried unanimous voice vote.

ELEMENTARY BOYS' BASKETBALL VOLUNTEERS: A motion by Dean Kelchner and seconded by Frank Suchwala that the Millville Area School Board approve the elementary boys' basketball volunteers as follows: RICK REICHNER, MICHELLE REICHNER, ERIC JOHNSON, JIM SPANGENBERG, MIKE BELLES, clearances on file and approve Jon Fisk and Matt Michael pending receipt of Act 34 and 151 clearances. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

MEETING RECESSED: A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by William Berger that the regular meeting recess for an executive session. The meeting recessed at 8:30 p.m.

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MEETING RECONVENED: A motion by William Berger and seconded by Chris Farr that the regular meeting reconvene. The meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

GRIEVANCE 2011-12-1: A motion by Cheryl Kessler and seconded by Chris Farr that the Millville Area School Board appoint Dr. Stark to act as the Board's representative to reply to Grievance 2011-12-1 and to deny the grievance. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 YES; 0 NO

PRESENTATION TO MR. BREECH: Dr. Stark presented an Honor Roll certificate from PSBA to Larry Breech for twelve years of service as a board director.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Erin Comly and seconded by Heather Mausteller to adjourn the regular board meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

David B. Bowser
Board Secretary