MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
330 East Main Street
Millville, PA 17846

MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026

The Millville Area School Board held their regular business meeting on Monday, October 12, 2026 in the Millville Jr./Sr. High School Library beginning at 7:00 pm.

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

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

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Guests present who signed the register were Christopher Sassaman, Wendy Faatz, Aimee Diehl, Nevin Iliev, Klohe Faatz, Alexa Longacre, and Tom Allen.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- No guests ask to comment to the Board.

3. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Rasmus informed the Board that he would defer to his written report provided to Board members. He introduced Title I Reading Specialists Mrs. Nevin Iliev and Mrs. Aimee Diehl, along with Mr. Brandon Gordner, who recently presented at the Keystone State Literacy Association (KSLA) Conference.

3.1. Presentation on KSLA Conference

- Mr. Gordner explained that the group recently presented at the Keystone State Literacy Association Conference held at Kalahari. The presentation was designed to showcase the extensive literacy initiatives offered by Millville Area Elementary School and demonstrate how a small school district can provide comprehensive programming through creativity, planning, and community partnerships. Mr. Gordner explained that the presentation emphasized the concept that school districts do not need substantial financial resources to develop successful literacy programs. He noted that attendees from other districts expressed surprise at the number and variety of activities Millville offers throughout a single school year.

- Mrs. Iliev explained that she and Mrs. Diehl are currently in their sixth year of working together as Title I reading specialists. When they began working together, the elementary school offered several traditional reading incentives and family engagement activities, including Rocket to Reading, Book It, Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dad, and grandparent luncheons. Although these activities were successful, the reading specialists wanted to establish a more comprehensive and engaging approach to literacy education. They began by rebranding the program and developing a yearlong schedule of events designed to promote reading. The primary goal was to develop students' love of reading by helping them build personal libraries of books they could keep at home.
- Mrs. Iliev explained that the program requires considerable planning and coordination but has grown significantly over the past six years.
- Mrs. Diehl discussed the literacy activities incorporated into Meet the Teacher Night and other beginning-of-year events. The reading specialists provide interactive activities and opportunities for students to receive books and literacy-related prizes. Mrs. Diehl explained that the reading specialists attempt to distribute books at nearly every school or community event they attend. Books are obtained through donations from parents, families, and community members, as well as through Scholastic rewards and other partnerships. Literacy outreach activities have been incorporated into Meet the Teacher Night, Back-to-School Night, parent-teacher conferences, community pool events, schoolwide PBIS Assemblies, and other district and community activities.
- The presenters reviewed several programs they have initiated including: Strive for 25, Elementary Book Nook, Book Bingo, Literacy Luncheons, Scholastic Book Fairs, Literacy Pop-up Events, Glow Night, Read Across America Week, Read Under the Lights, Author Visits, Reading with Animals, Principal’s Reading Challenge, and One School One Book. They explained that many of the District's literacy initiatives are made possible through donations and volunteer support.
- The presenters concluded by discussing several initiatives currently being explored. These include a partnership with a company to conduct a book drive through which employees would purchase new books for students. They continually evaluate opportunities to expand and improve the program.
- Dr. Rasmus thanked Mrs. Iliev, Mrs. Diehl, and Mr. Gordner for their presentation and dedication to students. He emphasized that Title I funding requires districts to provide family engagement opportunities. Dr. Rasmus commended the presenters for creating programming that exceeds basic compliance expectations and provides meaningful educational opportunities for students and families.
- Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and the work being completed.

4. BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

- Mrs. Holloway had previously shared her written report with the Board, and no additional questions were asked.

5. MINUTES / POLICY & BOARD GOVERNANCE

Combined Consent (5.1 - 5.9)

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

- 5.1. September 28, 2026 - Board Meeting Minutes
  - A motion to approve the September 28, 2026 Millville Area School District Board meeting minutes.
- 5.2. 2026-2027 Updated Board Committees Schedule
  - A motion to consider and approve the updated Millville Area School Board Committee schedule for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.
- 5.3. Review: MASD Policy 226 - Searches
  - A motion to consider and approve the second and final reading/review of Millville Area School District Policy 226: Searches, as reviewed by the Policy Committee.
- 5.4. Second Reading Updated MASD Policy 619: District Audit
  - A motion to consider and approve the second and final reading of the updated Millville Area School District Policy 619: District Audit, as recommended by PSBA and reviewed by the Policy Committee.
- 5.5. Second Reading Updated MASD Policy 102: Academic Standards
  - A motion to consider and approve the second and final reading of the updated Millville Area School District Policy 102: Academic Standards, as recommended by PSBA and reviewed by the Policy Committee.
- 5.6. Second Reading Updated MASD Policy 204.1: Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks
  - A motion to consider and approve the second and final 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.
- 5.7. Second Reading Updated MASD Policy 209: Health Examinations/Screenings
  - A motion to consider and approve the second and final reading of the updated Millville Area School District Policy 209: Health Examinations/Screenings, as recommended by PSBA and reviewed by the Policy Committee.
- 5.8. Second Reading Updated MASD Policy 246: School Wellness
  - A motion to consider and approve the second and final reading of the updated Millville Area School District Policy 246: School Wellness, as recommended by PSBA and reviewed by the Policy Committee.
- 5.9. Updated Administrative Regulation 246-AR-2: Physical Education
  - A motion to consider and approve the second and final 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 Corey Whitmoyer and seconded by Heather Mausteller, Carried.

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

6. BUDGET AND FINANCE

6.1. Expenditures

A motion to consider and approve the October 12, 2026 general fund expenditures in the amount of $212,368.57 and athletic fund expenditures in the amount of $1,428.00.

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

6.2. Electricity Pricing

A motion to postpone the recommended action to the next regular business meeting as presented:

- A motion to consider and approve Freepoint as the electric supplier at the current market rate for a term of __ months (up from the previous rate of $0.08782).
- This motion to postpone, made by Greg Hemsarth and seconded by Heather Mausteller, Carried.
  - Matt Deihl: Absent, Gena Maize: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Michael Farrell: Yea, Greg Hemsarth: Yea, Heather Mausteller: Yea, Jonathan Richards: Yea, Corey Whitmoyer: Yea, Jessica Whitmoyer: Yea
  - Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Combined Consent (7.1 - 7.2)

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

- 7.1. Curricular Excursions & Field Trips 26/27
  - A motion 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
Scholastic Scrimmage	10/23/26	Mary Schrader

Benton Halloween Parade	10/27/26	Carolyn Sweeney
Danville Halloween Parade	10/29/26	Carolyn Sweeney
County Chorus Festival	11/3/26 - 11/4/26	Carolyn Sweeney
County Band Auditions	11/9/26	Carolyn Sweeney

- 7.2. MFA Token Acquisition: Winslow Technology Group
  - A motion to consider and approve the acquisition of tokens for use with Cisco Duo from Winslow Technology Groups at a cost of $1,153.60.

This combined motion, made by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Alex Cavallini, Carried.

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

8. PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES

Combined Consent (8.1 - 8.5)

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

- 8.1. Cafeteria Substitute - D. Davis
  - A motion to consider and approve DONNA DAVIS as a Cafeteria Substitute for the 2026-2027 school year, pending approval from PSERS. Clearances on file.
- 8.2. Unpaid Leave: Employee 1150
  - A motion to approve four (4) unpaid leave days for Employee 1150 on September 16, 2026; October 5, 2026; and October 8-9, 2026, in accordance with applicable District policies and collective bargaining agreement provisions.
- 8.3. Appoint Varsity Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach: S. Johnson
  - A motion to consider and approve the appointment of SHANE JOHNSON as Varsity Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2026-2027 winter athletic season. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.
- 8.4. MASD Employee Driver Approvals
  - A motion is needed to consider and approve ANGELA SCOTT and AALIAH DUBE as drivers of MASD vehicles. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.
- 8.5. Rhinard Transportation Driver Approval
  - A motion to consider and approve DENISE FARVER as a driver for Rhinard Transportation. Pending receipt of all necessary documentation.

This combined motion, made by Alex Cavallini and seconded by Heather Mausteller, Carried.

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Tom Allen - Central Columbia Resident

- Mr. Tom Allen addressed the Board regarding budget development and communication between the participating school districts and Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School (CMAVTS). Mr. Allen identified himself as a Central Columbia resident and retired career and technical education administrator. He explained that his professional background included attending a technical school, serving as a teacher, and holding administrative positions in career and technical education, as well as, administrative leadership at Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School.
- Mr. Allen stated that this is typically the time of year when career and technical school administrative directors begin discussing budget expectations with participating school districts. He explained that administrators benefit from receiving early guidance regarding the financial parameters that school boards would like to see reflected in the proposed budget. Mr. Allen shared that during his administrative career, superintendents and school boards often communicated their budget expectations in October. He explained that receiving this information early allowed the administrative director to work with the Joint Operating Committee, business manager, and instructional staff to develop a budget consistent with the participating districts' expectations.
- Mr. Allen encouraged the Board to discuss its expectations and communicate those parameters to Dr. Rasmus so that the information could be shared with CMAVTS administration. He stated that a zero-percent budget increase may not be realistic because vocational-technical schools face many of the same rising costs as traditional school districts. He encouraged the Board to remain mindful of these financial pressures when considering the CMAVTS budget.
- Mr. Allen encouraged Board members to communicate their expectations early so that the vocational-technical school could develop a budget that would receive the necessary support.
    - Mr. Hemsarth thanked Mr. Allen for sharing his perspective and acknowledged the importance of communication regarding the CMAVTS budget. He indicated that communication and guidance regarding budget expectations had been a concern, lacking in substantial communication regarding specific financial guidelines or parameters. Mr. Hemsarth acknowledged the importance of establishing expectations and maintaining communication between the participating school districts and CMAVTS administration.
    - Mr. Allen further discussed the importance of effective communication between CMAVTS administration, the Joint Operating Committee, and participating school districts. He expressed hope that future administrative leadership at CMAVTS would prioritize regular communication and provide timely information to participating districts. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the October 12, 2026 regular business meeting of the Millville Area School Board. This motion, made by Heather Mausteller and seconded by Alex Cavallini, Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

- Matt Deihl: Absent, Gena Maize: Absent, Alex Cavallini: Yea, Michael Farrell: Yea, Greg Hemsarth: Yea, Heather Mausteller: 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