
MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

The Millville Area School Board held their regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024 in the Millville Jr./Sr. High School Library beginning 7:02 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call: William Berger, Matthew Deihl, Susan Farr, Greg Hemsarth, Gena Maize, Heather Mausteller, and Susan Myers.

Also present were Joseph Rasmus, Whitney Holloway, Dee Davis, Edward Sanders, Matthew McWilliams, Dyson Savage and Chelsea Rosenberger.

2. GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

Guests Matthew Wardecker, Nicole Guise, Tania Troup, Rowan Weaver, Seth Baker, and Pastor Bob Strozyk all signed the register but did not request to speak.

2.1 MASD School Resource Officer Report, Brad Sharrow

- Officer Brad Sharrow gave an update to the Board of Education on his work and the security of the district. He began by sharing some updates from the beginning of the school year that seem to be having a positive impact on students. First, he explained that the high school went from two entry points for students in the morning to two currently. Next, he explained that the removal of backpacks for student use during the day was an issue at the beginning of the year, but no longer seems to be.
- Then, Officer Sharrow reviewed his work on the All Hazards Drill. He shared that he participated with the administrative team on the planning, researching, and execution of this drill. Additionally, he coordinated with other officers from his department as well as officers from other departments, worked out the logistics for buses and where officers would be staged, and did a walkthrough with principals for student evacuation plans as well as the local evacuation site representatives. Overall, Officer Sharrow said that the drill went well. It gave Elementary school students their first opportunity to experience the evacuation site, and after the drill, we had a seventh grade student bring up a request to do another all hazards drill with a focus on an intruder scenario. The student reported that he felt better when they practiced more.
- Next, Officer Sharrow explained that he has only had to take official action on two items so far in the school district in regards to juvenile petitions. He said that he is always impressed by the camera systems in place at the district, adding that they have been instrumental in many cases inside and outside of school.
- Officer Sharrow concluded his report by giving the Board an overview of his daily work, including, but not limited to, daily crosswalk duty, which has been extremely beneficial towards building rapport, regular building and door checks, is a member of the Safe2Say team for the district and a member of the districtwide Safety Committee that meets monthly.
 - Mr. Rasmus added that in addition to all of this, Officer Sharrow does provide administration with bi-weekly reports, which can be made available to the Board at any time requested. He was thankful for the continued partnership and collaboration with the Hemlock Township Police Department.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

3.1 Review 2024-2025 Calendar

- Mr. Rasmus opened his report by reviewing the proposed 2024-2025 school calendar. He shared that there are four less Act 80 Days than the current school year due to the requirements for structured literacy being reduced and the fact that we frontloaded several Act 80 days this school year for that initiative.
- Then, Mr. Rasmus explained that he reached out to the Board members individually to receive feedback on the proposed Guaranteed Energy Savings Project, and the majority were interested in moving forward with the Multi-stack updates as well as the Elementary windows.

3.2 Co-Curricular Updates

- Mr. Rasmus then shared updates from the Co-Curricular Committee meeting that happened the week prior. He explained that the Committee discussed a potential of a Jr. High Baseball team, some potential cooperative agreements for a track team at Millville with two schools who are not immediately adjacent to us, changes to the game/event worker fee schedule for the upcoming spring sports season, a possible Alumni Basketball Game in early March, and the possibility of sponsorship opportunities for space at our facilities with signage and/or communicative services, etc. to help offset officials cost and other athletic expenses.

FFA Presentation

- Ms. Nicole Guise, Agriculture Education Teacher and Rowan Weaver, FFA student, made a presentation to the Board. Ms. Guise shared that Millville FFA has three students receiving the Keystone Award this year, which is the highest honor for an FFA student. She wanted to thank the parents and congratulated the students for their hard work.
- Ms. Tonia Troup, mother of FFA student Rachel Troup, shared with the Board her thanks for the introduction of the FFA program in the district. She shared that it has made a very positive impact for her daughter and that she has made lasting friendships with her peers in FFA.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Sanders, Elementary Principal; Mr. Matthew Mills, Secondary Principal; Mrs. Dee Davis, Director of Student Services; Mr. Dyson Savage, Technology Coordinator; and Mr. Matthew McWilliams had all previously submitted their administrative reports for the consideration of the Board.

- Mr. Sanders wanted to say congratulations to student Carson Bangs who did great work with teacher Mrs. Jestine Myers on the stock market exchange activity and remarked that he represented Millville well.

5. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

CMAVTS – Mr. William Berger & Mrs. Susan Farr

- Mr. Berger shared that the Joint Operating Committee at Columbia Montour Area Vocational Technical School had their monthly meeting, which was routine. He added that they gave the first presentation of the preliminary budget. Mr. Berger explained that the budget will be considered and by February 20th, it will be sent and reviewed by the sending districts. Overall, he shared that it would be a 2.3% increase for the entire budget.
- Mrs. Farr added that she has been impressed by the way CMAVTS is working to get grants and offset costs.

CSIU – Mrs. Susan Myers

- Mrs. Myers shared that the CSIU has now appointed six new members to the CSIU Board of Directors due to the most recent elections. She explained that the CSIU is looking at some new technology and other programs. Additionally, the Board members received a gift from the workforce program.

6. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

6.1 Board Meeting Minutes 1.8.24

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Millville Area School District January 8, 2024 Board meeting minutes.

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

7. BUDGET AND FINANCE

7.1 Expenditures

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the January 22, 2024 general expenditures in the amount of \$295,577.87, nutrition expenditures in the amount of \$21,162.61 and athletic expenditures in the amount of \$1,362.00.

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

7.2 Monthly Reports

- The monthly financial reports were submitted for the consideration of the Board, and no additional questions were asked.

7.3 Pay January/February Expenditures

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve allowing the Business Manager to pay January and February 2024 expenditures incurred that are due prior to the February 12, 2024 meeting with final approval at the February 12, 2024 meeting.

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

7.4 Repurchase Time Deposit #xx663

A motion by Susan Farr and seconded by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Millville Area School District's repurchase of time deposit #xx663 at the rate of 5.00% for 6 months, with Journey Bank, up from previous rate of 4.50%.

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

8. CURRICULUM / EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

8.1 Revised 2023-2024 MASD School Calendar

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Matthew Deihl that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the following revisions to the 2023-2024 District Calendar: February 16, 2024 which was formally denoted as a snow makeup day will be recognized as an instructional day for faculty, staff, and students as a result of school cancellation on January 19, 2024.

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

8.2 2024-2025 MASD School Calendar

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the 2024-2025 Millville Area School District Calendar.

- Ms. Maize asked if the Board could have a bit more time to review and compare this calendar with last school year.
- Mrs. Farr added that the calendar was very similar and that the only changes were as described in the Superintendent's report.

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

8.3 Revised NJHS Bylaws

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the revised bylaws of the Millville Jr/Sr High School National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) chapter.

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

8.4 2024-2025 Millville Jr/Sr High School Course Booklet

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the 2024-2025 Millville Jr/Sr High School Course Booklet.

- Ms. Maize asked if there were any changes to this year from the previous one.
- Mr. Rasmus answered that no, there were not any new courses.
- Mr. Hemsarth asked if any changes were made to the Career and Technical Education offerings/courses.
- Mr. Rasmus answered that no changes were made to the CTE courses at this time.

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

8.5 Secondary Curricular Excursions & Field Trips

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Secondary curricular excursions and trips as presented.

- 8.5 A - January 29, 2024 - Jr/Sr County Band Rehearsal - Mrs. Sweeney
- 8.5 B - February 1-2, 2024 - Jr/Sr County Band Festival - Mrs. Sweeney
- 8.5 C - February 2, 2024 - Leadbeter Farmers Breakfast - Ms. Guise

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

8.6 Elementary Field Trips

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Elementary Field Trips as presented.

- 8.6 A - March 28, 2024 - 4th Grade Harrisburg Trip
- 8.6 B - May 3, 2024 - 5th Grade Lake Tobias Trip
- 8.6 C - May 17, 2024 - 1st Grade Folks Butterfly Farm Trip

-Ms. Maize asked if all of these trips were budgeted.

-Mr. Rasmus answered that the Board updated this policy last year to allow in the budget a per pupil expenditure of \$20 per student. After that allotment is used, the grade would have to find the difference from another funding source.

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

9. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS ITEMS

9.1 Mark Ludwig Soccer Academy Facility Usage

A motion by William Berger and seconded by Greg Hemsarth that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve allowing soccer field use for the Mark Ludwig Soccer Academy to hold soccer camp from June 30 - July 5, 2024, using the EIEIO and Field Hockey practice fields from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., at the scheduled usage fee consistent with Administrative Regulation 707 AR-3 District Facilities Fee Schedule. Ludwig will provide a portable toilet facility.

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

10. PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES

10.1 23-24 Game Staff - J. Fought

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Myers that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve JACOB FOUGHT, as game/event staff for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

10.2 Game Worker Fee Schedule (Spring)

A motion by Susan Myers and seconded by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the attached fee structure for the Millville Area School District Game Staff for the Spring 2024 athletic season.

- Ms. Maize asked what the changes were to this fee schedule.
- Mrs. Holloway answered that the amount for some of the Jr. High Game Staff positions was lessened to make them more even with Varsity sports.

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

10.3 Authorization to Explore Community Sponsorships

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Matthew Deihl that the Millville Area School Board authorize district administration to identify available community sponsorships to support district athletic programs and facilities.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Gena Maize to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Chelsea Rosenberger
Assistant Board Secretary