
MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

The Millville Area School Board held their regular business meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026 in the Millville Jr./Sr. High School Library beginning 7:06 pm. Prior to the meeting, the Board met for an Executive Session to discuss a number of personnel and legal matters.

1. ROLL CALL

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

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

2. GUEST RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS

- Guests Christopher Sassaman, Klohe Faatz, Wendy Faatz, and Pastor Mark Boyer all signed the register but did not request to speak.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Updates

- Dr. Rasmus began his report by sharing about an upcoming All Hazards Drill scheduled to take place on May 4, 2026. He explained that it would be a lockdown drill and would follow the standard response protocols. He added that this drill would be the second for this school year and that next school year, the district would be shifting to the "I Love You Guys" protocol.
- Next, Dr. Rasmus shared an update on Proximity Learning for science education in the high school. He explained that the students would be utilizing this platform to receive instruction in Chemistry, 7th Grade Science and Forensic Science beginning the next day. He added that there would be communication sent to parents and that this would not be used permanently, but rather until a certificated teacher could be found.
- Then, Dr. Rasmus shared an update on state testing, sharing that PSSA's began on April 21, 2026. However, there were issues with the online platform across the state, so the district had to cancel testing for the day.

Agenda Topics

- Dr. Rasmus explained that the Board would be considering the permission to bid the acquisition of band uniforms because the district does not have enough to cover all the students in the program next year.
- Additionally, Dr. Rasmus clarified the motion for Junior High Girls Volleyball. He explained that the Co-Curricular Committee considered this proposal and that it would

be similar to the varsity co-op with Berwick. He added that the athletic director was asked to find interest and that it would have no cost for the district because we would not be providing transportation.

- Dr. Rasmus then discussed the proposal on the agenda for Junior High Cross Country. He explained that this would not be a cooperative agreement but rather a new team for the district. He shared that administration had about eleven students seriously interested. The limited expenses would include the coach salary, some transportation costs and potential uniform costs.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- The administration submitted reports for the consideration of the Board, and no additional questions were asked.

5. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

CSIU Representative – Mrs. Whitmoyer

- The CSIU Board report was previously submitted to the Board for consideration and no additional questions were asked.

CMAVTS – Mr. Cavallini & Mr. Hemsarth

- Mr. Cavallini shared that the CMAVTS budget recently proposed did not pass at the Joint Operating Committee meeting, which would push back the timelines to get it to the sending schools for consideration.
- Mr. Hemsarth added that the JOC had asked the administration at CMAVTS to collaborate with the sending schools' administration to find additional ways to balance the budget.
- Dr. Rasmus commented that he appreciated the JOC stance to hold the budget for more cuts to be made.

6. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

6.1 April 13, 2026 - Board Meeting Minutes

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Alex Cavallini that the Millville Area School Board approve the April 13, 2026 Millville Area School District Board meeting minutes.

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

6.2 April 23, 2026 - Special Board Meeting Minutes

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board approve the April 23, 2026 Millville Area School District Special 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 Greg Hemsarth and second by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the April 27, 2026 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$245,555.09, athletic expenditures in the amount of \$2,352.00, and capital reserve expenditures in the amount of \$2,325.00.

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

7.3 Pay May Expenditures

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve allowing the Business Manager to pay May 2026 expenditures incurred that are due prior to the May 18, 2026 meeting with final approval at the May meeting.

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

7.4 Band Uniforms Bid

A motion by Gena Maize and second by Jonathan Richards that the Millville Area School District put to bid the acquisition of band uniforms for the Millville Area School District.

- Mrs. Mausteller asked when the district last purchased these uniforms.
- Mrs. Holloway answered that it was in the 2019-2020 school year.
- Mrs. Whitmoyer commented that a benefit to these newly proposed uniforms would be that they do not have to be dry cleaned.
- Dr. Rasmus added that these uniforms are more adaptable, would have snaps, and do not have to be hemmed. He shared that the lowest quotes were coming in at \$29,000 for uniforms made with cheap fabric.
- Mrs. Mausteller commented that she hopes we can look into purchasing uniforms that can be used for several years because the district cannot afford to purchase them often.

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 Administrative Regulations

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Gena Maize that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the second and final 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.

- 8.1 A - MASD Policy 140: Charter Schools
- 8.1 B - MASD Policy 810: Transportation
- 8.1 C - MASD Policy 221: Dress and Grooming
- 8.1 D - MASD Policy 325: Dress and Grooming
- 8.1 E - Administrative Regulation 325-AR-0: Dress and Grooming
- 8.1 F - Administrative Regulation 325-AR-2: Identification Badges

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

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

9.1 Messiah University Student Teaching Agreement

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the agreement made between Messiah University and Millville Area School District to provide practicum experience for student teaching and practicum placements, as outlined in the agreement.

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

9.2 Junior High Girls Volleyball CO-OP with BASD

A motion by Michael Farrell and second by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the Millville Area School District to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Berwick Area School District (BASD) for Junior High Girls Volleyball beginning in the Fall 2026 sports season.

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

9.3 Junior High Cross Country

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Heather Mausteller that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the formation of a Junior High Cross Country team, to begin in the Fall 2026 sports season.

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

10. CURRICULUM / EDUCATIONAL

10.1 Curricular Excursions & Field Trips

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Corey Whitmoyer 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 - Engineering Tour at Dyco Manufacturing - Mr. Martone - April 30, 2026
- 10.1 B - Hopper Drone Challenge - Mrs. Schrader - May 8, 2026
- 10.1 C - Middle School Envirothon - STEM Department - May 12, 2026
- 10.1 D - 24 Game Competition - Mrs. Schrader - May 12, 2026

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

10.2 Standards Based Report Cards

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Corey Whitmoyer that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the implementation of Standards Based Report Cards in grades K-3 for the 2026-27 school year based upon the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee.

- Ms. Maize asked if there was going to be a session or information explaining this change for parents.
- Dr. Rasmus answered that yes, there would be information sent to parents.
- Ms. Maize asked if there would be consideration for more grades in the future or only through third grade.
- Dr. Rasmus answered that yes, it will be considered for more grades in the future but that the administration wanted to introduce this in tiers over time.

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

10.3 Establishment of Diversified Occupations OAC

A motion by Greg Hemsarth and second by Alex Cavallini that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the implementation of the Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) for the Diversified Occupations CTE which will be implemented in the 2026-27 school year in a manner consistent with the PA State Board of Education and Chapter 4 regulations. The Diversified Occupations OAC will be comprised of district stakeholders and industry partners, which collaborate in order to update, modify, expand, and improve the quality of occupational and career and technical education programs offered and sustained within the district.

- Mr. Hemsarth asked if the Board already approved this previously.
- Dr. Rasmus answered that the Board approved the program but not the OAC for the program.

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

10.4 Diversified Occupations OAC Members

A motion by Heather Mausteller and second by Greg Hemsarth that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the following members for the Diversified Occupations OAC: Christian Duffy. Millville Farmers Market Owner Taryn Crayton Columbia/Montour Chamber Vice President Michele Foust Glenn O Hawbaker. Human Resources Andy Moser Pik Rite Recruiter Patrick Ishler. Geisinger Education Head Olivia Hubler. Conservation District. Water-shed Specialist Stacy. Little Cubs Den Owner

- Ms. Maize asked if this was for one year.
- Mr. Hemsarth answered that the OAC will create bylaws that dictate the member terms.

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

11. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

11.1 Dishwasher Booster Heater

A motion by Heather Mausteller and second by Jonathan Richards that the Millville Area School Board consider and approve the quote from K&D Factory Service Inc. for the installation of a new dishwasher booster heater in the elementary to replace the malfunctioning equipment for a cost of \$7308.75. To be paid from the Cafeteria Fund.

- Ms. Maize asked if the district recently purchased this.
- Mr. McWilliams answered that no, this is a different appliance for the dishwasher.
- Ms. Maize asked if the district is reviewing the age of our equipment regularly.
- Dr. Rasmus answered that yes, this has been reviewed recently with Metz.
- Mr. McWilliams added that they did not realize this part was in that condition but that there were serious concerns about staff safety with the very hot water.
- Mrs. Holloway commented that the inspection was completed the same day.

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

12. PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES

Combined Consent (12.1 – 12.7)

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

- 12.1 Leave of Absence - Employee 631
 - A motion to consider and approve a paid leave of absence for employee #631 after FMLA is exhausted through June 11, 2026. The leave of absence will run concurrent with the use of sick time.
- 12.2 Support Personnel
 - A motion to consider and approve the support personnel recommendations as presented.
 - Cafeteria Worker
 - 12.2 A - A motion to consider and approve the appointment of STEPHINE WELSH, as a Cafeteria Worker, at the rate of \$11.40 per hour. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.

- Unpaid Leave
 - 12.2 B - A motion to consider and retroactively approve April 14, 17, and 28 (2.5 days) as unpaid leave days for employee 1130.
 - 12.2 C - A motion to consider and retroactively approve April 2 (1/2 day) as unpaid leave days for employee 591.
 - 12.2 D - A motion to consider and retroactively approve March 25 , March 26 (1.5 days) as unpaid leave days for employee 702.
- 12.3 ESY Staff - Summer 2026
 - A motion to consider and approve the following Extended School Year (ESY) staff: GWEN UTT, AALIAH DUBE, MEGAN HIPPENSTIEL, KELLY MYERS, MEGAN MESSIMER, BRIANNA STRICKLAND, ALYSSA WILLIAMS, KLOHE FAATZ, KAYLEEN JENKINS, SARAH DISCHNER, TANIA DROBNY, MEGAN TITTER, ABIGAIL ROSE, HEIDI IPHER, KATIE KISSINGER, MERCEDES SYLVESTER, MORIAH BENJAMIN, KIMBERLY BRAY.
- 12.4 Substitute Personnel 2025-2026
 - A motion to consider and approve the slate of substitute personnel for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.
 - Resignation
 - 12.4 A - A motion to accept the notice of resignation from NANCY DOMBROSKY as Nurse Substitute, effective immediately.
 - CSIU Guest Teacher Substitutes
 - 12.4 B - A motion to consider and approve MEGHAN ASHFORD as a CSIU Guest Teacher Substitute for the 20256-2026 school year. Clearances on file.
- 12.5 Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg Student Teachers Approval
 - A motion to consider and approve the Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg Student Teacher Placement of JOCELYN PARKER (Early Child Ed(PK-4)/Special Education (PK-12)) with cooperative teacher TIFFANY ANDERSON and the placement of LINDSAY PENSYL (Early Child Ed (PK-4)/Special Ed (PK-12)) with cooperative teacher TRAVIS BODNAR in the fall 2026 semester.
- 12.6 Messiah University Student Teacher Approval
 - A motion to consider and approve the Messiah University Student Teacher Placement of CONNOR APPLEMAN (Music Education (K-12)) with cooperative teacher CAROLYN SWEENEY in the fall 2026 semester.
- 12.7 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.
 - Jordan Fester, Brandy Powell, Nichole Swallow

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Heather Mausteller and second by Greg Hemsarth to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Whitney Holloway, Board Secretary

Chelsea Rosenberger, Board Recording Secretary