On April 27th at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Millville Area Board of School Directors, the board formally appointed Mr. Joseph Rasmus as the next superintendent of the Millville Area School District. Mr. Rasmus will begin leading the organization on July 1, 2020.

Mr. Rasmus received his bachelor’s degree from Wilkes University in theatre, a master’s degree in speech and theatre from Montclair State University and began PhD coursework in communication studies at Rutgers University. Mr. Rasmus also received his certification and masters equivalency in secondary education from Marywood University, and a master’s in educational leadership from Wilkes. Mr. Rasmus secured his superintendent’s letter of eligibility from Marywood as well. He has completed all coursework for his doctorate in educational leadership from Wilkes, and only his dissertation remains to be completed.

“I am ready to open the next chapter in my career and lead the Millville Area School District. I have had the opportunity to interact with the board, members of the leadership team, faculty and staff, and I see their passion around supporting all students. I am prepared to work closely with the entire Millville community as we create a compelling future for the organization,” Rasmus said.

Mr. Rasmus serves as the assistant superintendent of the Crestwood School District. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the acting superintendent and superintendent in Crestwood. Mr. Rasmus’s career also includes working as the elementary principal/K-12 curriculum coordinator in the Northwest Area School District. Before that he was the assistant secondary principal and graduation project curriculum coordinator for three years. Mr. Rasmus’ work in the classroom includes teaching secondary language arts and serving as the reading and world languages department chairperson, drama director and student council advisor. He spent six years as an elementary teacher and drama director at the United Hebrew Institute in Kingston, PA. Mr. Rasmus also brings experience at the collegiate level as an adjunct and full professor at Penn State Hazleton, Dunmore, the University of Scranton and Wilkes University in those institution’s communication and theatre departments.

“The Board is very happy with the selection of Mr. Rasmus to lead the District in the coming years and we are all anticipating a good working relationship with him once he begins his tenure in the District”, Board President Sue Myers said. “He brings with him experience, knowledge and enthusiasm for education and student success. We expect that under his guidance, Millville will continue to move forward in providing the best education possible for our students.”

Shortly after Mr. Rasmus arrives, he will be embarking on a comprehensive entry plan that will afford him the opportunity to become immersed in the organization, and position himself well to develop a thoughtful, ambitious course of continued growth and improvement at Millville. The Board would like to thank all of those who participated in various stages of this process. They also wish to express their deepest, heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Cynthia Jenkins, who has led this district extremely well during her entire tenure in Millville. With class and character, Mrs. Jenkins has worked with others to build a strong foundation for the future and will help Mr. Rasmus as he transitions into the Millville Superintendent position. She will be sincerely missed by students, staff and the Board and we wish her the best in her retirement!

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