
MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

The Millville Area School Board held their regular business meeting on Monday, March 30, 2026 in the Millville Jr./Sr. High School Library beginning 7:02 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Joseph Rasmus, Superintendent of Schools; Whitney Holloway, Business Manager/Board Secretary; 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; Matthew McWilliams, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds; and Chelsea Rosenberger, Board Recording Secretary.

2. GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

- Guests Christopher Sassaman, Klohe Faatz, Kayleen Jenkins, Wendy Faatz, Betsy Riera-Gomez, Zachary Wolfe, Mike Zenzel, and Maria McAfee all signed the register but did not request to speak.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Securly Digital Hall Pass System

- Dr. Rasmus provided an overview of the district's implementation of the Securly Pass digital hall pass system. He explained that the district has used Securly products for several years, particularly as part of student safety monitoring. The existing Securly platform alerts administrators when student searches or online activity may indicate concerns related to self-harm, threats, or other student safety issues. He noted that this tool has been effective in identifying concerns and allowing administrators to follow up with families. Dr. Rasmus stated that the district recently began piloting the hall pass feature of the Securly suite. The goals of the system are to improve student accountability in the hallways; minimize unnecessary time out of class; improve supervision and safety; and provide better documentation of student movement. He noted that under previous practices, restroom and hallway passes were handled inconsistently from classroom to classroom. Some teachers used paper logs, some used hallway passes, and some handled requests informally. The new system is intended to provide greater consistency.
- Additionally, Dr. Rasmus shared that the district has experienced concerns related to restroom misuse and vandalism in the past, including significant maintenance issues. Administration believes the digital system may help reduce these issues by providing clearer information about who is out of class and when. Dr. Rasmus acknowledged that

there has been student and parent feedback, including concerns related to privacy, data collection, pass timing, and perceptions of discipline. He reported that he met with students on Friday to hear those concerns directly and described them as respectful and thoughtful. He stated that the district will continue using the current pilot period to gather information and will form a committee including administrators and students to discuss concerns, possible adjustments, and next steps. He emphasized that the implementation is still being refined and that settings within the system can be adjusted.

Penn SSI Institute

- Dr. Rasmus then reported that he recently attended a School Safety Summit hosted through the PennSSI Institute with representatives from the Secret Service, FBI, and other agencies. He shared that the training focused on evolving school safety practices, behavioral threat assessment, and identifying warning signs in students who may be at risk. He noted that some of the case study examples presented involved students who did not match traditional assumptions about who might engage in violence, reinforcing the importance of staff training and awareness. Finally, Dr. Rasmus stated that he made a contact from the Secret Service and hoped to bring that individual to Millville next year to provide training for district staff. He noted that this service would be offered free of charge and described the opportunity as very valuable.

LAC Meeting

- Next, Dr. Rasmus explained that the district recently held its Local Advisory Committee meeting related to Career and Technical Education programming. A major topic of discussion was the district's development of a Diversified Occupations (DO) program. He explained that this proposed CTE program would provide structure, supervision, and instructional oversight for work-based learning experiences. The program would support students in gaining workplace experience while also receiving formal instruction in employability and soft skills. He shared that the district is excited about the potential of this program for senior students, particularly those with flexible schedules who may benefit from meaningful workplace experiences during their final year of school.

CMAVTS Planning Meeting

- Dr. Rasmus also noted that he would be participating in a meeting related to CMAVTS and possible future instructional models. He stated that the district continues to advocate for Millville students and ensure that district perspectives are part of broader CTE discussions.

SPO Update

- Dr. Rasmus reported that four SPO candidates approved by the Board had responded positively and were moving forward in the process. A planning meeting was scheduled for later in the week to discuss next steps, required affidavits, court petition requirements, spring training expectations, and hourly compensation for required pre-service training prior to the 2026–2027 school year.
 - Mr. Mills then provided additional data and information on the Securely Pass pilot. He explained that the district has discussed updating hallway pass procedures for some time and had initially considered other systems before deciding to use Securely, since it was already part of the district's software suite and did not

require additional cost. He described how teachers use the system in different ways: teacher-approved passes, auto-pass settings, or teacher-initiated passes. Mr. Mills emphasized that students are expected to use their Chromebooks, not personal phones, for the system. He stated that the district is not using phone-based features such as geolocation.

- Mr. Mills shared initial data from the pilot: 383 passes were issued that day and 94% were completed in under five minutes. He also noted that one teacher commented that for the first time, the hallway motion sensors timed out during a prep period because there was so little hallway traffic, suggesting that the system may already be reducing nonessential movement. Mr. Mills acknowledged there are still practical questions to work through, including how the system functions in classrooms where students may not be directly at a device, in lab settings, or in unique classroom structures. He stated that staff flexibility and continued adjustment will be important.
 - Mr. Hemsarh asked what happens in classrooms where the students don't have their computer out.
 - Mr. Mills answered that when they come across certain scenarios, they will be working them out as needed. Additionally, he explained that teachers have the ability to override passes in the case of an emergency.
 - Dr. Rasmus added that many teachers already have a policy in their classrooms to use the restroom in the first and last five minutes of their classes.
 - Ms. Maize asked if substitutes would be made aware and given access of this platform.
 - Mr. Mills answered that every person has a pin number so they would have the appropriate access.
 - Mrs. Mausteller expressed concern with the efficiency for teachers.
 - Mr. Mills stated that he could share a video with the Board to review the program.
 - Ms. Maize commented that she would like to see this proposed on the next meeting agenda.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Mr. Mills had previously shared his report with the Board but continued by sharing congratulations to the cast and crew of "Anastasia" for a great show. Then, he shared that Junior Achievement was here that past Friday and that a student was partnered with Senator Culver to escort her around the building.
- Dr. Meadows had also shared his report previously with the Board but added that the Social Worker started that day.

5. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

CMAVTS – Greg Hemsarh & Alex Cavallini

- Mr. Cavallini reported that CMAVTS is still in the process of working on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**6.1 March 16, 2026 - Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board approve the March 16, 2026 Millville Area School District Board meeting minutes.

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

7. POLICY / GOVERNANCE**7.1 Development of a Technology Committee**

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the development of a Technology Committee to review Millville Area School District technology-related topics.

- Mrs. Mausteller asked what the nature of this Committee was.
- Dr. Rasmus answered that other schools have this and it would be an opportunity for Mr. Savage to get feedback from the Board and discussed pertinent topics.
- Further discussion focused on the possible value of a committee dedicated to technology-related topics; whether technology concerns could instead be embedded within existing committees; and the potential usefulness of a smaller forum to discuss district technology initiatives, software, systems, and planning prior to Board action.
- Dr. Rasmus stated that a technology-focused committee could provide a venue to review issues such as software costs, efficiencies, security, systems planning, and instructional technology use before matters come to the full Board. He added that this Committee could be simply called upon when needed instead of regularly scheduled.

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

8. BUDGET AND FINANCE**8.1 Expenditures**

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve March 30, 2026 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$61,874.99, athletic expenditures in the amount of \$356.00, and cafeteria expenditures in the amount of \$576.00.

- Ms. Maize asked why there were checks with an amount of zero.
- Mrs. Holloway answered that there was a printing issue and some checks had to be voided and reissued as a result.

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

9. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**9.1 Alumni Association Banquet Facility Use 2026**

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve use of the Cafeteria to the Alumni Association for the Millville High School Alumni Banquet to be held on June 13, 2026, from 5:00 until 8:00 pm, pending receipt of refundable deposit of \$100, consistent with MASD Administrative Regulation 707 AR-3 District Facilities Schedule.

The motion carried by roll call vote. 7 Yes; 0 No; 2 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 - PMEA District Jazz Festival - Mrs. Sweeney - April 9-10, 2026
- 10.1 B - Eels in the Classroom Release Day - Mrs. Hall - May 21, 2026

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

10.2 Revised 2025-2026 MASD School Calendar

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Michael Farrell that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the following revisions to the 2025-2026 District Calendar: As a result of the school closure on March 17, 2026, 2026, the MASD Board of Education will now recognize June 10, 2026, formerly a self-directed in-service day, as an Act 80 day for faculty and staff. Therefore, the self-directed in-service day will now be June 11, 2026.

- Ms. Maize asked if this was the same scenario as in the last meeting and if the district still had the hours needed for students in accordance with school code.
- Dr. Rasmus confirmed that yes, this was an identical scenario and that since Act 80 days count as instructional time for students, the district has already met the requirements for the school year. He added that administration elected to follow this model rather than add student days because graduation would remain constant as well as not change family plans for vacations already set. Additionally, this plan would allow for the Safe Crisis Management Training to happen over two days for professional staff at the end of the year.

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

10.3 Opportunities in Communities Day - Speaker Proposals

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Alex Cavallini that the Millville Area School Board approve the two assembly programs for Opportunities in Communities Day speakers: Coach VJ (Vera Jo Bustos) at a total cost of \$3,980, to be funded by Title IV grant funding and a "Changing Minds" presentation, to be funded by the CMSU.

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

10.4 CTE Occupational Advisory Committee Minutes

A motion Heather Mausteller and second by Alex Cavallini that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the minutes of the Millville Agriculture Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) meeting and the Millville Engineering Occupational Advisory Committee meetings as presented.

- 10.4 A - October 22, 2025 - Engineering OAC Minutes
- 10.4 B - March 5, 2026 - Agriculture OAC Minutes
- 10.4 C - March 5, 2026 - Engineering OAC Minutes

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

11. PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES**Combined Consent (11.1 – 11.5)**

A motion by Heather Mausteller and second by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the combined action as presented.

- **11.1 SPO Training Hours Approval**
 - A motion to consider and approve allowing the newly appointed school police officers (BRAD SHARROW, LEO SOKOLOSKI, MICHAEL VANDINE, and MICHAEL REFFEOR) be paid at their hourly rate for any time worked prior to the 2026-2027 school year completing any mandatory training.
- **11.2 Appoint High School Head Cook**
 - A motion to approve the appointment of ANITA CAWLEY, as High School Head Cook, with the \$1.60 differential, to start the 2026-2027 school year, clearances on file.
- **11.3 Appoint Second Shift Custodian**
 - A motion to approve the appointment of TARA CAMERON, as Second Shift Custodian, at the rate of \$12.30 per hour (including the differential for second shift), clearances on file.
- **11.4 FMLA**
 - A motion to consider and approve intermittent FMLA for employee #271 beginning on March 25, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (with a maximum of 60 days). The FMLA will run concurrent with the use of sick and vacation days.
- **11.5 Volunteer Personnel**
 - A motion to consider and approve the list of Volunteer Personnel for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Current clearances and Volunteer Forms on file.
 - Stephine Welsh

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

PUBLIC COMMENT**Zachary Wolfe**

- Mr. Wolfe, a student at MASD, addressed the Board regarding concerns with the digital hall pass system. He stated that many students feel the system is intrusive, disruptive, and was introduced without enough explanation or student input. Concerns raised included: classroom disruption caused by the digital process; the amount and type of student movement data being collected; storage of data by a third-party company; concerns about restroom and nurse visit privacy; and the possibility that students may feel unfairly restricted because of limits on hallway traffic. Mr. Wolfe also referenced concerns related to students who may have medical needs requiring frequent restroom access and asked whether parent notification or consent had occurred related to third-party data collection.
 - Dr. Rasmus began by first commending Zach for how well-spoken he was and that he needed to dive more closely into the concern about third party information. However, he stated that a majority of the school's information is hosted on third party vendors, giving the example of Sapphire as the storage of all student information. He commented that it does potentially increase the propensity for a breach of data and that for other like programs, the district has not asked parental permission prior to implementing.

- Mr. Hemsarth said that he was not sure if as a parent he had signed off on third party information being shared.
- The administrative and Board members discussed the concern further.
- After the discussion, Dr. Rasmus reiterated that the student concerns are being heard; no descriptive bathroom reasons are necessary in the system; accommodations remain in place for students with documented needs; and the district will continue reviewing the platform and the parameters of the pilot.
 - Ms. Maize noted that better communication and a fuller presentation would be helpful so the community can better understand how the system works.

Mike Zenzel

- Mr. Zenzel, a community member and parent, addressed the Board regarding parking and access concerns at the softball field. He noted that parking near the field remains difficult; people continue to drive into areas not intended for vehicle access; walking access is difficult for older adults and visitors with mobility limitations; and the current layout creates confusion, inconvenience, and possible safety concerns. Mr. Zenzel suggested that the district consider options such as improving the surface, creating a more defined access area, or otherwise addressing the problem more directly.
- The Board and administration discussed the concern, reminded the public of the previous discussion, and gave suggestions for possible recommendations to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Maria McAfee

- Ms. McAfee addressed the Board regarding concerns about a varsity baseball player's lack of playing time and communication from coaching staff. She stated that the issue had been ongoing since the prior season and expressed frustration with the responses received thus far. The parent indicated concern that the student was not receiving adequate opportunities and that communication had not been satisfactory.
 - Dr. Rasmus responded by asking her to meet with him, the principal, and coach to discuss the concern further and review the matter more directly.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and second by Michael Farrell to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Whitney Holloway, Board Secretary

Chelsea Rosenberger, Board Recording Secretary