
MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

The Millville Area School Board held their regular business meeting on Monday, September 28, 2026 in the Millville Jr./Sr. High School Library beginning at 7:05 pm. Prior to the meeting, the Board held an Executive Session for legal and personnel matters.

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

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

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

GUEST RECOGNITION PRESENT

Guests present who signed the register were Christopher Sassaman, Wendy Faatz, Dr. Shanna Haden, Paul Haden, Trisha Whispell, and Matthew Lunger.

2. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Band Uniforms

- ❖ Dr. Rasmus presented a detailed account of the band uniform request before public comment on agenda items. He explained that the purpose was to recognize students' needs, clarify the sequence of discussions and recommendations, and describe the procurement, budget, and replacement-cycle considerations underlying the proposal. He explained that the band director, Carolyn Sweeney, brought concerns to Mr. Mills and Dr. Rasmus regarding growing participation, the condition of existing uniforms, and difficulty matching available uniform sizes to students. Some uniforms were no longer suitable for continued use. Administration reviewed a detailed inventory and sizing spreadsheet with the band director and acknowledged the sizing concerns. Following consultation with administration, the band director was asked to obtain estimates from three vendors. The preferred estimate for 100 traditional uniforms was approximately \$39,080.50, or approximately \$390.81 per uniform. Vendor quality, style options, and price were among the considerations discussed.
- ❖ Dr. Rasmus explained that purchases must follow applicable purchasing and bidding requirements. The traditional-uniform proposal was sufficiently large to require further procurement review rather than proceeding solely on vendor estimates. He also stated that the existing traditional uniforms were acquired in 2019 and were scheduled for replacement in 2029 under the district's ten-year replacement cycle. The request

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therefore represented a significant expenditure approximately three years ahead of the scheduled replacement.

- ❖ Dr. Rasmus reported approximately 25 high school band students and 41 junior high students, for a total of 66 students. He explained that the relationship between actual participation, sizing needs, and the request for 100 uniforms needed to be reconciled before a purchase was made. Based on the records reviewed for band trips/events, approximately five events appeared to involve traditional band uniforms.
- ❖ Dr. Rasmus then described the August 17th Co-Curricular Committee discussion and subsequent work during the week of August 18. An option to provide different attire for junior and senior high students was discouraged because the students frequently perform as a combined ensemble. The proposed uniform consisted of coordinated embroidered quarter-zip pullovers, polo shirts, and athletic pants. Administration and the band director reviewed garments and vendors, with student-officer input discussed as part of the selection process with a local vendor, One Eleven Printing, was identified for the proposed purchase. The recommendation placed before the Board was a total cost not to exceed \$7,300. Dr. Rasmus explained that this approach would address immediate student attire needs at a substantially lower cost than purchasing traditional uniforms ahead of the established replacement cycle.
- ❖ Committee and administrative discussions included expanding the band's visibility through homecoming, soccer senior nights, basketball senior nights, and other school or community events. Possible performances included the national anthem and selections performed from the stands. Administration discussed balancing performance opportunities with rehearsal requirements and students' schedules.
- ❖ Dr. Rasmus characterized increased visibility as an opportunity to support and recognize band students. He described a recent conversation with Dr. Haden and other band advocates to explain the history of the request and the district's decision process. He welcomed continued discussion with families and advocates and affirmed the district's commitment to supporting students while managing resources responsibly.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- ❖ Dr. Shanna Haden asked whether the proposed ensemble would be temporary until 2029 or would become the permanent uniform.
 - Board members and administration stated that future consideration would depend on budget conditions, garment durability, participation, frequency of use, and other circumstances. They expressed willingness to revisit the issue, without making a commitment to a specific future purchase.
- ❖ Trisha Whispell raised questions about laundering and footwear.
 - The Board and administration present agreed that those items would be at the expense of the parents and/or the boosters.
- ❖ Dr. Shanna Haden asked about student feedback and encouraged administrators to be more visible in the band room so students would know their concerns were understood.

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- Dr. Rasmus stated that the band director had been asked to involve officers and that students participated in sizing the proposed garments.
- ❖ Dr. Shanna Haden asked whether fundraising and additional performances could help support traditional uniforms in the future.
 - Board members welcomed the ideas but stated there were too many unknown variables to form a decision at this time.
 - The discussion included potential cooperation between band families and athletic boosters, including concession activities and other shared opportunities. Participants noted that a small number of families often carry much of the volunteer workload.
- ❖ Trisha Whispell questioned whether the district's sponsorship framework was focused primarily on athletics.
 - Dr. Rasmus expressed interest in considering opportunities for music and other extracurricular programs.
 - Mrs. Whitmoyer agreed and added that further ideas could be developed through committee discussion.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- ❖ Members of the administration had previously submitted their reports for the consideration of the Board.
- ❖ Mrs. Holloway, Business Manager, reported that all three booster club annual reports were available for review and shared with the Board. Questions about those reports would be referred to the respective organizations.
- ❖ Mrs. Fritz, Director of Student Services, reported that the new nurse, McKenzie Johnson, had started the prior week. The final Bayada coverage was approaching, and health supplies were being updated. She was working with intermediate unit staff to secure services and with MTSS staff. Staff had toured with the NEST Clinic in preparation for services beginning the following week.
- ❖ Dr. Meadows, Director of Interventional Support, reported that the NEST Clinic would begin the following week. Two therapists would serve both buildings, one a licensed professional counselor and the other a licensed clinical social worker. He also reported on the reboot of Navigate 360 SEL lessons and district screening. Administration had identified lesson order and monthly themes and planned classroom observation and feedback to monitor implementation and student engagement. He reported that most students had completed beginning-of-year reading and mathematics screening. A small number still needed to complete screening because of technology issues.
- ❖ Mrs. Fritz reported on behalf of Mr. Gordner, Elementary Principal that Quaker CARES posters had been updated and that a Quaker Huddle was being implemented, with live Monday meetings and the first weekly SEL lesson.
 - Mr. Hemsarth asked whether Millie the Owl was still being used.
 - Mrs. Fritz responded that the owl had been phased out.

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- ❖ Mr. Mills, Secondary Principal, reported that the District IV golf team competition was scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2026 and the cross country competition for October 29, 2026. Boys' and girls' soccer were in the middle of the District IV standings.
 - Mr. Hemsarth recognized Ayla Boyunegmez for reaching her 500th career save.
 - Mr. Mills then shared that the National Honor Society chapter had received Chapter of Distinction recognition. He explained that the recognition honors strong leadership, chapter operations, and work supporting the pillars of the National Honor Society, praising students' fundraising and service efforts over multiple years. Mr. Mills thanked the volunteer teachers serving on the junior/senior high school PBIS committee. The first meeting was scheduled for October 12.
 - Mr. Mills reported efforts to secure employment placements for students participating in the Diversified Occupations program. He discussed a school-day deadline for placements and reported approximately 17 students already working in placements, with additional placements being finalized. The program coordinator was contacting local community partners to develop opportunities. Potential expansion of nonclinical internships at Geisinger was discussed as a possible source of additional placements and experience for students.
 - Mr. Mills shared that the high school was reviewing courses that do not attract sufficient enrollment. Alternating selected offerings across school years was discussed as a way to preserve student access while improving course enrollment. Mr. Laayouni was conducting a book challenge in the library.
- ❖ Mr. McWilliams, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds reported that the replacement ice machine was operating. A roof drain had broken approximately three weeks earlier. A lift had been rented to repair the district office chimney. The prior Friday, a cooler was found at approximately 50 degrees without an alarm having been activated. A rooftop compressor had failed and was repaired; staff were investigating why the alarm did not activate.

5. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

CMAVTS Representative - Alex Cavallini and Greg Hemsarth

- ❖ Mr. Cavallini reported that committees including community members, students, and JOC members would be formed to review the study and provide input.
- ❖ Mr. Hemsarth reported that the process to identify the next Executive Director would begin soon.

CSIU Representative - Jessica Whitmoyer

- ❖ Jessica Whitmoyer reported routine business and announced that Dr. Kurelja had shared his retirement plans.

6. MINUTES / POLICY & BOARD GOVERNANCE

Combined Consent (6.1 - 6.10)

A motion to consider and approve all Policy/Board Governance items and Minutes as presented.

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- ❖ 6.1. September 14, 2026 - Board Meeting Minutes
 - A motion to approve the September 14, 2026 Millville Area School District Board meeting minutes.
- ❖ 6.2. Technology Committee Members
 - A motion to appoint the following members of the Technology Committee: Alex Cavallini, Corey Whitmoyer, and Jessica Whitmoyer.
- ❖ 6.3. Wellness Committee Members
 - A motion to appoint the following members of the Wellness Committee: Alex Cavallini and Corey Whitmoyer.
- ❖ 6.4. Review: MASD Policy 226 - Searches
 - A motion to consider and approve the first reading/review of Millville Area School District Policy 226: Searches, as reviewed by the Policy Committee.
- ❖ 6.5. First Reading Updated MASD Policy 619: District Audit
 - A motion to consider and approve the first reading of the updated Millville Area School District Policy 619: District Audit, as recommended by PSBA and reviewed by the Policy Committee.
- ❖ 6.6. First Reading Updated MASD Policy 102: Academic Standards
 - A motion to consider and approve the first reading of the updated Millville Area School District Policy 102: Academic Standards, as recommended by PSBA and reviewed by the Policy Committee.
- ❖ 6.7. First Reading Updated MASD Policy 204.1: Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks
 - A motion to consider and approve the first reading of the updated Millville Area School District Policy 204.1: Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks, as recommended by PSBA and reviewed by the Policy Committee.
- ❖ 6.8. First Reading Updated MASD Policy 209: Health Examinations/Screenings
 - A motion to consider and approve the first reading of the updated Millville Area School District Policy 209: Health Examinations/Screenings, as recommended by PSBA and reviewed by the Policy Committee.
- ❖ 6.9. First Reading Updated MASD Policy 246: School Wellness
 - A motion to consider and approve the first reading of the updated Millville Area School District Policy 246: School Wellness, as recommended by PSBA and reviewed by the Policy Committee.
- ❖ 6.10. Updated Administrative Regulation 246-AR-2: Physical Education
 - A motion to consider and approve the first reading of the updated Millville Area School District Administrative Regulation 246-AR-2: Physical Education, as recommended by PSBA and reviewed by the Policy Committee.

This combined motion, made by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Gena Maize, Carried.

- ❖ Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
- ❖ Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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7. BUDGET AND FINANCE

Combined Consent (7.1 - 7.2)

A motion to consider and approve all financial items as presented.

❖ 7.1. Expenditures

- A motion is needed to consider and approve September 28, 2026 general fund expenditures in the amount of \$176,829.88, athletic fund expenditures in the amount of \$996.00, and cafeteria expenditures in the amount of \$680.91.

❖ 7.2. Conrad Siegel ACA Proposal

- A motion is needed to consider and approve the proposal of Conrad Siegel Actuaries for Affordable Care Act (ACA) consulting services, at \$5,200 for a 12-month period, no change in cost from the prior year.

This combined motion, made by Gena Maize and seconded by Jonathan Richards, Carried.

- ❖ Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
- ❖ Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7.3. Financial Reports

The monthly financial reports were submitted for the consideration of the Board and no additional questions were asked.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Approval of Conferences / Meetings 2026-2027

A motion to consider and approve the slate of conferences/meetings as presented.

Agenda Item	Staff Member(s)	Location & Purpose	Date(s)	Cost
8.1 A	Katie Sick	Selinsgrove MS	10/12/26	None
8.1 B	Amanda Harding	CSIU	10/12/26	\$30, mileage reimbursement
8.1 C	Danielle Fritz	CSIU	10/5/26	Mileage Reimbursement
8.1 D	Tarah Kishbach	Selinsgrove MS	10/12/26	None
8.1 E	Rodney Fry	Selinsgrove MS	10/12/26	Mileage Reimbursement

- ❖ This motion, made by Gena Maize and seconded by Alex Cavallini, Carried.
 - Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
 - Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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8.2. Updated 2026-2027 School Calendar

A motion to consider and approve the updated calendar for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. The Act 80 Day originally scheduled for May 7, 2027 will now be May 14, 2027.

- ❖ This motion, made by Alex Cavallini and seconded by Gena Maize, Carried.
 - Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
 - Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.3. Band Uniforms Acquisition

A motion to consider and approve the acquisition of new band uniforms consisting of coordinating quarter zip pullovers, polo shirts, and athletic pants aligned to the specifications provided by the band director for a cost not to exceed \$7,300.

- ❖ This motion, made by Gena Maize and seconded by Greg Hemsarh, Carried.
 - Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Corey Whitmoyer: Nay, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
 - Yea: 6, Nay: 1, Absent: 2

9. CURRICULUM / EDUCATIONAL

9.1. Curricular Excursions & Field Trips 26/27

A motion is needed to consider and approve the field trips and curricular excursions as presented. The 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.

Trip Purpose	Date(s)	Staff Requesting
FFA Career Development Events	9/28/26	Christy Harrison
BTE High School Theater Workshop Day	10/7/26	Chelsea Rosenberger
District Chorus Auditions	10/18/26	Carolyn Sweeney

This motion, made by Greg Hemsarh and seconded by Gena Maize, Carried.

- ❖ Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
- ❖ Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

10. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Combined Consent (10.1 - 10.5)

A motion to consider and approve all Buildings and Grounds items as presented.

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- ❖ 10.1. Child Evangelism Fellowship Facility Use: 2026/2027
 - A motion to consider and approve Child Evangelism Fellowship using the Elementary library to provide Good News Club, Tuesdays beginning October 6, 2026, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Pending receipt of \$100 refundable deposit, as per Administrative Regulation 707 AR-3. Certificate of Liability Insurance on file.
- ❖ 10.2. Disposal Approval
 - A motion to consider and approve the disposal of a Manitowoc Ice Machine that is beyond economic repair, as presented.
- ❖ 10.3. Elementary 6th Grade Art Mural
 - A motion to consider and approve the installation of a student artwork mural at Millville Elementary School, consisting of individual artwork tiles created by students and assembled into a unified mural, at a location within the school to be determined in coordination with the administration.
- ❖ 10.4. Batting Cages Concrete Pads
 - A motion to consider and approve the concrete pads project for the Baseball and Softball batting cages at a total cost for the concrete (Dan Ber) not to exceed \$4,500. The installation/labor will be donated from community member BRIT RIDER.
- ❖ 10.5. Survey Initiation: Former District Office Building
 - A motion to consider and approve the dissemination of a survey to district stakeholders and community members regarding the previous district office building for the purpose of providing an opportunity for meaningful community input and gathering feedback to inform the board's consideration and decision-making.

This combined motion, made by Alex Cavallini and seconded by Jonathan Richards, Carried.

- ❖ Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
- ❖ Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

11. PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES

Combined Consent (11.1 - 11.8)

A motion to consider and approve all personnel items as presented (11.1 - 11.8).

- ❖ 11.1. Resignation - L. Whitenight
 - A motion to accept the notice of resignation from LISA WHITENIGHT as Second Shift Custodian, effective immediately.
- ❖ 11.2. Formation of Skills USA Co-Curricular Advisor Position
 - A motion to consider and approve the formation of the Co-Curricular Advisor position Skills USA Advisor with a yearly stipend of \$701, starting in the 2026-2027 school year.

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- ❖ 11.3. Position Assignment Stipend: K. Preston
 - A motion to consider and approve an additional stipend of \$1.60 per hour for KATIE PRESTON, due to the nature of her assignment, retroactive to August 26, 2026.
- ❖ 11.4. Position Assignment Stipend: A. Rose
 - A motion to consider and approve an additional stipend of \$1.60 per hour for ABIGAIL ROSE, due to the nature of her assignment, retroactive to August 26, 2026.
- ❖ 11.5. CSIU Guest Teacher Substitute - T. Solenberger
 - A motion to consider and approve THOMAS SOLENBERGER as a CSIU Guest Teacher Substitute for the 2026-2027 school year. Clearances on file. This motion, made by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Gena Maize, Carried.
Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
- ❖ 11.6. After School Detention Monitors 2026/2027
 - A motion to consider and approve the appointment of the list of After School Detention Monitors as presented.
 - Klohe Faatz, Sara Fink, Kayleen Jenkins, Katie Sick
- ❖ 11.7. Co-Curricular Personnel 2026-2027
 - A motion to consider and approve the Co-Curricular Personnel recommendations for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.
 - 11.7.A. Appoint Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach: B. Kittle
 - A motion to consider and approve the appointment of BRITTAN KITTLE as Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach for the 2026-2027 spring athletic season. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.
 - 11.7.B. Appoint Varsity Softball Assistant Coach: N. Pease
 - A motion to consider and approve appointing NICK PEASE as the Varsity Softball Assistant Coach for the 2026-2027 spring athletic season. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.
 - 11.7.C. Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach: K. Gillaspay
 - A motion to consider and approve the appointment of KIRBY GILLASPY as Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2026-2027 spring athletic season. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.
 - 11.7.D. Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach: A. Bloom
 - A motion to consider and approve the appointment of ANDREW BLOOM as Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2026-2027 spring athletic season. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.

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- 11.7.E. Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach: B. Rider
 - A motion to consider and approve the appointment of BRIT RIDER as Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2026-2027 spring athletic season. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.
- 11.7.F. Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach: J. Zeisloft
 - A motion to consider and approve the appointment of JESSE ZEISLOFT as Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2026-2027 spring athletic season. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.
- 11.7.G. Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach: L. Evans
 - A motion to consider and approve the appointment of LANDON EVANS as Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2026-2027 spring athletic season. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.
- 11.7.H. Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach: E. Brokenshire
 - A motion to consider and approve the appointment of EVAN BROKENSHERE as Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2026-2027 spring athletic season. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.
- 11.8. Commonwealth University Student Practicum Placement: Fall 2026
 - A motion to consider and approve the practicum placement of Commonwealth University students with the cooperative teachers as presented. Clearances on file.

This combined motion, made by Jessica Whitmoyer and seconded by Gena Maize, Carried.

- ❖ Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Nay, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
- ❖ Yea: 6, Nay: 1, Absent: 2

11.9. Prioritized Agenda Item #1A - Appoint Second Shift Custodian

A motion to 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.

- ❖ This motion, made by Alex Cavallini and seconded by Jessica Whitmoyer, Carried.
 - Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
 - Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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11.10. Prioritized Agenda Item #1B - Appoint Second Shift Custodian

A motion to consider and approve the appointment of NOAH BARTHOLOMEW as a Second Shift Custodian, at the rate of \$13.48 per hour (inclusive of the shift differential). Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.

- ❖ This motion, made by Gena Maize and seconded by Alex Cavallini, Carried.
 - Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
 - Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

11.11. Prioritized Agenda Item #1C - Appoint Second Shift Custodian

A motion to consider and approve amending the minutes of the September 28, 2026 board meeting to reflect the inclusion of the aforementioned prioritized agenda item.

- ❖ This motion, made by Matt Deihl and seconded by Alex Cavallini, Carried.
 - Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarh: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
 - Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ Trisha Whispell addressed transportation for her daughter's participation in junior high volleyball at Berwick. She described her daughter's interest in volleyball following participation with a club team during spring 2026, the process of obtaining approval to participate, and the limited time available to promote the opportunity after approval was completed around July. Mrs. Whispell stated that the family had been responsible for transporting the student to practices and other activities and requested consideration of district assistance.
- ❖ Mrs. Whispell asked how a boundary school is defined and whether mileage could be used instead of shared district boundaries.
 - Dr. Rasmus explained that boundary districts are those whose geographic boundaries adjoin Millville's and that interscholastic participation and cooperative arrangements involve PIAA requirements.
- ❖ Mrs. Whispell asked whether district transportation could be provided, including possible transportation using a school vehicle or driver.
 - Dr. Rasmus indicated that the request could be considered after reviewing logistics and gathering additional information.
 - Mrs. Whispell also asked where athletic transportation expenditures appear in the budget and requested greater clarity regarding the allocation of transportation funds.
 - Mrs. Holloway explained that routine student transportation, athletic transportation, and state transportation reimbursement are recorded separately. Athletic programs include their own transportation expenditure lines. She

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distinguished the state transportation subsidy, which is revenue, from district transportation expenditures, and explained that state reimbursement does not cover athletic transportation.

- ❖ Mrs. Whispell then asked about policy language concerning transportation for home-educated students.
 - Dr. Rasmus explained that eligible home-educated students may participate in district extracurricular activities, but the district does not provide individual transportation from their homes to school for practices. When a participating student attends an away event for which district team transportation is provided and required, the same team transportation requirements apply. He also discussed comparable participation arrangements for students enrolled in the district's virtual academy. Participation does not itself create individual home-to-practice transportation.
 - Mr. Mills noted that the district transports students one way to other cooperative arrangements, like for track at Northwest.
 - Mrs. Whispell asked whether the Northwest transportation arrangement could be considered for other students.
 - Dr. Rasmus explained that the Northwest arrangement began with a parent request and subsequent Board consideration. He identified Central Columbia, Danville, and Bloomsburg as examples of adjoining districts.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the September 28, 2026 regular business meeting of the Millville Area School Board. This motion, made by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Alex Cavallini, Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

- ❖ Michael Farrell: Absent, Heather Mausteller: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Matt Deihl: Yea, Greg Hemsarth: Yea, Gena Maize: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
- ❖ Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Whitney Holloway, Board Secretary

Chelsea Rosenberger, Board Recording Secretary