

MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millville Area School Board Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2016

The Millville Area School Board held the regular meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016, in the high school cafeteria. Prior to the meeting, Pastor David Rosenberger offered devotion and prayer. President Cathleen Woomert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Cathleen Woomert stated prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss personnel and legal issues.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call: William Berger, James Dodge, Colleen Eves, Roger Glidewell, Jr., Gregory Gordner, Jody Love, Heather Mausteller, Susan Myers, and Cathleen Woomert.

Also present were Cynthia Jenkins, Superintendent; Eric Stair, Secondary Principal; Edward Sanders, Elementary Principal; Steven Dolak, Business Manager; Dee Davis, Special Education Supervisor; Jim Hess, Technology Director; Ron Zimmerman, Buildings and Grounds; and Kathy Musselman.

Eighty-two guests signed the register.

OPENING STATEMENT

President Cathleen Woomert stated, "Since the absorption proposal by the Central Columbia School District was not initiated by the Millville Area School Board, no official board action will be taken on the matter. The Millville Area School Board will not entertain future discussions on this matter unless initiated by the Millville Area School Board."

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

Michelle Densberger: Requested the district override policy and allow Mrs. Sweeney to stay in the location of the District Chorus performance, due to student medical needs. Mrs. Sweeney would share a hotel room with a Southern Columbia employee, with each district paying one-half of the hotel room cost.

Marilyn Strauch: Why would Central assume they could educate our students? Where did the initiative come from? Millville may be a smaller district but "hands down" a better school because of smaller class size and teachers who care about their students.

Ron Stevens: Asked why the board was not prepared for this. Mrs. Jenkins stated the Tuesday before the board meeting she received an email from Mr. Mathias. Wednesday Mrs. Jenkins contacted Dr. Woomert and a preliminary conversation was held with Mr. Mathias on Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Bobbi Jo Mordan: "Go Millville!" Asked the status of the negotiations; have any meetings been held or any updates. Asked if updates could be posted on the website.

Kathy Bower: Thanked the Board.

Michelle Reichner: Requested the Board hold strong and move forward.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Central Columbia Preliminary Discussion: No further discussion.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

CMVT Representative, Gregory Gordner, reported the CMVT meeting was held the 3rd Tuesday in January. A budget was proposed and would be voted on in February or March. William Berger stated earlier projected outcome was that CMVT would be broke in five years. The five-year mark has surpassed and that is not the case. He credited new administration.

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CSIU Representative, Jody Love, stated CSIU met January 20th. Being new to the CSIU Board, she stated she learned a great deal about CSIU. Stating CSIU provides educational programs and technical support to seventeen school districts and sixty-nine non-public schools. The CSIU LPN program is one of the top five programs in PA. Jody stated the CSIU is going through negotiations and Capital Blue was approved as coverage for CSIU employees. CSIU will host a school finance program Wednesday, February 3, from 6:30-8:30, with presenter Jay Himes from HASBO.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Mr. Sanders, Mr. Stair, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Hess and Mr. Zimmerman provided verbal and written reports as part of the minutes. In addition, Mrs. Davis stated, teacher Mrs. Myers and a group of Millville students, will be featured on WVIA, February 1, at 7:00 p.m., to receive a grant award for their Empower project.

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Gregory Gordner that the Millville Area School Board approve the January 11, 2016 board meeting minutes. Susan Myers requested the following amendments to the January 11, 2016 minutes: Eliminate the CSIU alternate. Gregory Gordner previously approved as a CMVT representative and his term has not expired. William Berger will fulfill the term held by Larry Breech, as CMVT representative, with this term expiring November 30, 2017.

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Colleen Eves that the Millville Area School Board approve the amended January 11, 2016 board meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote. 9 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Absent

EXPENDITURES

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Jody Love that the Millville Area School Board approve December 2015 manual checks in the amount of \$864,513.56 and January 25, 2016 General Fund expenditures in the amount of \$175,346.60. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 NO; 0 Absent

LEGAL REPRESENTATION - BENJAMIN PRATT

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board approve retaining Benjamin Pratt, to continue legal representation and to have records released to the new firm of Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippel. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

2016-2017 LOCAL HOLIDAYS

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve up to five (5) local holidays for the 2016-2017 school calendar. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

HIRE JESSICA WHITMOYER

A motion by Gregory Gordner and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve hiring Jessica Whitmoyer, as a paraprofessional, at \$9.50 per hour. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

CSIU GUEST TEACHER SUBSTITUTE - TONYIA WILSON

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Cathleen Woomert that the Millville Area School Board approve Tonyia Wilson, as a CSIU guest teacher substitute, at \$80 per day. The motion carried by roll call vote. 9 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

CLOSING STATEMENTS

Cathleen Woomert thanked the public for attending the meeting. She asked the public to let the board know if they have suggestions.

Carol Troisi: Requested the opening statement be placed on the district website and published in Press Enterprise.

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Breanne Laubach: Thanked Mr. Sanders, stating he cares about the students and that she was appreciative of the smooth flow of Santa's Workshop this year. Breanne also thanked Mrs. Davis, stating she handles her job with great respect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Cathleen Woomert requested an executive session after adjournment to discuss personnel and negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Cathleen Woomert and seconded by Heather Mausteller to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Steven Dolak
Board Secretary