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MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

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The Millville Area School Board held their regular business meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026 in the Millville Jr./Sr. High School Library beginning 7:13 pm. Prior to the meeting, the Board held an Executive Session for personnel and legal matters.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

The following Board members answered roll call: Alex Cavallini, Matthew Deihl, Greg Hemsarth, Jonathan Richards, Corey Whitmoyer, and Jessica Whitmoyer.

Also present were Joseph Rasmus, Superintendent of Schools; Matthew Mills, Secondary Principal; Brandon Gordner, Elementary Principal; Danielle Fritz, Director of Student Services; James Meadows, Director of Interventional Supports; Dyson Savage, Director of Technology; and Chelsea Rosenberger, Board Recording Secretary.

### **2. GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS**

- Guests Klohe Faatz, Wendy Faatz, Mary Schrader, Nevin Iliev, Ilko Iliev, Liam Iliev, Christopher Sassaman, April Miller, Jason Mastellar, Betsy Riera-Gomez, JD Stanley, Christopher Berleth, Ellie Rishel, Natalie Stanley, Shanna Haden, Paul Haden, and Sophia Haden all signed the register but did not request to speak.

#### **Board Recognition – Dr. Rasmus**

- Dr. Rasmus expressed his appreciation to the Board of Education in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month, thanking members for their dedication, time, and commitment to students and the district. Certificates and small tokens of appreciation were presented to board members.

#### **CSIU - MTSS Presentation**

- Representatives from the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16 presented on the district's upcoming Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) partnership. They communicated that the focus of this program is to build systemic supports for academic, behavioral, and attendance needs of students. The implementation of MTSS marks a transition from a "binary" support model (general education vs. special education) to a tiered, flexible intervention system. The representatives shared that coaching support will be provided one day per week at the elementary and one day per week at the high school in the 2026-2027 school year. Additionally, they explained that the program is grant funded through Ready to Learn funds. Overall, the goals for this program include improved reading performance, reduced behavioral referrals, and more proactive student support.

Brighter Financial Futures Presentation - The Columbia-Montour Chamber, in partnership with Journey Bank

- Chris Berleth, President of the Columbia-Montour Chamber Foundation, presented student recognitions related to participation in a Personal Finance Lab program sponsored through EITC funding. He explained that the goal of the Foundation is to bring resources back to the local school district towards 20<sup>th</sup> century ideals. This is accomplished through EITC funding that is passed through the Foundation to schools. He shared that financial literacy is important for students to grasp and will be a requirement next school year for schools, so the Foundation partnered with Journey Bank to provide the Brighter Futures Program. Mr. Berleth shared prizes won through this program with students: Sophia Haden, April Miller, Emma Rose, Liam Iliev, Lucas Dildine, Lydia Manning, and Ella Shultz. Additionally, their teachers Mrs. Mary Schrader and Mr. Jason Yantorn were honored with prizes.

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

District Office Relocation Project

- Dr. Rasmus began his report with a review of the district office location project. He explained that the district has been reconsidering the office space and has completed construction to make this a reality. Dr. Rasmus reviewed the configuration, adding that this was the most effective way to use the space.

Interim Social Work

- Dr. Rasmus explained that the district has had some staffing issues with the Social Worker position but that earlier that day, the CSIU representative began providing services per the agreement previously approved. He explained that the district would still be searching for a full time staff member.

Protecting Student Information

- Dr. Rasmus reviewed how students currently access Sapphire and details about their confidentiality. He stated that the district would be implementing a new plan with a single sign-on rather than their lunch account number to log into Sapphire. He assured the public that any changes that need to be made will be communicated to families and that students would not receive new credentials, just a new way to access.

Policy Updates

- Dr. Rasmus shared that several updates were made to some district policies such as the social media policy, weapons, security personnel, and updates to drug substances and paraphernalia. Additionally, the Board was considering one locally generated administrative regulation related to Elementary students attending district events. He explained that moving forward, Elementary students (K-6) attending athletic and cultural events would need to be supervised by an adult. The students will have to check in with an adult before coming into the event. The adult would need to sign their name next to the student who is attending under their supervision. Dr. Rasmus stated this administrative regulation was being enforced because the district does not have staff available to supervise students at these events.

**4. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

**5. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES****5.1 January 26, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Alex Cavallini that the Millville Area School Board approve the January 26, 2026 Millville Area School District Board meeting minutes.

The motion carried by voice vote. 6 Yea; 0 Nay; 3 Absent

**6. BUDGET AND FINANCE****6.1 Expenditures**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Jonathan Richards that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the February 9, 2026 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$204,672.29, cafeteria expenditures in the amount of \$855.70 and athletic expenditures in the amount of \$1,312.00.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**6.2 Journey Bank/Foundation of the Columbia Montour Partnership EITC Donation**

A motion by Matthew Deihl and second by Greg Hemsarth that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve acceptance of a \$13,500 EITC fund donation from Journey Bank, in partnership with the Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber to subsidize the following STEM related items for the 2025-2026 school year: STEM Related Field Trips expenses, CNC Machine, Wood Lathe Bowl Chuck, Cordless Drills/Impact Drivers, Software Subscriptions, Microscopes, Flammable Materials Storage Closet, and STEM program consumables.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**7. POLICY / GOVERNANCE****7.2 First Reading Revised MASD Board Policies and Administrative Regulations**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Corey Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the first readings of the revised Millville Area School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, as recommended by PSBA per recent changes to federal regulations and by the Policy Committee.

- 7.2 A - MASD Policy 816: District Social Media
- 7.2 B - MASD Policy 204: Attendance
  - Administrative Regulation 204-AR-0: Compulsory Attendance / Unexcused Absences
  - Administrative Regulation 204-AR-3: Truant Notification Letter
  - Administrative Regulation 204-AR-4: Habitually Truant Notice
  - Administrative Regulation 204-AR-5: School Attendance Improvement Plan
- 7.2 C - MASD Policy 218.1: Weapons
  - Administrative Regulation 218.1-AR-0: Weapons Notifications to Appropriate Population of School Community
- 7.2 D - MASD Policy 805.2: School Security Personnel
  - Administrative Regulation 805.2-AR-0: School Security Personnel Training
- 7.2 E - MASD Policy 227: Controlled Substances / Paraphernalia
- 7.2 F - Administrative Regulation 904-AR-1 - Supervision of K-6 Students at District Athletic, Cultural, and Co-Curricular Events

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS****8.1 Updated Prom Guidelines 2026**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Corey Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the updated Prom Guidelines for the 2026 Junior/Senior Prom. The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**8.2 CSIU 2026-2027 Preliminary General Operating Budget**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Alex Cavallini that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the CSIU 2025-2026 Preliminary General Operating Budget. The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**8.3 Transportation Co-Op Track and Field at Northwest Area SD**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Corey Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve contracted transportation to the Northwest Area School District for the duration of the 2025-2026 Spring Track and Field Season for a cost not to exceed \$13,020.

- Mr. Hemsarth asked if the postseason was factored into these costs.
- Dr. Rasmus answered that the schedule for the season was used to calculate these figures.
- Mr. Mills clarified the transportation that would be provided if the Board approved.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**9. CURRICULUM / EDUCATIONAL****9.1 Curricular Excursions & Field Trips**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Jonathan Richards 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.

- 9.1 A - May 22, 2026 - Kindergarten to Folks Butterfly Farm - Mrs. Anderson

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**9.2 CSIU 2026-2027 Driver Education Instruction and End Course Skill Test MOU**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Alex Cavallini that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the CSIU and Millville Area School District for the CSIU to conduct the behind-the-wheel instruction and administer the End of Course Skills Test to students within the Millville School District in the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**9.3 Updated 2026-2027 MTSS Professional Development - CSIU**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Corey Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the updated agreement between the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16 (CSIU 16) and Millville Area School District 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.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**10. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS****10.1 Disposal Approval of Copier Equipment**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Jonathan Richards that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the disposal of the following district copiers: Kyocera TaskAlfa 6500i (4), Kyocera TaskAlfa 5052 ci (Color) (1), and Kyocera TaskAlfa 3500i (1).

- Dr. Rasmus commented that the district has new copiers and that the former contractor indicated that the old copiers were not worth taking back. The district was looking for a way to donate or sell the outdated copiers.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**10.2 Updated District Office Renovations**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Matthew Diehl that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the final district office location renovations, as detailed in the quote, at a total cost of \$837.51.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**11. PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES****11.1 Resignation - N. Swisher**

A motion by Jonathan Richards and second by Corey Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the notice of resignation of NELLY SWISHER as Cafeteria Worker, effective March 5, 2026.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**11.2 Substitute Personnel**

A motion by Alex Cavallini and second by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Substitute Personnel recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

- Teaching Substitutes
  - 11.2 A - A motion to consider and approve the appointment of DAKOTAH KURTZ as Short Term Mid-Level Mathematics Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
- CSIU Guest Teacher Substitutes
  - 11.2 B - A motion to consider and approve ERICA SPONENBERG as a CSIU Guest Teacher Substitute for the 2025-2026 school year. Clearances on file.
  - 11.2 C - A motion to consider and approve ASHLEIGH KENWORTHY as a CSIU Guest Teacher Substitute for the 2025-2026 school year. Clearances on file.
  - 11.2 D - A motion is need to consider and approve LORELEI EBERLY as a CSIU Guest Teacher Substitute for the 2025-2026 school year. Clearances on file.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**11.3 Co-Curricular Personnel 2025-2026**

A motion by Jonathan Richards and second by Corey Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Co-Curricular Personnel recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

- Resignation
  - 11.3 A - To accept the notice of resignation from MORGAN DIFEBO as Varsity Softball Assistant Coach, effective February 3, 2026.

- 11.3 B - To accept the notice of resignation from PETER MORISCO as Varsity Boys Soccer Coach and Junior High Boys Soccer Coach, effective January 26, 2026.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

11.4 Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg Student Practicum Placement

A motion by Jessica Whitmoyer and second by Jonathan Richards that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg Student Practicum Placement of SHYANE VOLACK with cooperative teacher MARY SCHRADER for the spring 2026 semester.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

11.5 Commonwealth University Nursing Student Practicum Placement

A motion by Alex Cavallini and second by Jessica Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board to consider and approve the Commonwealth University Nursing Student Practicum observation hours of CHLOE SPRINGMAN, with co-op School Nurse KARA FERRO, beginning March 9, 2026. Clearances on file.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 6 Yes; 0 No; 3 Absent

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Corey Whitmoyer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Whitney Holloway, Board Secretary

Chelsea Rosenberger, Board Recording Secretary