
MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

The Millville Area School Board held their regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023 in the Millville Jr./Sr. High School Library beginning 7:00 pm. Prior to the meeting, the Board met for an Executive session regarding personnel matters.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call: William Berger, Brynn Clark, Susan Farr (via phone call), Michael Farrell, Greg Hemsarh, Gena Maize, Heather Mausteller, and Susan Myers.

Also present were Joseph Rasmus, Whitney Holloway, Edward Sanders, Bonnie Gregory, Noah Adams, and Chelsea Rosenberger.

GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

Mary Kay Bukeavich, Patricia Baressa, Jeremy Winn, Amber DiRado, Gwen Utt, and Laura Koons signed the register.

- Mary Kay Bukeavich and Patricia Baressa of Nutrition, Inc. wanted to thank Millville Area School for allowing their company to partner with the district to feed our students for the last 31 years. They shared that there has been minimal issues and concerns over that time and that Nutrition, Inc. has worked hard for the district, sharing their desire to continue in that partnership.

No other guests wished to speak.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

School Psychologist – Mrs. Alexa Longacre

- Mrs. Longacre had previously submitted her report for the consideration of the Board, and no additional questions were asked.

Elementary Principal – Mr. Edward Sanders

- Mr. Sanders had previously submitted his report to the Board but commented on the variety of events happening at the Elementary school. He wanted to highlight the fantastic presentation by the Bloomsburg Theater Ensemble on the National Park service, adding his excitement over the students' level of engagement.
- Additionally, Mr. Sanders wanted to give a shout out to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Kishbach for their work in setting up the recent Career Day at the Elementary School. They had 8 or 9 presenters come in to talk with students about their careers, and the presentations were well received.

Secondary Principal – Mrs. Bonnie Gregory

- Mrs. Gregory also shared her report with the Board previously but wanted to highlight some items. She shared that the prom went very well the week prior at the Berwick Golf Club. In addition, she added that there would be emotional support animals coming in for finals week. Mrs. Gregory took a moment to say thank you to the faculty for their hard work in state testing for PSSA's, Keystones, and AP testing, giving a special shout out to the Guidance department for their instrumental work.
- Next, Mrs. Gregory commended the Guidance department for their planning and successful completion of the third annual Opportunities in Communities day. She shared that the Athletic teams had successful seasons with the Baseball team being one win away from the championships.

- Finally, Mrs. Gregory wanted to invite the public to attend the upcoming Showcase Concert at the high school the following day, Tuesday, May 23, 2023.
- After she finished, Mr. Rasmus commended the FFA group for a fantastic banquet the previous Friday evening. He wanted to thank Ms. Nicole Guise and all of the students for an incredible event. In conclusion, he encouraged the public to attend this event in the future.

Technology Department – Mr. Noah Adams

- Mr. Adams had previously submitted his report for the consideration of the Board, and no additional questions were asked.

Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Matthew McWilliams

- Mr. McWilliams had previously submitted his report but wanted to highlight that the new groundskeeper started and has already begun working on summer projects.
 - Mrs. Maize shared her concern about the baseball scoreboard still not working properly. Mr. Rasmus answered that this issue was discussed at the Co-curricular Committee meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2023, explaining that Mr. Adams believes he knows what the issue is and that it has been prioritized as an action item for the summer.
 - Then, Mr. Farrell shared his concern that the benches at the center field needed some attention, explaining that he felt someone might get hurt. Mr. McWilliams said that he would work to rectify these issues.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

CSIU Report – Mrs. Susan Myers

- Mrs. Myers shared that she attended the most recent May Board meeting as well as the art show where she saw work from Millville student Lily Romig. She encouraged the other members of the Board and those in attendance to visit this event, remarking on the presentations.

CMAVTS Report – Mr. William Berger & Mrs. Jessica Whitmoyer

- Mr. Berger shared that he attended the Joint Operating Committee meeting for Columbia Montour Area Vocational Technical School in May. He explained that the school was completing the NOCTI exams; they recently held their prom; they were working to complete the registration process for accepted students; and they were visiting the sending school districts to let them know of the registration process. Additionally, Mr. Berger explained that the construction project was going well and some walls were already in place. He further explained that the JOC Board would be starting the interviews soon for the Administrative Director position.
 - Mr. Rasmus added that they would be holding an Executive Session to review the applicants and that he was excited about the potential candidates.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Financial reports were previously submitted for the Board's consideration and no questions were asked.

BOARD MINUTES

May 8, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Millville Area School District Board of Education May 8, 2023 board meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote. 7 Yea; 0 Nay; 2 Absent

May 13, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Millville Area School District Board of Education May 13, 2023 special board meeting minutes.

The motion carried by voice vote. 7 Yea; 0 Nay; 2 Absent

EXPENDITURES

A motion by Michael Farrell and seconded by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the May 22, 2023 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$295,860.78, cafeteria expenditures in the amount of \$18,764.70 and athletic expenditures in the amount of \$1,245. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

NEW BUSINESS

2023-2024 School Real Estate Tax Collection Due Dates

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve due dates for the 2023-2024 school real estate tax collection period:

1. Real Estate Taxes paid in full on or before August 31, 2023 shall be eligible for a 2% discount of the Real Estate Tax face value amount.
2. Real Estate Taxes paid between September 1 and October 31, 2023 shall be collected at the Real Estate Tax face value amount. Installment payments may be made, without penalty, provided the Real Estate Tax face value amount is paid by the following due dates: August 15, 2023, October 15, 2023 and December 15, 2023. 10% penalty will be applied if the payment is not made by the due dates established above for the 2nd and 3rd installments.
3. Real Estate Taxes paid in full on or after November 1, 2023 shall be subject to a 10% penalty.
4. No personal checks will be accepted after December 15, 2023.
5. Collection dates in this motion may be adjusted to comply with any changes in Pennsylvania state laws enacted after this motion adoption.

- Mrs. Mausteller asked for clarification on the 10% penalty as to how much the district would be making off that as an estimation. Mrs. Holloway answered that she could send the reports from the past year, explaining that more people were paying their taxes in the discount and normal periods of collection.
- Mrs. Mausteller added her concern that the district would potentially be raising taxes and then charging an additional fee on top of that.

After the discussion, the motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 1 No (Heather Mausteller); 2 Absent.

Food Service Provider 2023-2024

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board approve Metz as the food service provider for the 2023-2024 school year with a guarantee of breaking even.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

First Reading MASD Board Policy 251: Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the first reading of revised MASD Board Policy: 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability and its corresponding Administrative Regulations 251-AR-0 Homeless Students; 251-AR-2 Procedural Safeguards Notice of Denial of Enrollment; and 251-AR-3 Enrollment Complaint.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

Frontline Education Proposal 2023-2024

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Greg Hemsarth that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Frontline Education Absence and Time Module Proposal effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for an annual cost of 9,605.52 and a one-time Implementation Fee of \$5,915. The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

Secondary Curricular Excursion

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the curricular excursion for students in the Eastern Cultures class to a luncheon at Oliran Japanese Steakhouse on May 23, 2023 to experience Eastern Culture through the experience of cultural foods.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

PERSONNEL

Appoint Secondary Principal

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Jeremy Winn as High School Principal, pending agreement of starting salary.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

Tax Collector Resolution

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve appointing Whitney Holloway, Millville Area's School District's Business Manager, as the Tax Collector for the 2023 School Real Estate taxes per the attached resolution for the following municipalities: Greenwood Township, Madison Township, Millville Borough, and Pine Township.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

Summer Student Custodians

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve NICKOLAS ARNOLD, CHASE PHILLIPS, ADDISON LAWTON and BLAIN LOHR, as a Summer Student Custodians, at a rate of \$10.25 per hour beginning June 12, 2023.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

Resignation: Scerbo

A motion by Michael Farrell and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board accept the notice of resignation from Megan Scerbo as Certified School Nurse, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

Volunteer Aide - Christy

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Brynn Clark that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve appointing Merrill Christy, as a Volunteer Aide in the Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year, clearances on file.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

ESY Staff – Summer 2023

A motion by Michael Farrell and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the following Extended School Year (ESY) staff: GWEN UTT, EMILY BLOOM, CHRISTINE BRAUN, THOMAS HEFFNER, KORRINNE BRICKER, REGINA SAVAGE, SHIRLEY BRITO, ERIN BUTLER, MEGAN HIPPENSTIEL, MERCEDES SYLVESTER, and AALIAH DUBE.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

Substitute - Charles

A motion by Brynn Clark and seconded by Greg Hemsarth that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve MADELINE CHARLES, as a day-to-day teacher substitute, clearances on file..

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Greg Hemsarth to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Chelsea Rosenberger
Assistant Board Secretary