

Dr. Rasmus called the Millville Area School District Policy Committee Meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Those present in the High School Library were Joseph Rasmus, Superintendent; Jessica Whitmoyer; Board President; Corey Whitmoyer, Board Member; Greg Hemsarh, Board Member; Alex Cavallini, Board Member; and Chelsea Rosenberger, Board Recording Secretary.

MASD Policy 816: District Social Media

- ❖ Dr. Rasmus reviewed the key points of the policy. He shared legal guidance recently received regarding district use of social media, sponsor recognition, and board member communications. Sponsors may continue to be recognized on district platforms (website, social media, athletics materials), as mentioned in most levels of the district's sponsorship policy. However, the recommendation was that the district use static logos and sponsor names only, while avoiding the use of QR codes and clickable website links. This was to reduce the perception of district endorsement and minimize legal and cybersecurity risks associated with directing users to third-party sites.
 - Ms. Rosenberger shared the concern that community organizations and vendors sometimes tag themselves in posts shared by the district. She explained that she must regularly review and remove inappropriate or misleading tags. The settings on the district's Facebook page are configured to hide most public comments, though hidden comments may still be visible to mutual friends.
- ❖ Dr. Rasmus shared that social media content related to district business may be subject to Right to Know requests. He reminded the Committee members that in their own social media accounts, they should avoid posts and comments stating "the district believes..." or "the board thinks..." but rather use, "the Board voted..." or "the Board decided" because individual board member opinions do not represent the board unless expressed through official action. Additionally, he cautioned Board members against referencing conversations with other board members online; posting content that could be interpreted as official district positions; or political or advocacy messaging tied to their board status which could expose the district to legal risk.
- ❖ Next, Dr. Rasmus explained some information highlighted in this policy regarding district-related texts/emails on personal devices and how they could be subject to right to know law. For clarity, only communications specifically related to district business are subject to disclosure, not entire personal devices. He added that the administration will continue using "reply all" when appropriate to ensure transparency while avoiding deliberative discussions outside meetings.
- ❖ The Committee was amenable to moving forward with this policy but would continue to discuss guidelines on sponsor recognition, staff and board communications, and comment moderation practices.

MASD Policy 204: Attendance

- ❖ Dr. Rasmus discussed the policy and presented updates aligned with recent Pennsylvania School Code revisions and guidance from PSBA. He explained that the major change was in relation to habitually truant students and cyber charter school transfers. School code now states that students identified as habitually truant may not transfer to a cyber charter school mid-year unless ordered by a judge. This change was made to address a recurring issue where students with attendance problems transfer to cyber schools unsuccessfully, leading to lost funding and academic setbacks.
 - Mr. Hemsarh asked about how the district can regulate the transfers that would happen during the summer to cyber charter schools.
 - Dr. Ramsus answered that at present, we cannot do much to keep this from happening other than having conversations with those parents. He added that the district can track attendance on our Millville Virtual Academy platform, while at cyber charter schools, we cannot receive any attendance information.
- ❖ Dr. Rasmus reviewed the updated administrative regulation documents that were new parent notification letters including a notice of cyber transfer restrictions as well as highlighting the available support resources for returning students to regular attendance. He explained that these Administrative Regulations (ARs) reflect the existing district practice and primarily update language for compliance.
- ❖ The Committee was amenable to moving forward with these updates.

MASD Policy 218.1 - Weapons

- ❖ Dr. Rasmus shared that recent incidents prompted the review of our district weapons policy. Additionally, there were changes in school code related to notifications to family and community members.
 - Ms. Rosenberger asked if the district should put out a preemptive message to parents regarding this notification like other schools have done.
 - Dr. Rasmus answered that prior to those other schools sending out their messages, he had already employed this practice. So, the community had already received a message like this policy was referencing.
- ❖ Dr. Rasmus shared that there was a recent student issue regarding a replica weapon, whereby the student did not have any malicious intent. The administration exercised discretion and did not pursue expulsion.
 - For cases like these, the Committee suggested adding language to this policy, stating that the Administration will consider all situational variables when determining disciplinary consequences related to weapons. This language would formalize the existing practice of reasonable administrative discretion. The Committee discussed some scenarios where administrative discretion would be appropriate.
 - Mr. Hemsarh asked if this language could also be added to the drug paraphernalia policy as well.
 - The Committee agreed to add this language to Policy 227 as well.

- ❖ The Committee asked to see the draft language and place this on the agenda for a first reading.

MASD Policy 805.2 - School Security Personnel

- ❖ Dr. Rasmus shared the updates to this policy based on changes under Pennsylvania Act 44. He explained that the Superintendent must meet with the School Resource Officer (SRO) / School Police Officer (SPO) at least four times per year; document security-related administrative meetings; and provide an annual safety report to the Board. He added that much of this was already happening, but we must codify this in policy language and in practice.
 - Mr. Whitmoyer asked if the district had already named a School Safety Coordinator.
 - Dr. Rasmus answered that the district previously appointed him as the School Safety and Security Coordinator. He also shared that the district has an applicant for the School Police Officer position who may be interested in working with the district to set up the school police department and serve as the School Safety and Security Coordinator.
- ❖ The Committee was amenable to moving forward with this updated policy.

Proposed Admin Regulation 904-AR-1 Discussion

- ❖ Dr. Rasmus shared that the Administration was proposing adding expectations regarding student supervision at school events. The concern was that Elementary students attending evening events were being dropped off without adult supervision. He explained that we had a recent incident involving unsupervised elementary students engaging in unsafe behavior outdoors during a basketball game. The Administration was proposing a guideline stating that students in grades K–6 must be accompanied by a supervising adult at district evening events. The purpose would be to clarify that the district is not responsible for unsupervised minors and provide legal protection and encourage safer supervision practices.
 - Mr. Whitmoyer asked if this was to simply cover the district.
 - Mr. Cavallini commented that Bloomsburg tried to implement a policy like this but were concerned when parents did not heed the policy and the student was not safe being turned away.
 - Dr. Rasmus agreed and said that this was to hopefully cut down on some of it happening.
- ❖ The Committee expressed support for developing this language.
 - In conclusion, Dr. Rasmus stated that he would finalize the policy language selections; circulate updates to board members for review; and present items for formal board action at the upcoming meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Chelsea Rosenberger
Board Recording Secretary