
MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

The Millville Area School Board held their regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024 in the Millville Jr./Sr. High School Library beginning 7:08 pm. Prior to the meeting, the Board held an Executive Session for personnel and negotiation matters.

1. ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call: William Berger, Matthew Deihl, Susan Farr, Michael Farrell, Greg Hemsarh, Heather Mausteller, Susan Myers, and Jessica Whitmoyer.

Also present were Joseph Rasmus (via ZOOM), Superintendent; Whitney Holloway, Business Manager; Matthew Mills, Secondary Principal; Brandon Gordner, Elementary Principal; Dee Davis, Director of Student Services; Matthew McWilliams, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds; Dyson Savage, Technology Coordinator; and Chelsea Rosenberger, Assistant Board Secretary.

2. GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

Guests Klohe Faatz, Wendy Faatz, Alex Cavallini, Gwen Utt, Lucas Utt, Heidi Brandt, Brittany Fisher, Lindsey Shultz, and Christopher Sassaman all signed the register but did not request to speak.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School Info App

- Mr. Rasmus began his report with an update on the new School Info App rollout. He wanted to thank Ms. Rosenberger and Mr. Savage for their work on the app, sharing that there would be a document with some frequently asked questions put out soon. Finally, he explained that the district was still working out some “bugs” but wanted to encourage parents who have not yet downloaded the app to do so for the most up-to-date district information.

Community Eligibility Provision

- Mr. Rasmus explained that at the onset of the 2024-2025 school year, the district shared that through the approved application with the Community Eligibility Provision, we were able to provide free breakfast and free lunch to all students. With this, Mr. Rasmus was pleased to share that there has been an increase in participation for both campuses, sharing the data compared to last year at this time. The district has been partnering with Metz, our food service provider, to introduce a grab and go breakfast program at the high school. Mr. Rasmus explained that they were able to receive a grant for the high school allowing the purchase of tools and small equipment so that hot breakfast items could be served and kept warm.

Technology Insurance

- Mr. Rasmus reviewed the technology needs and history of district-provided devices with the Board. He explained that during the pandemic, monies were received that allowed the district to send all technology home with students to use when the need for virtual education arose. At that point, the district received guidance to not collect money from families for technology repairs due to the financial hardship placed on them during the pandemic. Mr. Rasmus shared that moving forward, the district needs to find ways to encourage appropriate use of district-provided devices and to minimize and offset unnecessary district expense incurred from misuse of district-provided devices. He explained that the administrative team had researched and talked with other schools to see what options they were utilizing for insurance coverage of devices. After this research, Mr. Rasmus shared that the administration was proposing an optional insurance fee of \$25 per student, with students who qualify for free/reduced lunch

having a fee of \$15 per student. With this caveat, Mr. Rasmus explained that while it was not necessary to have families complete free/reduced lunch applications for CEP, it was necessary for other reporting needs and now this potential technology insurance fee.

- Even with the proposed insurance fee, Mr. Rasmus explained that families would have to pay for damage done to district-issued devices that was determined to be intentional. He shared that this would be handled on a case-by-case basis and that it would be determined by the building principal. Additionally, there were forms and documentation shared with the Board that outlined the plan for this program. Finally, he explained that after reviewing what was being done at other districts, this plan seemed the most reasonable for our community.

5. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Holloway previously submitted her report and shared that the district was off to a good start with the tax collection process. Additionally, she explained that the district would be looking to calculate increased participation in both breakfast and lunch consumption.

6. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

6.1 August 26, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board approve the August 26, 2024 Millville Area School District Board meeting minutes.

The motion carried by voice vote. 8 Yea; 0 Nay; 1 Absent

7. BUDGET AND FINANCE

7.1 Expenditures

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the September 9, 2024 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$240,563.84 and athletic expenditures in the amount of \$1,581.00.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

7.2 Repurchase Agreement #xx736

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Millville Area School District's repurchase of time deposit #xx736 at the rate of 4.85% for 12 months, with Journey Bank, down from the previous rate of 5.10% for 6 months.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstention (M. Farrell); 1 Absent

9. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

9.1 Child Evangelism Fellowship Facility Use 2024

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Child Evangelism Fellowship using the Elementary library to provide Good News Club, Tuesdays beginning October 8, 2024, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Pending receipt of \$100 refundable deposit, as per Administrative Regulation 707 AR-3. Certificate of Liability Insurance on file.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

10. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

10.1 School District Legal Representation - McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board approve the appointment of the law firm of McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall as the Millville Area School District solicitors at the hourly rate of \$200 per hour for all attorney services.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

10.2 Columbia County Family Center Agreement 2024-2025

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board is needed to consider and approve the 2024-2025 Family Center Support Services Agreement to provide family support services within the Millville Area School District.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

10.3 Kindergarten Snacks

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Millville Area School District to assume the expense of subsidizing PM Kindergarten snacks that are provided to Kindergarten students daily at no expense to parents/guardians.

- Mr. Hemsarth asked if these snack options were the healthiest choices available.
- Mr. Rasmus answered that he spoke with Mrs. Wildt, the representative from Metz food service, to provide a list of snack choices, and this was the list of items she provided. He shared that the guidelines for snacks are not as stringent as they are for lunch and that the offerings for these snacks were commensurate with what is provided in other districts.
- Mr. Hemsarth shared his concern that all of the options on the list were carbohydrates and that he believed the district should be looking towards some healthier options.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 1 No (G. Hemsarth); 1 Absent

11. CURRICULUM / EDUCATIONAL11.1 New Story Schools Agreement 2024-2025

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Susan Farr that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the agreement between Millville Area School District and New Story Schools for 2024-2025 to provide educational and related services for pupils of Millville Area School District as outlined in the agreement.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

11.2 Secondary Curricular Excursions & Field Trips (11.2 A - 11.2 G)

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

- 11.2 A - September 11, 2024 - Water Education Day - Ms. Schroy
- 11.2 B - September 14, 2024 - Milton Harvest Parade - Mrs. Sweeney
- 11.2 C - September 19, 2024 - My Ascension Movie Trip - Mrs. Uranko
- 11.2 D - September 20, 2024 - Bloomsburg Fair Set Up - Mr. Ritter
- 11.2 E - September 23, 2024 - FFA Career Development Events - Mrs. Hall
- 11.2 F - October 1, 2024 - Fall Leadership Conference - Mrs. Hall
- 11.2 G - October 10, 2024 - Northern Region Leadership Conference - Mrs. Hall

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

11.2 H - Secondary Curricular Excursions & Field Trips

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Matthew Deihl that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Secondary curricular excursion (11.2 H), contingent upon administrative review.

- 11.2 H - October 21 - October 26, 2024 - FFA National Convention (Indianapolis, IN) - Mrs. Hall

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

11.3 MASD Technology Insurance Fees

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by William Berger that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the proposed MASD Technology Annual Insurance Fees: \$25 per device annual fee; \$15 per device (qualifying free/reduced students) and specific damage costs as specified. The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

11.4 Aavidum Club

A motion by Michael Farrell and seconded by Matthew Deihl that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the adoption of the Aavidum Chapter at the Millville Area Jr. Sr. High School. Aavidum is a student organization/chapter that empowers student ambassadors to assist classmates with mental health and welfare issues.

- Mrs. Mausteller asked if she had questions about this club who she should reach out to.
- Mr. Rasmus answered that Mrs. Longacre would be her best resource for questions about this.
- Mrs. Farr asked if it would be open to all students.
- Mr. Mills answered that yes, it was open to all students in grades nine through twelve.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

12. PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES

Combined Action (12.1 – 12.5)

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the following recommended action as presented.

- 12.1 School Vehicle Employee Driver
 - A motion is needed to consider and approve EMILY CULVER, as a school vehicle driver. Necessary documentation on file.
- 12.2 Additional Transportation Driver Approval
 - A motion is need to consider and approve the additional Rhinard Transportation Driver: TERESA KYTTLE. Pending receipt of clearances and all mandated training for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 12.3 Co-Curricular Personnel 2024-2025
 - A motion is needed to consider and approve the Co-Curricular Personnel recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
- 12.4 CSIU Guest Teacher Substitute
 - A motion by is needed to approve ISABELA SALAZAR, as CSIU Guest Teacher Substitute for the 2024-2025 school year. Clearances on file.
- 12.5 Volunteer Personnel
 - A motion is needed to consider and approve the list of Volunteer Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Current clearances and Volunteer Forms on file. (Roll Call)

-Mr. Hemsarth asked if there was a stipend connected to the Transition Coordinator role because he believed this role might fall under the job description.

-Mr. Rasmus answered that yes there would be a stipend because this role would include extra duties beyond the workday to be completed and that was what was historically done.

The combined motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Greg Hemsarth to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Chelsea Rosenberger
Assistant Board Secretary