
MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

The Millville Area School Board held their regular business meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026 via ZOOM only (due to weather) beginning 7:02 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call: Alex Cavallini, Matthew Deihl, Michael Farrell, Greg Hemsarh, Gena Maize, Heather Mausteller, Jonathan Richards, and Jessica Whitmoyer.

Also present were Joseph Rasmus, Superintendent of Schools; Whitney Holloway, Business Manager; Matthew Mills, Secondary Principal; Danielle Fritz, Director of Student Services; Matthew McWilliams, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds; and Chelsea Rosenberger, Board Recording Secretary.

2. GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

Guests Wendy Faatz, Kim Coleman, Susan Myers, Erin Kohrerr, Nicole Hall, Kayleen Jenkins, Jennifer Bodnar, Lisa Evans, Stacey Pease, Betsy Riera-Gomez, Emily Bloom, and Christopher Sassaman were present online but did not request to comment.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. January 16, 2026 School Closure (Nursing Coverage)

- Dr. Rasmus reviewed circumstances related to the January 16, 2026 closure due to the absence of a certified school nurse and inability to secure qualified substitute coverage that morning. He described outreach efforts, legal/ethical obligations to medically fragile students, and consultation with board leadership regarding options.
- He shared that PDE guidance indicated the requirement is based on instructional hours (not strictly days), but administration recommended (and later the Board acted) to make up the day consistent with district values and instructional continuity. Dr. Rasmus also encouraged licensed nurses in the community to apply and/or contact his office to assist the district in future coverage needs.

B. Grants / Safety and Program Initiatives

- Dr. Rasmus provided updates on grant planning and initiatives, including the PCCD grant funding priorities: interior classroom doors at the high school, crash bars on certain exterior doors, permanent and portable metal detectors, and support for MTSS planning. Additionally, he shared that the "Ready to Learn" grant allocation was to go towards kindergarten personnel costs and the MTSS professional development plans.

C. Interim Social Work Services

- Dr. Rasmus reported that a recently appointed school social worker resigned prior to reporting for duty and that the district is continuing to recruit. However, the

administration was proposing an interim plan, developed through CSIU 16, to ensure required IEP services are provided.

D. 2026-2027 Calendar Overview

- Dr. Rasmus introduced the proposed 2026-2027 school calendar and noted Act 80 days and how professional learning priorities (including MTSS) would be planned.

E. Weather Update

- Dr. Rasmus noted that based on updated information gained immediately prior to the meeting, the district planned to announce school closure the following day due to poor road conditions.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Members of the administrative team had previously submitted their reports for the consideration of the Board, and no additional questions were asked.

5. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

CSIU Representative – Mrs. Jessica Whitmoyer

- Mrs. Whitmoyer shared that the recent CSIU meeting was a typical business meeting and did not have anything to add other than what was provided.

CMAVTS Representative – Mr. Alex Cavallini & Mr. Greg Hemsarth

- Mr. Cavallini shared that CMAVTS recently had an issue in the gym, causing the floor to be destroyed. He reported that the gym floor was now restored and that CMAVTS recently installed a full generator that was all funded by grant money. Additionally, the Joint Operating Committee Board for CMAVTS recently approved Site Logic to study some efficiencies and deficiencies in the school. Finally, Mr. Cavallini shared that the JOC is still participating in ongoing negotiations with the teachers' union. They received a report from the fact finders, which has been rejected twice by the teachers.

6. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

6.1 January 12, 2026 - Board Meeting Minutes

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Alex Cavallini that the Millville Area School Board approve the January 12, 2026 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 Gena Maize and second by Matthew Deihl that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve January 26, 2026 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$307,614.24, athletic expenditures in the amount of \$1,717.00, cafeteria expenditures in the amount of \$21,840.09, and capital reserve expenditures in the amount of \$18,765.68.

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

7.3 Repurchase Time Deposit #xx386

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve Millville Area School District's repurchase of time deposit #xx386 at the rate of 3.70% for 12 months, with Journey Bank, down from the previous rate of 4.25% for 6 months.

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

8. POLICY & GOVERNANCE**8.1 Second Reading Revised MASD Board Policies and Policy Attachments**

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the second and final reading of the revised Millville Area School District Board Policies and Policy Attachments, as recommended by PSBA per recent changes to federal regulations and the Policy Committee.

- 8.1 A - Policy 216.2 - Student Records: Name, Sex, and Gender Identity
- 8.1 B - Policy 105 - Curriculum
- 8.1 C - Policy 105.2 - Exemption from Instruction
- 105.2-AR-1: Request for Exemption from Instruction
- 105.2-AR-3: Exemption from Dissection Activities
- 105.2-AR-4: Notice of Dissection Activities
- 8.1 D - Policy 610 - Purchases Subject to Bid / Quotation
- 8.1 E - Policy 611 - Purchases Budgeted
- 8.1 F - Policy 626 Attachment - Procurement - Federal Programs

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

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**9.1 School Police Officer Job Description**

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the new job description for School Police Officer (1200.35).

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

9.2 Amergis Healthcare Staffing Agreement

A motion by Greg Hemsarh and second by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School District consider and approve the agreement with Amergis Healthcare Staffing to provide supplemental healthcare staffing services, at the contracted rates described therein.

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

9.3 A - Prioritized Agenda Item: CSIU Agreement for Interim Social Work Services

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Matthew Deihl that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the inclusion of a prioritized motion that was not included within the board meeting agenda that has been posted and accessible to district stakeholders.

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

9.3 B - Prioritized Agenda Item: CSIU Agreement for Interim Social Work Services

A motion by Heather Mausteller and second by Greg Hemsarh that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the agreement between the CSIU 16 and Millville Area School District to provide interim Social Work services until the district appoints a permanent Social Worker, at the contracted rate of \$100 per hour.

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

9.3 C - Prioritized Agenda Item: CSIU Agreement for Interim Social Work Services

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Jonathan Richards that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve amending the minutes of the January 26, 2026 board meeting to reflect the inclusion of the aforementioned prioritized agenda item.

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

10. CURRICULUM / EDUCATIONAL**10.1 Curricular Excursions & Field Trips**

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Alex Cavallini that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the curricular excursions and trips as presented. District will sponsor field trip costs up to the \$20 per student threshold, as indicated in the Millville Area School District Administrative Regulation 121-AR-1: Field Trips, Curricular Excursions, and Community Based Instruction.

- 10.1 A - 3rd Grade to Bloomsburg Children's Museum - Mrs. Titter - February 9, 2026
- 10.1 B - YIP Mid-Year Trip - Mrs. Laayouni - February 10, 2026
- 10.1 C - Kindergarten to Bloomsburg Children's Museum - February 13, 2026
- 10.1 D - Region Chorus Festival - Mrs. Sweeney - February 18 - 20, 2026
- 10.1 E - Farmers Care Supply Drop Off - Mrs. Hall - March 10, 2026
- 10.1 F - Spring CDE's - Mrs. Hall - March 27, 2026
- 10.1 G - HS Envirothon - Mrs. Hall - April 28, 2026
- 10.1 H - 4th Grade to Civil War Museum - Mr. Bodnar - May 14, 2026
- 10.1 I - 2nd Grade to Electric City Museum - Mrs. Brandt - May 19, 2026
- 10.1 J - 4th Grade to Camp Victory - Mr. Bodnar - May 21, 2026

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

10.2 Revised 2025-2026 MASD School Calendar

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School board consider and approve the following revisions to the 2025-2026 District Calendar: The MASD Board of Education will recognize January 16, 2026 as an emergency day. As a result of this designation, March 9, 2026, which was formerly denoted as a snow makeup day, will be recognized as an instructional day for faculty, staff, and students. Additionally, as a result of the school closure on January 26, 2026, the MASD Board of Education will now recognize April 2, 2026, formerly a snow makeup day, as an instructional day for faculty, staff and students. Therefore, the end of the third marking period will now be March 27, 2026.

- A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Michael Farrell that the preceding motion be amended to additionally recognize May 22, 2026 as an instructional day for faculty, staff, and students as a result of the school closure on January 27, 2026.

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

10.3 2026-2027 MTSS Professional Development - CSIU

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16 (CSIU 16) to provide professional development and teacher coaching focused upon the implementation of a formal Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for the 2026-2027 school year at the rate of \$140 per hour. This professional development initiative will be grant subsidized.

- Ms. Maize asked if the district currently has this program.
- Dr. Rasmus answered that the CSIU has been meeting with administration since last summer and that all cost until August 2026 have been subsidized by the IMPACT grant funding. However, this program was being introduced as professional development in the 2026-2027 school year, to be funded by grant monies in the district.
- Ms. Maize asked for clarity if this would be covered by grant funding moving forward.
- Dr. Rasmus answered that yes, it would be PCCD grant funding.

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

10.4 2026-2027 MASD School Calendar

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Jonathan Richards that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the proposed 2026-2027 Millville Area School District Calendar.

- Mrs. Jennifer Bodnar questioned the number of Act 80 days and the purpose for the professional development days.
- Ms. Maize questioned the number of days as well, asking if this professional development was still to get the district "caught up" on compliance.
- Dr. Rasmus explained the constraints of the contract for professional development, compliance requirements, and the district's initiative for a MTSS focus as the predominant framework.

After the discussion, the motion carried by roll call vote. 8 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent

11. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

11.1 Mark Ludwig Soccer Academy Facility Usage 2026

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Greg Hemsarh 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 29 - July 2, 2026 (Makeup date of July 3, 2026), using the EIEIO and the soccer practice field 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. Pending receipt of \$100 refundable deposit.

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

Action: 11.2 District Office Renovations

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Alex Cavallini that the Millville Area School Board postpone the following recommended action: A motion to consider and approve the final district office location renovations, as detailed in the quote from Lowes, at a total cost of \$3,576.54.

- Board members had a discussion and raised concerns regarding the construction of permanent walls in the new space vs. using cubicles/partitions to separate the spaces; fire safety / alarms, smoke detection, and code implications; and HVAC impacts and access to unit filters/maintenance.
- Ms. Maize asked for a detailed project cost summary from beginning to the current date.
- Following the discussion, a motion was made to postpone this item for further review and to return to Buildings & Grounds and/or full Board for additional discussion.

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

12. PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES

12.1 Retirement - K. Marshman

A motion by Alex Cavallini and second by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve accepting, with gratitude, the notice of retirement from KENNETH MARSHMAN as Secondary Social Studies Teacher, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

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

12.2 MOU with MAESPA

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Matthew Deihl that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Millville Area School District and the Millville Area Educational Support Personnel Association (MAESPA) as attached.

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

12.3 Resignation - K. LaBonte

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board accept the notice of resignation from KERA LABONTE as School Social Worker, effective January 13, 2026.

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

12.4 Resignation - S. Confer

A motion by Heather Mausteller and second by Alex Cavallini that the Millville Area School Board accept the notice of resignation from STEVEN CONFER as Second Shift Custodian, effective January 13, 2026.

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

12.5 Co-Curricular Personnel 2025-2026

A motion by Heather Mausteller and second by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Co-Curricular Personnel recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

- Resignation
 - 12.5 A - To accept the notice of resignation from CHELSEA THREKELD as Junior High Field Hockey Coach, effective January 21, 2026.
- Coaching Staff
 - 12.5 B - Retroactively appoint RYAN GOLLA and NATHAN GOLLA as Elementary Boys Youth Basketball Coordinators for the 2025-2026 school year. Clearance and necessary training on file.
 - 12.5 C - Retroactively appoint DONNA DAVIS and KATIE SICK as Elementary Girls Youth Basketball Coordinators for the 2025-2026 school year. Clearance and necessary training on file.
- After School Detention Monitor
 - 12.5 D - To consider and approve BLAINE EDDY as an after school detention monitor for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and second by Greg Hemsarth to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Whitney Holloway, Board Secretary

Chelsea Rosenberger, Board Recording Secretary