

MILLVILLE MASSACHUSETTS



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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Memoriam



*In memoriam of the Town residents who had
passed away in 2021*

Margaret Carroll

Stephen Jones

James Mullaney

Rosemary Phipps

Leonard Provencal

Helene Ryan

Amanda Trant

Santo Tulumello

Gail Wright

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Residents of the Town of Millville,

We are honored to present the Annual Town Report of the town of Millville Board of Selectmen. The Board is comprised of five elected individuals, each serving three-year staggered terms. Erica Blake and Jennifer Wing opted not to seek re-election and Kevin Surette resigned his position. The Board would like to thank them for their service to the town.

On April 5, 2021, the Board welcomed two new members, Todd Trottier was elected to a three-year term and Adrienne Pettit, who previously served on Millville's Finance Committee from July 2018 to December 2020, was elected to finish the one year remaining on the term vacated by Kevin Surette. The Board of Selectmen reorganized on April 6, 2021 and elected Jennifer Gill as the Chair, Andrew Alward as the Vice-Chair, and Adrienne Pettit as Secretary. At this time, the Board of Selectmen only has four members.

The last year has been trying due to the Covid pandemic. We have had town meetings outside, all meetings virtually, and daily operations have changed. Millville has weathered this pandemic very well thanks to the leadership of our Town Administrator, Peter Caruso. The Board would like to extend its gratitude to the Town Hall staff and Peter for their hard work, flexibility and continued excellence amidst the challenges this pandemic has created over the past year.

Over the past couple of years, the Town of Millville has made tremendous progress in terms its financial stability. The stabilization accounts have healthy balances, while investing in a variety of capital items, such as: a backhoe and sanding truck for the highway department; and a new police cruiser and other equipment for the public safety departments.

In addition, the Board is incredibly grateful for Senator Ryan Fattman and Representative Mike Soter's partnership and support. In 2021, they were able to secure \$250,000 to purchase a new ambulance. According to Senator Fattman, this is the single largest item funded by the state in Millville's history. The Board looks forward to this continued partnership and support from the Senator and Representative.

Despite all of these financial accomplishments, it is imperative that the Board continue to work closely with the Finance Committee to keep Millville in a strong financial position. Further, the Board is committed to continuing to work diligently with Millville's other boards and committees to meet the needs of our community and continue to build the financial health of our town, by heavily scrutinizing budgets and purchases, to ensure our

policies, and procedures and to update as needed.

Thank you so much for your support over this last year. We cannot stress enough that we encourage and look forward to the participation of anyone and everyone in Millville. We encourage you to attend meetings, ask questions, and present new ideas. Many, if not all, meetings have open forum – we would love to hear from you.

The Board of Selectmen will continue to work and serve all residents of Millville to the best of our abilities. As always, it is an honor to serve the Town's residents for the last year.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Gill, Chairman
Andrew Alward, Vice Chairman

Adrienne Pettit, Secretary
Todd Trottier, Member

In addition, we received and started utilizing some of the \$950,000 available under ARPA funds, fulfilling critical needs without dipping into taxpayer pockets.

There are so many to thank for helping Millville make it in Massachusetts. Including Senator Fattman and Representative Soter. But mostly you all need to be thanked. Without you there would be no Millville.

Thank you!

Peter Caruso, Millville Town Administrator

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES: 2021

Births: 26

Deaths: 29

Marriages: 9

Dog Licenses: 2021

Total number of licenses issued: 533

Amount of money collected: \$5829.00

Dept	Position	Office Holder	Term Expires
Cable Access Committee	Member	Madison Durand	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Member	L. Carlton Hamilton	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Cable Coordinator	Timothy Labonte	6/30/2022
Cable Access Committee	Member	Timothy Labonte	6/30/2022
Capital Program Committee	By Virtue of Town Position	Peter Caruso	6/30/2023
Capital Program Committee	Advisor	Richard Crivello	6/30/2023
Capital Program Committee	Member	Christian Munise	6/30/2022
Central Mass Regional Planning Commission	Delegate	Justin Allen	6/30/2021
Central Mass Regional Planning Commission	Alternate Member	Pamela Maloney	6/30/2024
Conservation Commission	Member	Pamela Maloney	6/30/2023
Conservation Commission	Member	Jeffrey Pettit	6/30/2023
Conservation Commission	Member	Amy Sutherland	6/30/2024
Council on Aging	Member	Sandra Caswell	6/30/2022
Council on Aging	Member	Elaine Ethier	6/30/2021
Council on Aging	Member	Patricia Finn	6/30/2024
Council on Aging	Member	Pamela Dean Kobetitsch	6/30/2022
Council on Aging	Member/Volunteer	Lois C. Laflamme	6/30/2021
Council on Aging	Member	Diane Lamoureux	6/30/2024
Council on Aging	Member	Lori Ann Legere	6/30/2021
Council on Aging	Member	Paul Moore	6/30/2023
Council on Aging	Member	Larry Pearson	6/30/2024
Council on Aging	Member and Volunteer	Susanne Robbins	6/30/2022
Council on Aging	Member	Alan Whittlemore	6/30/2024
Cultural Council	Member	Ron Kelly	6/30/2024
Cultural Council	Member	Pamela Maloney	6/30/2024

Dept	Position	Office Holder	Term Expires
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	Melanie Rielly	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call FF/EMT	Matthew Roias	6/30/2022
Fire Department	On-Call EMT	John Wojcik, IV	6/30/2022
Flag Warden	Flag Warden	Neil Foley	6/30/2022
Gas/Plumbing Inspector	Plumbing Inspector	John D'Agostino	6/30/2022
Green Community Committee	Member	Patricia Benoit-Rudden	6/30/2022
Green Community Committee	Member	Matthew Kirk	6/30/2021
Historical Commission	Member	Emile Berthelette	6/30/2023
Historical Commission	Member	Leonel Clement	6/30/2022
Historical Commission	Member	Charles Dakai	6/30/2024
Historical Commission	Member	Maria Downing	6/30/2021
Historical Commission	Member	Elaine Ethier	6/30/2024
Historical Commission	Member	Mary Gauvin	6/30/2022
Historical Commission	Member	Diane Hadley	6/30/2022
Library	Permanent Trustee	Gail Bryson	1/1/2100
Library	Permanent Trustee	Colleen Curis	1/1/2100
Library	Permanent Trustee	James Mullaly	1/1/2100
Open Space & Recreation Planning Committee	Member	Kevin DelGizzi	6/30/2022
Open Space & Recreation Planning Committee	Member	Jennifer Dean Wing	6/30/2021
Parks and Recreation Committee	Member	Ryan DelGizzi	6/30/2021
Parks and Recreation Committee	Member	Kevin DelGizzi	6/30/2022
Parks and Recreation Committee	Member	Ronald Landry	6/30/2022
Planning Board	Associate Member	Preston Juskavitch	6/30/2021
Police Department	PT Patrolman	Jeffrey Beckwith	6/30/2022
Police Department	PT Patrolman	Harry Cervantes	6/30/2022

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Office Holder	Dept	Position	Effective Date	Term Expires
Gerald Finn	Blackstone Valley Tech School Committee	Millville Representative	1/1/2019	12/31/2022
Amanda Guilmain	Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee	Member	4/6/2021	3/24/2022
Erin Vinacco	Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee	Millville Member	6/15/2020	4/1/2024
Jane Reggio	Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee	Millville Member	4/2/2018	4/4/2022
Tara Larkin	Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee	Millville Member	4/1/2019	4/3/2023
Catherine Robinson	Board of Health	Member	4/6/2021	4/1/2024
Dustin Ciccarelli	Board of Health	Member	6/15/2020	4/3/2023
Robert Marks, Jr.	Board of Health	Member	4/4/2022	4/7/2025
Andrew Alward	Board of Selectmen	Member	6/15/2020	4/3/2023
Jennifer Gill	Board of Selectmen	Member	6/15/2020	4/3/2023
Todd Trottier	Board of Selectmen	Member	4/6/2021	4/1/2024
VACANCY SELECTMAN	Board of Selectmen	Member	4/5/2021	4/1/2024
VACANCY SELECTMAN	Board of Selectmen	Member	4/4/2022	4/1/2025
Gregory Gomes	Constable	Constable	4/6/2021	4/1/2024
Norman Thuot	Constable	Constable	4/1/2019	4/4/2022
Brian Mullaly	Highway Department	Highway Surveyor	6/15/2020	4/3/2023
Alyssa Thompson	Library	Trustee	4/6/2021	4/4/2022
Pamela Maloney	Library	Trustee	4/6/2021	4/1/2024
Pamela Thistle	Library	Trustee	6/15/2020	4/3/2023
Chris Drew	Planning Board	Member	6/15/2020	4/7/2025
Justin Allen	Planning Board	Member	6/15/2020	4/4/2022
Pamela Maloney	Planning Board	Member	4/1/2019	4/1/2024
Preston Juskavitch	Planning Board	Member	9/21/2021	4/4/2022
William Coupe, Jr.	Planning Board	Member	4/2/2018	4/3/2023
Diane Lockwood	Town Clerk	Town Clerk	4/1/2019	4/4/2022

RESULTS
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

Number of Registered Voters: 2316 Turnout: 147 Voter Percentage: 6%

BMR District School Committee (Blackstone Rep) 4 Year Term	
Keri Lynn Gaudette	97
Timothy Wayne Howell	30
Blanks	20
BMR District School Committee (Blackstone Rep) Expiring 2022	
Kerri Gaudette	2
Tim Howell	5
Blanks	140
BMR District School Committee (Blackstone Rep) Expiring 2024	
Sarah E. Williams	126
Blanks	21
BMR District School Committee (Millville Rep) 4 Year Term	
Amanda Guilmain	126
Blanks	21
Board of Health 3-Year Term	
Catherine Ann Robinson	127
Blanks	20
Board of Selectmen (Two Positions) 3-Year Term	
Todd Alan Trottier	113
Jennifer Dean Wing	4
Erica Blake**	8
Steve Furno	3
Gary Gill	1
Linda Bassett	1
Normand Gamache	1
Paul Buono	2
Lincoln Barber	2
Josh Poznanski	2
Jonathan Sheehan	1
Beth Crenshaw	1
Blanks	113
Blanks	42

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
RESULTS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021

MILLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 2. BILLS OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, §64 to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Accountant

Explanation: This annual article seeks authorization Town Meeting authorization to pay prior years' bills, if any, which is required pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §64. Passage of this article requires a 4/5th's majority.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0

Finance Recommend: 5-0

A motion was made and duly seconded that the town take no action on this article.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of monies from the Free Cash or available funds to fund deficits incurred with the Snow/Ice budget per M.G.L. Chapter 44; Section 31D; or take any other action in relation thereto. ***Submitted by: Finance Committee & Highway Surveyor***

Explanation: This annual article seeks a transfer from Free Cash or other available funds, including General Stabilization funds, in order to pay the deficit in the Snow/Ice account, which can be lawfully overspent pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 31D.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0

Finance Recommend: 5-0

A motion was made and duly seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$73,648.70 from the General Stabilization Fund to fund the deficit incurred with the Snow/Ice budget per MGL Chapter 44, Section 31D.

Moderator declared a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote.

A motion was made and duly seconded that the Town vote to transfer from the PEG Access and Cable Related Funds account the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,500.00) to be forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for use by the Director of Library and Media Services to enhance the curriculum offerings that are available in the School District.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6. FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, to borrow, or to transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray Town expenses for all departments, including debt and interest and compensation for Town Officers, and to provide for the Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Town Administrator, Town Accountant & Finance Committee*

Explanation: This annual article provides for all tax-supported Town operations and activities including the operating budgets of the schools and general government. Please see the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Document.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0

Finance Recommend: 5-0

A motion was made and duly seconded the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ **6,642,611** as deemed necessary to defray Town expenses for all departments, including debt and interest and compensation for Town Officers, and to provide for the Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, with such appropriation to be funded as follows: Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$6,594,911, and to transfer the sum of \$40,820 from the Septic Title V account, and to transfer the sum of \$6,880 from the General Stabilization Fund, for a total of \$6,642,611 as set forth in the budget document presented to Town Meeting.

Moderator declared motion passes with a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote.

ARTICLE 7. CAPITAL ITEMS - FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT GEAR

To see if the town would vote to appropriate \$16,000 to purchase new Fire Department Turnout Gear from the Public Safety Stabilization fund. *Submitted by: Capital Program Committee*

ARTICLE 9. CAPITAL ITEMS – LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the town would vote to appropriate \$30,000 to fund facility improvements at the Library from the Capital Stabilization fund. *Submitted by: Capital Program Committee*

Explanation: The Library also has bundled a number of critical and necessary improvements to its facility for safety and general facility repair and maintenance upgrade purposes, including specifically identified building repairs and improved storage. At the time this Article was approved and submitted it included \$13,450 for the shared cost of a furnace replacement included in a pending Green Community Grant application. The Library furnace portion of the grant was subsequently withdrawn so a revised capital request of \$16,550 will be made at Town Meeting. It is the recommendation of the Capital Program Committee to allocate these funds to ensure the Library has the resources they need to maintain the facility used for the efficient daily operation of the department. This requires a 2/3rd's vote.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 Finance Recommend: 5-0 Capital Recommend: 5-0

A motion was made and duly seconded that the town vote to ~~allocate~~appropriate \$16,550 to fund facility improvements at the Library from the Capital Stabilization fund.

Moderator declared a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote.

ARTICLE 10. BMR SCHOOL COMMITTEE STIPENDS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone Millville Regional District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the annual amount of said compensation at \$1500.00 per member and \$1800.00 for the Chairman, or take any other action in relation thereto. *Submitted by: Blackstone Millville Regional District School Committee*

Explanation from BMR District School Committee: This article seeks to accept the compensation, as defined, to be provided to members of the Regional School District Committee.

Selectmen Recommend: 1-2 Finance Recommend: 4-1

A motion was made and duly seconded that the town vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone Millville Regional District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the annual amount of said compensation at \$1500.00 per member and \$1800.00 for the Chairman.

Moderator declared the vote passed.

FY2022, starting July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 under the direction of the Cable Coordinator said funds to be spent on professional wages in the amount of \$8,000, part time wages \$12,000 and expenses \$5,000.

Moderator declared a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 13. CITIZENS' PETITION ARTICLE

To see if the town would vote to appropriate \$50,000 to purchase a new police cruiser from the Public Safety Stabilization Fund. *Submitted by: Citizens' Petition*

Explanation: This article provides funding for replacement of the oldest of four police cruisers used daily. The one being replaced has nearly 100,000 miles on it and is over 6 years old. It is the recommendation of the Capital Program Committee that the Town plans to purchase a new police car every 2 years which will enable the Police Department to manage the usage across the fleet of police cars so that each is replaced with approximately 100,000 miles. Funding for this is anticipated to substantially come from prior year capital appropriations no longer needed, including \$19,372 previously set aside for cruiser purchase needs, \$10,000 previously set aside for Taser purchase needs, and \$20,000 previously set aside for ambulance purchase needs.

Selectmen Recommend: 3-0 Finance Recommend: 0-5 Capital Recommend: 4-1

A motion was made and duly seconded that the town vote to appropriate \$49,372 to purchase a new police cruiser from the reserve for continuing appropriations fund related to capital purchases no longer needed, including \$19,372 previously set aside for police cruiser purchase needs, \$10,000 previously set aside for Taser purchase needs, and \$20,000 previously set aside for ambulance purchase needs.

Moderator declared the vote passed.

A motion was made and duly seconded to dissolve the Warrant. The moderator declared the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane C. Lockwood
Town Clerk**

**REPORT OF THE
TOWN TREASURER & TAX
COLLECTOR**

I am delighted to submit the report as Treasurer/Collector for the Town of Millville.

Collection rates continue to be high at 97% collected for Real Estate and 100% collected for Personal Property, which falls in line identically to collections for fiscal year 2020. Those numbers are remarkable considering both years were impacted by the pandemic.

One of our main objectives for FY21 was cash reconciliations for each month. For FY22, we will continue to reconcile cash and strive to streamline policies and procedures regarding the cash recon process for years to follow.

Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle bills are the taxpayer's responsibility. The tax is owed even if a bill isn't received. We also offer taxpayers the convenience of paying their Real Estate and Personal Property on the town's website through our Unipay System.

I would like to specifically acknowledge assistant collector Marcia Ferro, who has gone above and beyond during a staff transition and continually works exceedingly hard to keep the office running smoothly, while always maintaining a pleasant and courteous demeanor for all public interactions.

I would like to say thank you to my co-workers who continue to provide support.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Chatterton
Treasurer/Collector

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES		
Year Ending 6/30/2021		
	REAL ESTATE TAXES	
2021	Real Estate Taxes Collected	4,833,984
	Outstanding Taxes	132,552
2020	Real Estate Taxes Collected	106,767
	Outstanding Taxes	25,249
2019	Real Estate Taxes Collected	19,802
	Outstanding Taxes	17,561
	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	
2021	Personal Property Taxes Collected	322,783
	Outstanding Taxes	297
2020	Personal Property Taxes Collected	36
	Outstanding Taxes	343
2019	Personal Property Taxes Collected	
	Outstanding Taxes	292
	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES	
2021	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	326,040
	Outstanding Taxes	80,286
2020	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	93,514
	Outstanding Taxes	14,059
2019	Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected	7,184
	Outstanding Taxes	5,587

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
2021 ANNUAL COMPENSATION**

Last Name	First Name	Salary
Alton-Brillant	John	6861.25
Anderson	Colleen	13570.80
Banner	Susan	1950.00
Barber III	Lincoln	47160.80
Benoit	Kimberly	20.25
Benoit- Rudden	Patricia	36735.08
Blake	Griffin	1358.25
Blanchette	Samantha	47696.30
Boone	Margaret	3418.33
Bourassa- Pratt	Nicole	7201.77
Canali	Wanda	5616.47
Caruso	Peter	81960.06
Catalano	Anthony	3768.38
Cervantes	Harry	29897.13
Collette	Robert	400.00
Cook	Christine	13001.22
Coupe Jr	William	97286.68
Crenshaw	Tyler	20319.88
Cusack	James	4256.11
D'Agostino	John	4855.00
Dafault	Jesse	693.00
Daigle	Patrick	440.00
Desmarais	Danny	311.75
Drake	Audrey	12608.50
Dunlavey	Philip	440.00
Ferro	Marcia	27202.24
Finn	Gerald	750.00
Fish	Susan	20.25
Foster	James	1959.50
Franzen	Philip	6909.87
Furno	Steven	66151.08
Gagnon	Roger	723.33
Gallerani	Peter	26602.04
Gauvin	Mary	1165.59
Gilmore	Mary	5376.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dear Respected Citizens of Millville:

It is with privilege that I bring to you the 2021 Annual Town Report for the Millville Finance Committee. After a tumultuous and uncertain year due to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, calendar year 2021 brought about a number of much needed financial highlights for Millville. Some of the many highlights included: successful completion of the FY19 annual audit; a strong and active Capital Planning Committee with a focus on investing for the future; strengthened relationships with BMR leadership; and new revenue streams via marijuana sales and fees. Perhaps most importantly, town leadership, including the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and department heads, worked together with a united vision when it came to fiscal budgetary responsibility and ownership. Millville's established budget guidance memo helped provide standardization for the department heads as they considered their budgetary needs in the context of Millville's annual revenues and the boundaries of Proposition 2 1/2.

The FY22 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Town was \$6,642,611, representing a 2.68% increase to the total budget as compared with the prior fiscal year. This budget had a number of high points – it met the requests of our various education departments, increased spending to our public safety departments by 4.45%, increased funding to salaries above and beyond the issued budget guidance for the Council on Aging and the Library, and turned back on Millville's streetlights.

As we look forward to future years and ways to further strengthen our financial stability and success, the Finance Committee continues to push for excellence when it comes to closing our books and certifying our free cash numbers. In the meantime, our stabilization balances remain healthy, our budget has been balanced, our books are being regularly audited, and our leadership team is united with a singular goal of financial wellness for the Town of Millville.

In conclusion, it would be remiss not to mention that without the continued support and cooperation from you, the residents of Millville, our financial stability can easily be turned upside down. The Finance Committee urges the citizens of Millville to consider the information put forth by the Finance Committee, engage in town meetings, and VOTE with an informed mind.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Buono

Finance Committee Chair

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Honorable members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Residents:

In FY2022, the Capital Program Committee (CPC) continued to build on the foundation that was put forth in FY 2021. The members of the Committee reorganized in January 2022 and are as follows:

- Peter Caruso, Chair: townadmin@millvillema.org
- Jennifer Gill, Vice Chair: selectman3@millvillema.org
- Steven Tringali, Secretary: sdctringali@yahoo.com
- Gerry Finn, Citizen Representative: finna93@charter.net
- Jeff Pettit, Citizen Representative: moosehead1426@gmail.com
- Preston Juskavitch, Planning Board: juskavitchpreston@yahoo.com
- Rich Crivello, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to participate on this committee: rvcrivello@charter.net

At the time of this writing (Feb 2022), the balances were as follows:

Account	Balance as of Feb. 2022
General Stabilization	\$699,197.06
Capital Stabilization	\$166,281.57
Public Safety Stabilization	\$236,280.15
Other Post-employment Benefits Trust (OPEB)	\$142,778.26

Please note: These balances are subject to change. The CPC wanted to provide a point in time balance reference for transparency to the townspeople. Our guidance and commitment is these accounts will increase once free cash is certified and deposits to the appropriate accounts are complete.

Overview

The Town bylaws has defined a capital project to be a specified item or activity with a cost of at least \$10,000 and a useful life of 5 years. The CPC is forward looking, at a minimum of 5 years, continually evaluating needs and improvements to capital interests in the Town of Millville.

Typical Capital Projects include; and not limited to:

- Purchasing vehicles or other equipment
- Purchasing land or buildings
- Constructing, expanding, or renovating a building
- Maintaining or upgrading infrastructure
- Contracting for services

	Station			
Highway Dept	Salt Shed Highway Dept. – Funds to Supplement Grant	\$25,000 (up to)	ARPA	This is a \$100,000 project, \$75,000 was secured by Senator Fattman
Town Hall	PPE & COVID-19 At-home Test Kits – Board of Health	\$30,000 (up to)	ARPA	
Town Hall	Water Compliance Solutions – MES Consultant (on going)	\$25,000 (up to)	ARPA	
Town Hall	Server Upgrades – Town Hall	\$10,000.00	ARPA	
Town Hall	MES Outdoor classroom improvements	\$25,000	Representative Soter	

Building Needs

The Town has several building needs. The Longfellow Building needs to be addressed, the Police Station needs to be repaired, and the Fire Station needs updating. There are several options the Capital Planning Committee is investigating. We were hoping to present options to be voted on in May 2022.

Old Town Hall

This is a top priority for the town. One of the following options for the Longfellow Building needs to be executed:

1. Renovate the building – We need to see if we can renovate and use this building
2. Sell the building – If executed, we need another permanent solution for the Town Hall.
3. Demolish the building

Current Town Hall Solution

The town was very fortunate to be able to partner with Blackstone Valley Technical High School and the American Legion to renovate the current town hall for use. However, the lease expires in 2026 and the town hall needs a permanent home. Several options have been discussed by the CPC including repairing the old town hall building for use, purchasing a building, and others. It is important to note that we are in early phases of envisioning and planning a long-term solution. All options are up for consideration.

PUBLIC SAFETY

We are so fortunate to have such dedicated people to serve our town. Training continues to be of the utmost importance to our staff. We train multiple times each month to prepare ourselves for when our citizens need our service.

Three of our on-call firefighters graduated from the Call/Volunteer firefighter training academy in Stow, and are certified to the level of Firefighter I/II. They are Firefighters John Alton-Brillant, Firefighter Tyler Crenshaw, and Firefighter Tyler Mullaly. We are very proud to have them on our staff.

We were very fortunate to receive grant funding this year through the Department of Fire Services in the amount of 12, 449.00 for much needed equipment.

Through funding from Town Meeting and ARPA funds totaling \$32,000.00, we are now able to replace some of our aging turn out gear that is expiring. We use this gear to protect us when we enter hazardous environments such as building fire and hazardous materials incidents just to name a few.

We received a grant earlier this year with the help of Representative Soter, and Senator Fattman totaling \$250,000.00 to replace our ambulance that was 11 years old. We would like to thank them both for their dedicated service to our community.

During the year 2021 we were awarded \$3,794.00 for the Student S.A.F.E Grant and another \$2,180.00 for the Senior S.A.F.E Grant. The purpose of the Student Awareness of Fire Education Program (SAFE) is to educate the public to prevent fires and overall keep the residence of this town safe. SAFE also teaches what to do in the event a fire does happen.

With the aging of our firefighting fleet, we will be looking in the next few years for the towns people to appropriate funding to start replacing our aging apparatus. We maintain them well, but as they get older, it costs much more to do so.

Our statistics for the year 2021

Fires	27
Rescue Call	234
Hazardous Conditions	10
Service Calls	19
Good Intent	66
False Alarms	37
Severe Weather	1
Totaling	394 Calls

Fire PersonnelFull Time:

Chief Ronald Landry
 Lt. Steven Furno
 EMT Samantha Blanchette

Admin. Assistant Trish Benoit

On Call

Deputy Chief Roy Liard, Jr.

Lt. Joseph Guilbeault

Lt Jonathan Guilbeault

FF John Alton-Brillant

FF Tyler Crenshaw

EMT Audry Drake

FF/EMT Mary Gilmore

FF/EMT Matthew Roias

Explorer Griffin Blake

EMT Anna Padgett

EMT Nicole Bourassa-Pratt

EMT Melanie Rielly

FF/EMT Danny Desmarais

FF/EMT James Foster

Ff Tyler Mullaly

Ff Megan Mandeville*

* resigned

Fire Calls

Wires down 13

Coverage 3

Structure 7

Chimney 0

Received

Alarm, Smoke 15

Alarm, CO 5

Search 1

Assist EMS 4

Electrical 1

Outside Fire 8

Public assist 9

Haz Mat 4

Car fire 2

Smoke Investigation 6

MVA 5

Details 5

BBQ fire 5

Water emergency 1

Odors 3

EMS

Medicals 223

MVA 2

Medical - Mutual Aid

Uxbridge 49

Blackstone 2

Mendon 5

North Smithfield 1

Medical- Mutual aid Given

Uxbridge 1

Blackstone 2

Fire – Mutual Aid Given

Mendon 1

Uxbridge 4

Woonsocket 4

Douglas 2

Blackstone 1

North Smithfield 2

Ambulance Receipts 2020: \$75,000

Fire Permits issued: 217

Inspections: 125

MILLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Millville:

The Millville Police Department is committed to providing the best service and security to the residents of the Town of Millville. We continue to provide fair and equal policing, throughout our community, using all the resources possible to get that job done with the utmost professionalism. We remain dedicated to enforcing all laws, prevention of crime and protecting life and property all while protecting the constitutional rights of all persons we encounter. Our officers promote integrity and professionalism with respect for all.

The year 2021 showed much change for the Millville Police Department as the Town of Mendon decided it was unable to provide dispatch services for the Town of Millville any longer. We switched to a regional dispatch center in Norfolk called Metacomet. Unfortunately, all the software that we currently used for records management was no longer useful and we switched to Caliber Records Management and Caliber Mobil Software. This has been a continual work in progress as most officers had been using the previous software for many years. With this new technology and because we don't have anyone to currently answer the phone, we are using the same phone tree answering system, as the other police departments that are in the Metacomet Center. The phone tree system is working and I would suggest calling 9-1-1 for an emergency or otherwise your phone call will be properly directed through the automated systems.

We also had Chief Ronald Landry, Officer Blaine Sheppard and Clerk Trish Benoit Rudden retire after long careers with the Town of Millville. Blaine Sheppard then returned to assist the department as finding another secretary has not been an easy process. Luckily, our current officers have stepped up to the challenge to assist with anything that has been asked of them, to allow for uninterrupted service to the community.

The Millville Police Department consists of dedicated full-time and part-time police officers. The requirement to supplement full-time officers with part-time officers is often challenging. Millville's reliance on part-time officers is an exception to the rule of most police departments. The department currently has older full-time officers and replacing and maintaining officers in the future may be a challenge for many reasons.

At the end of the year in 2020 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts signed into law an act of Police Reform. Also, through this act the commission of the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) committee in Massachusetts was developed. A POST system would bolster public safety, enhance accountability, and build public trust in municipal police officers in Massachusetts.

Through the new standards the Commonwealth has developed the required Bridge Academy for Part Time Officers, which really got started around October 1, 2021. What

Police Department Statistics for 2021

911 Hang Up	77	Arrests	57
Assist Citizen	122	Animal Issues	50
Assault	3	Breaking and Entering	7
Alarms	57	Business Checks	9144
Neighbor Dispute	31	Disturbance	52
Disabled Motor Vehicle	35	Domestic	20
Death	3	Escort/Transport	12
Harassment	13	Follow up Investigation	74
Harassment Prevention	3	Intoxicated Person	1
Investigation	8	Keep the Peace	14
Missing Person	4	Motor Vehicle Accident	41
Motor Vehicle Complaint	12	Motor Vehicle Lockout	13
Motor Vehicle Stop	624	Notification	12
Notice of Trespass	3	Illegal Parking	11
Property Watch	183	Restraining Order	27
Radar Post/Enforcement	639	Shoplifting	2
Summons	29	Stolen Motor Vehicle	1
Suspicious Activity	58	Patrol Observation	65
Theft/Fraud	41	Threats	6
Trash Complaints	4	Traffic Complaints	36
Tree Damage	41	Trespassing	7
Traffic Hazard	24	Vandalism	15
Well-being Check	52	Warrant	5
Citations	578		

We are committed to continually evaluating our services to ensure we are meeting the needs of the community in the most effective manner possible. The Millville Police Department looks forward to another year of public safety services that exceed expectations.

I am proud to serve in the position as Chief of Police and lead the members of the Millville Police Department as they continue to provide the best possible service to our community.

Police Chief William J. Coupe Jr.

HEALTH AND REGULATORY

Inspections:

The Board of Health performs property, food establishment/restaurant, barn and retail tobacco seller inspections in Millville. The Board also reviews Title 5 Inspection Reports, septic plans, health concerns and resident complaints.

Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) & BOARD EEE Update:

In 2021, CMMCP had sprayed all high-risk areas for mosquitoes and sprayed private properties on request. Traps were set in high-risk areas and were monitored for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and the West Nile Virus (WNV). Any resident who wished not to have their property sprayed, had submitted a NO Spray request to the Board of Health or CMMCP. Any resident who wanted their property specifically sprayed, either called the Board of Health or called CMMCP directly.

Municipal Water Quality Testing:

Water quality testing is performed each year on all municipal town buildings. The tests were completed and passed satisfactorily.

Septic Betterment Loan Program:

The Board of Health continues to offer residents of Millville the Septic Loan Betterment Program to upgrade failed septic systems. This loan program currently offers a 4% loan of the total repair costs over twenty years – payable each February 1st.

Emergency Preparedness:

The Emergency Dispensing Site Plan and the Continuity of Operations Plan continue to be updated frequently. The Board continues to recruit residents to volunteer their services in the event the Emergency Dispensing Site is activated, as well as from the Worcester Regional Medical Reserve Corps. If you are interest in volunteering your services in the event of an emergency, please contact the Board of Health.

The Town has two dedicated Emergency Dispensing Sites: Senior Center, located at 40 Prospect Street and the Millville Elementary School, located at 122 Berthelette Way. The two buildings will be used should an event occur which requires a centrally located area to assist residents in need.

Each year, Millville is required to participate in practice exercises and drills with the Region II Emergency Preparedness team. These exercises can be enacted during a flu clinic to assess the workability of the site. During these drills, Millville is evaluated on its effectiveness. Th Emergency Planner for Region II, and the Region II PHEP & HHP Regional Coordinator were present at this year's drill at the Senior Center. The drill

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2021

2021, The COVID 19 virus and pandemic continued to grip the nation while a new variant OMNICROM arrived and spread just as quickly. Sadly, there was no sign of the pandemic ending anytime soon. Vaccinations and booster shots were introduced publicly in phases and highly recommended in an attempt to accomplish a national herd immunity. Masks are still being required and worn as a precaution in public places and social distancing is still being enforced. Currently the Building Dept is still open at the service window for the public.

The Building Dept continued to fulfill the needs of the town through this difficult time. As the pandemic continued, towns were tested with their ability to adjust to the nation's constant changes with the pandemic guide lines. The Building Dept made the adjustments necessary, even with reduced staff, and met the challenges. Sadly, as the year came to a close, the Building Dept said good-bye to the long-time inspector and public servant, Lincoln Barber. His dedication to the Town of Millville will be missed.

Thus, as the world slowly inches back to normalcy, we begin to explore the future needs of the Bldg. Dept. We will continue with the search for finding a more finely-tuned affordable database system; one that already exists and which is specifically designed for implementing and issuing Building Dept permits. Our goal is to bring the Millville Building Dept up to speed with technology.

All building and remodeling contractors are required by the **State of Massachusetts** to be licensed, and enrolled in the Home Improvement Contractor Registration program, as well as carry **Workman's Compensation and Liability insurance**. Homeowners are encouraged to have their contractors apply for all permits. Doing so then places the responsibility of code compliance with the contractor where it belongs. Any questions you may have about a **Contractors Licensing status** can be answered @ <https://maspl.mylicense.com/verification> or for the **Home Improvement Contractor status** @ <https://services.oca.state.ma.us/hic/licenseelist.aspx>

Any questions and/or inquiries can be emailed to building@millvillema.org or call directly to the **Bldg. Dept.** at **508-883-0808** or come to **290 Main St** during regular business hours listed on the website millvillema.org.

PUBLIC SERVICES

would also like to welcome Dave Maloney as our interim library director. He has been volunteering at the library for a number of years and is already running the daily operations.

The Millville Free Public Library continues to be a precious town treasure offering materials, services and programs to Millville resident free of charge. The Library also augments the Millville Elementary School's educational mission by providing resources and programs to enhance school learning, especially during the summer months when reading is in danger of falling off. The Millville Free Public Library continues to be Millville's singular institution for developing and enhancing lifelong learning.

were packaged and handed out to those who made reservations for this special event. We also thank State Senator Ryan Fattman as well as Representative Soter for their continued support of Millville at the State Level.

During 2021, and with the approval of the residents of Millville at our Annual Town Meeting, the Senior Center utilized two local seniors in our Senior Tax Work Off program. Donna Dean made calls to our list of Millville Seniors, enhancing 2-way communications, determining that they were doing well, and asking if they needed any assistance from the Senior Center. She also worked at updating our mailing list. Larry Pearson joined the program and worked on a Millville Senior Center facilities maintenance list, documenting all mechanical and physical systems within the Center, where they are located, when and by whom they were last serviced, as well as preparing a list for easy vendor information and access. We thank these two Work-Off volunteers for their service during 2021 and congratulate them for taking advantage of this valuable tax deduction!

In order to continue with our outreach to local Seniors, two new programs were kicked off in 2021. Birthday party invitations were sent to all seniors with birthdays in a specific month, with a drive-by cupcake given at the end of each month. We also sent out two town-wide mailers so as to reach as many seniors as possible with offers of assistance, information related to the pandemic, and on-going programs being held at the Senior Center.

The Senior Center joined the 21st Century by implementing a new state-of-the-art logging system (called "My Senior Center") utilizing individually registered fobs. Now that we are fully operational, this system negates the necessity of hand-written participant log-in sheets and manual count while also providing a comprehensive record for contact tracing and ease of State reporting.

Through a State Grant and with much follow up, our recently retired Police Chief Landry and with the help of Trish Benoit they were able to secure a new generator which was installed at the Millville Senior Center and slated to be used in state of emergency situations for all Town residents. This much needed generator will provide heat in the winter and cooling in the summer months. The Center was open as a cooling center to all residents during a severe heat wave in the summer of 2021.

It is important to note that during 2021, with the uncertainty of the times and the pandemic changing and affecting all walks of life, the COA implemented a Mask Policy for all who took advantage of the Center, whether vaccinated or not. Our overlying goal was to keep all safe and healthy while maintaining a clean and welcoming environment AND keeping our Center open and operational. Thank you to all who have cooperated and demonstrated their concern for others.

We thank the local Cultural Council for granting funds to support our art classes during the year. We also thank the Town of Millville and the Capital Program Committee (CPC) for authorizing funds so that we could rebuild safety fencing and outside lighting,

CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE

The Cable Access Committee continued into this year providing live on-line streaming of board and committee meetings -- as well as continuing programming from town and neighboring communities on Charter Channels 191 (Public), 192 (Education), and 194 (Government)

Special projects were excited to take part in included livestreaming and recording Cub Scout Pack 3144 Pinewood Derby competition in February, two short informational films about the Millville Free Public Library, a second presentation for the Millville Historical Commission on the history of public transportation and commerce in the town, and was such a blast to cover the Halloween Block Party and Christmas Sing-Along in the Veteran's Park.

A lot of ups and downs this year as other strains and surges peaked through our second COVID-19 year, but we were successfully able to get the Annual Town Meeting covered, but a surge caused the Special Town Meeting to fathom, but we were ready to go! This year also saw the completion of the new Channel Server - now happily in high definition. Live capabilities are still not an option from Town Hall, but the new server allows for new technology and techniques to be a fully running live station again when in-person meetings return. With this chance of rearrangement, the channels are now in their PEG Channel order of Public 191, Education 192, and Government 194. (Previous was P-G-E). The end of this year also saw the formation of the Cable Advisory Board, consisting of town residents Sierra Gallagher, Jack Moran, and Cole Young. This is a temporary committee formed every ten years for renegotiation period and renew of the town's cable contract and company.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Labonte, Cable Access Coordinator

Colleen Curis, Chairwoman

Madison Durand

Carlton Hamilton

Jesse Dufault

TRUSTEES OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

On March 25, 1945, the residents of Millville voted to establish a Memorial Park to commemorate the service of veteran of all wars. Work on the park was completed on November 12, 1946. Dedication and ceremonies took place on July 5, 1947.

The trustees continually work to implement plans to improve the appearance of and provide for the maintenance of the park. We would like to thank the Chestnut Hill Community Association for allowing our monthly meetings to take place at their building.

The redrawn plot plan, that was stipulated as a requirement of the PARC grant that allowed the many improvements to our park, was registered at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in March of 2021, the fee of \$105.00 was paid from the Trustees annual budget.

In preparation for Memorial Day the Trustees spent considerable time sprucing up the park. The flagpole was lowered and received a fresh coat of silver paint. New mulch was spread in the the flower beds that surround the monument and fresh plants replaced the dead ones in the flower pots that flank the memorial stone. Also, a fresh memorial wreath was placed at the foot of the monument. Veterans Agent, Turcotte, donated flag holders that featured medallions bearing the insignia of each branch of the military. American flags, placed in each holder, lined the pathway to the monument. A flag honoring fallen service members was also placed beside the pathway. The Trustees purchased a solar light and placed it atop the Veterans Memorial sign for night time visibility.

Veterans day again had the military service medallions and the American flags placed along the monument pathway.

Sharon Shilinsky applied for an was granted approval to use the park for a children's Halloween party on October 31st. The event had a great turnout and fun was had by all.

In preparation for Christmas, the Trustees put up and decorated and eight-foot-tall tree in the gazebo. White lights were added around the top of the structure and a wreath was hung from each section of the railing. Wreaths with bows were also added to the light poles and garland and bows were hung on the perimeter white picket fence.

Due to an overabundance of caution, the Trustees decided not to hold the tree lighting festivities at the fire station due to the small space forcing close contact that could contribute to the spread of Covid 19. However, Reverend Postle from the New Hope Baptist Church applied for and was granted

EDUCATION

-The District's commitment to student social-emotional learning, and focus on diversity, equity and inclusion is very strong. We are in year three implementing our "Choose Love" curriculum and our social justice student group, *Chargers for Change*, is stronger than ever.

We are building a strong framework for high-quality teaching-

-Each school has a building-based Instructional Leadership Team comprised of educator leaders driving the teaching, learning and staff professional development specific to each school's strengths and needs.

-All four of our schools have an instructional focus that helps to anchor the day-to-day teaching and learning, and 2-3 agreed upon teaching and learning practices that all educators use.

We are measuring our student learning using a robust assessment system and reviewing student learning on a regular basis-

-All schools are using the Star, IXL, NewsELA, projects, and teacher generated assessments/projects and ongoing data cycles across all grade levels.

We have added additional positions, mostly funded through various grants, to help accelerate student learning and support the career development work in science at the elementary school level-

- At the Elementary Level
 - 2 STEM Teachers
 - 2 Math Interventionists
 - 2 Reading Specialist
- At FWH Middle School
 - 1 Math Interventionist
 - 1 Reading Specialist
- At BMRHS
 - 1 English Language Arts Interventionist
 - 1 Math Interventionist
 - 1 Science Interventionist

- At the District Level – A Grades PK-12 Social Worker

Finally, we have made significant advancements in technology to enhance student learning and have deepened our facilities work-

Technology-

- Implemented two new servers at each building - providing redundancy and safety for the entire network.
- Purchased 500+ New chromebooks, bringing the entire district (K-12) one-to-one.
- Introduction of new educator chromebooks.
- Integration of *Clever* - single sign-on platform for educators and students.

BLACKSTONE MILLVILLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

2021 Report of the Principal

Change in Leadership

In early 2021, a second search for a principal for the high school took place and I was fortunate to be chosen and introduced to the school community as the next principal of BMRHS. Much of the early work centered around solidifying our school's mission and vision. With the assistance of the Instructional Leadership Team, the high school is guided by the Portrait of the Graduate pillars of Critical Thinking, Leadership, Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, and Civic Responsibility.

Critical Thinking

Part of our school improvement plan centers on critical thinking and growing student capacity for applying their knowledge and skills to real world challenges and problem solving. During the 2020-2021 school year, staff concentrated on implementing evidence-based instructional practice of interacting with a source. This year, in conjunction with FWHMS, ASE (Analyze-Support with Evidence-Evaluate) is the instructional practice being highlighted. Students in all academic courses are engaged in this protocol to deepen understanding of the content. Additionally, Authentic Assessments (solving real world problems rather than multiple choice tests) are being used as a means to focus on critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

BMRHS is restructuring its program of studies around the creation of academic pathways. Students are currently able to choose a pathway of study in Biomedical Science and Engineering. We will be adding a Business pathway and a Dual Enrollment pathway working with Quinsigamond Community College. Students choosing the dual enrollment option will earn high school and college credits. The pathways of study are designed to focus a student's curriculum to better prepare them for college and career.

Leadership

Over the last year, BMRHS Student Council has continued to bring a strong school spirit. As many things shut down, the Student Council never took a break. At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, all meetings were held virtually but once school started back up, meetings moved to in-person held in the library.

The Student Council continues to do what they do best and uplift the BMRHS School Spirit with both old and new themes. The spirit days have driven student morale to a whole new level. This past November, BMRHS held its version of the social media craze "bring anything but a backpack day". Students were extremely creative with what they used to carry their books using shopping bags, laundry baskets, a recycle bin, guitar case, and cooler. This event was a huge success with students.

create a sense of trust among all community members. To end the calendar year each advisory decorated their classroom door according to a winter theme. We asked for central office staff to judge and added points to our pep rally competition.

Beyond team building our advisory program will focus on the social emotional needs of our students. Our counseling staff is assessing the needs of our student population and putting in place programming to support those needs. In December, our community participated in a Charger Recharge afternoon where we engaged in mindfulness activities as a way to bring attention to the need to care for our mental and emotional health along with our academics. We hope this will be a reoccurring event.

Creativity

While 2021 was a different year in regards to fewer in-person events, the BMR Music Department had a busy schedule regardless. Back in late winter/early spring, the BMR Winter Guard and Winter Percussion competed for the first time ever in the International circuit: Winter Guard International. The events were virtual and included both teams recording several performances over the course of their season and submitting them to be judged against groups from all over the country as well as a handful of international groups. Both teams exceeded expectations and made it into the selective finals.

The BMR high school jazz ensemble participated in the UsBands Virtual Jazz Competition in April and received a rating of Outstanding.

By fall, in-person events were back and the BMR Chargers Marching Band completed a full season of shows. They ended the season undefeated and were crowned UsBands Division 3 Open National Champions!

Most recently, in December, the FWH 6th, 7th 8th grade bands, the Middle school Chorus and the High School Chorus, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble took the stage and performed their first live, indoor concert in almost 2 years.

Civic Responsibility

Preparing our students for life after high school is at the heart of all of these Portrait of a Graduate pillars. Civic responsibility is one that emphasizes community impact. We have three student groups besides our student council that exemplify this pillar.

Our National Honor Society has community service as one of its four pillars. As a group, our NHS students have clocked more than 300 hours of service to our community. They were able to host their 9th annual Empty Bowl fundraiser in April, as well as volunteer with events for our elementary students, engage in peer tutoring, help at the food pantry, and were a part of our Community Thanksgiving Dinner where we served over 500 meals to our Blackstone and Millville community donating all of our proceeds to our local food pantry.

**FREDERICK W. HARTNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL
2021 REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL**

Project Lead the Way Grant - \$22.5K

In the spring we applied for and received a \$22.5K grant from Project Lead the Way over the next three years to implement a unit per a grade level - for grade 6 the unit is Design and Modeling, for grade 7 the unit is Green Architecture, and for grade 8 the unit is Medical Detectives.

Instructional Focus - Chargers Come Fully Charged

This year, we continued to implement a variety of strategies to support our students in becoming critical thinkers and problem solvers both academically and emotionally. This fall, through our continued professional development from Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT), we began our roll out of our second evidence-based practice of annotating with a source. The staff continued to focus on our students' writing skills through their continued use of the ASE (answer the question, support with specific evidence, and explain your support in your own words) writing model as well as using annotating with a source to support their writing.

In addition, we have revised our school improvement plan with the following goals:

- Goal One: The What
 - The Humanities and ELA department will implement with fidelity our core literacy program, Amplify, along with its support curriculum, Amplify Reading and Amplify Close Read to provide “just in time” support for students needing intervention.
 - The science technology teacher, guidance counselor, STEM staff and some rotation staff will implement our new Career Exploration program and additions to our STEM courses with funding from the ASA grant for supplies and training.
 - Science staff will implement the PLTW unit for their grade level.
 - Our history/science staff will use the cognitive skills rubric to revise/create project-based learning
 - For all students with an increase in rigor and critical thinking skill development.
 - The math department will conduct a self-study of our curriculum - Big Ideas. Ensure our current curriculum meets the needs of all students and provide “just in time” support for students needing intervention.
- Goal Two: The How
 - In support of our instructional focus, staff will continue to implement our first evidence-based practice, ASE strategy, throughout their curriculum. Staff will implement our second evidence-based practice, interacting with

Extra-curricular Opportunities

We are extremely fortunate at the middle school to have staff that are willing to lead our students in many after-school activities. Our full-year clubs sponsored by district funds include: Healthy Start Club, STEM Club, Student Council (StuCo) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Our seasonal focus clubs sponsored by our HMS PTO continue to vary.

Musical opportunities (beyond band and chorus during the school day) include marching band, color guard, winter guard, and jazz band.

Sports opportunities include soccer, field hockey, softball, baseball, cross country, track and field, cheerleading, and basketball.

This year for students and staff at Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School has worked to be more typical compared to last year. We offer our sincere appreciation to our communities and the district administration for their support and assistance so that we were able to continue to make adjustments as needed to continue to support our students' learning and growth during the pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Curt-Hoard

Principal

classrooms and group pictures were taken outside! It was a great way to bring back some kind of normal to our students. In addition, they continue to support other initiatives such as Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support initiative, honor our staff during Teacher Appreciation week, grade K and 5 celebrations and more. Our school community is grateful for the tireless efforts of BMEPTO - thank you!

Academic Excellence:

For the 2021-2022 school year, we have continued our work with Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). Our students and staff have continued to implement our school-wide instructional focus: "Students will use evidence-based strategies to increase comprehension in their content areas". Our students continue to use the turn and talk, vocabulary, and mnemonic strategies in all content areas. We are committed to supporting all learners and helping them to grow through using the best instructional practices and continuing to examine our curriculum and instruction through the use of regular data examination. This has afforded us the ability to provide tiered support to all students, which provides them with instruction at their level. Over the next several years, we have a focus and a plan to continue to examine our curriculum across the district. Our literacy program is in year 2 of implementation. Our Math Committee has been meeting regularly to review our current curriculum to determine what our needs are moving forward. They have reviewed many new programs and will be ready to make a recommendation on what program/programs best fit our needs for the 2022 school year.

Social-Emotional and Positive Behavior Initiative:

In an effort to have continuity across the district, our Social Emotional Team supports our students through the Choose Love Program. Our school adjustment counselors meet with all grade level classes to teach these lessons and complete activities to put these pillars into action. All student work is displayed in our school. The themes that we are covering this year are Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness and Compassion in Action.

This year, we welcomed our new district social worker to provide an extra layer of support for all schools. At the Complex, we were able to bring in the Family Continuity to join our effort to provide students who needed the additional social-emotional support.

Academic Achievement and Data Analysis:

Students in grade 3-5 participated in the 2021 MCAS assessment. Despite the pandemic, we have seen growth, particularly in grade 3 and 4. Our staff worked tirelessly to provide instruction during this difficult time and we are proud of our efforts. We continue to utilize the MCAS data, district assessments, STAR Reading and Math, F & P, and Wonders Diagnostic Assessments to identify areas of strengths and concerns for each grade level. This data analysis process allows the teachers to differentiate their instruction and continue to make any adjustments to close the gaps.

MILLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2021 REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The summer of 2021 at Millville Elementary School (MES) was both busy and exciting. We began the first phase of the elementary reorganization by working with a moving company and custodial staff to move grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 to the JFK/AFM Complex and grades K and 1 to Millville Elementary School. Over the summer of 2022, the grade 2 team will join our building and our current first grade class will be the first group of Blackstone and Millville students to come through MES from grades K to 2. In addition to the move, on July 6th, for six weeks, we hosted the ESY program for grades PK and up. It was so great to see all of the students in the building following the health and safety protocols and building their knowledge through fun learning activities developed by the teachers.

Our custodial staff was hard at work shampooing our carpets, waxing our floors, and making minor repairs. I would like to thank Mr. Walker, Mr. Mayer and Mr. Mullaly for their hard work this summer helping to clean our school, move our furniture, space our desks 3 feet apart and get our building ready for our staff and students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Over the summer, MESPA and BEPO officially joined forces to form the Blackstone Millville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (BMEPTO) to support the students at both elementary schools. On August 30th, BMEPTO hosted the annual ice cream social at MES to welcome our students back. Several staff were in attendance and able to meet their students. We had a new twist to the Ice Cream social by using an ice cream truck to help with the safety and ease of following COVID protocols with individually wrapped treats for students, families, and staff. This year, BMEPTO has offered both in-person and virtual meeting options for our families to attend the monthly meetings.

On August 30, approximately, 63 staff (some who work in multiple buildings) returned for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. On September 2, 2021, approximately 115 first graders were welcomed back to school. We also hosted 2 sessions of the Kindergarten Orientation for students to be able to meet their teachers and see their classrooms prior to their first day of school. A huge thanks to Tellstone Bus Company, for allowing us to have a bus during orientation for the students to see what it would be like to get on and have a seat in a school bus. While students were able to meet their teachers and see their classrooms, parents had the time to meet with Mrs. Shafer, several other staff members and the Vice President of BMEPTO, to learn about our school. BMEPTO welcomed all K students and families with a keychain and "Notes to School" notepad. Starting the week of September 7th, all 290 students in Preschool through grade 1 were in the building.

For the 2021-2022 school year, we have continued our work with Focused Schools and our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). During our Professional Development days prior to the start of school, we decided to adjust our Schoolwide Instructional Focus to meet the needs of our youngest learners in the district. Our premise of problem solving through academic and social situations remains the same, but the wording is much easier to understand as we changed it to **We Think, We Show. We Grow**. Our students have

BMRSD		
First Name	Last Name	Wages for 2021
Stephanie	Abisla	\$88,903.59
Kathleen	Aicardi	\$19,167.43
Denise	Allard	\$34,382.58
Pamela	Allard	\$35,430.70
Courtney	Allen	\$24,683.08
Jillian	Allen	\$4,164.70
Stacy	Allen	\$57,672.69
Melissa	Alves	\$14,234.50
Denise	Andrade	\$24,732.53
Vivian	Anuforo	\$12,582.65
Joene	Apollon	\$10,409.00
David	Ariel	\$5,409.00
Ann	Arroyas	\$52,320.04
Nickole	Assi	\$18,526.40
Jeremy	Aubin	\$4,493.28
Elizabeth	Azevedo	\$12,820.32
Paul	Bacon	\$45,193.76
Wilfred	Bacon	\$49,658.65
Brooke	Badeau	\$59,956.04
Tracy	Bak	\$16,707.29
Ann	Baldini	\$24,291.64
Mary	Bania	\$30,671.86
Jessica	Barbato	\$27,883.76
Ariana	Barbosa	\$2,030.00
Karen	Bartusek	\$20,380.35
Donna	Beaven	\$9,415.01
Lona	Beech	\$23,779.44
Joanne	Bellacqua	\$16,522.70
Elisabeth	Berard	\$22,596.19
Jennifer	Bergin	\$43,440.92
Bruce	Bernier	\$15,582.77
Rachel	Blomstedt	\$80,236.18
Kathy	Boisvert	\$87,118.27
Lisa	Boisvert	\$74,784.58
Mary	Boratyn	\$61,952.34
Rebecca	Bouley	\$61,457.15
Susan	Bourassa	\$1,888.63

Diane	Costello	\$20,732.31
Emilie	Cote	\$44,853.81
Esther	Cote	\$85,468.06
Rebecca	Cotter	\$3,627.76
Kim	Courtemanche	\$20,122.56
Steven	Couture	\$69,164.45
Diane	Covino	\$8,967.32
Charles	Cox	\$8,564.35
Sarah	Crafford	\$18,550.11
Jacob	Crear	\$10,972.50
Sara	Cruz	\$53,791.70
Lyric	Cummings	\$16,259.02
Jeffrey	Curran	\$90,418.28
Tonya	Curt-Hoard	\$111,158.03
Sharon	Cusack	\$22,323.49
Casey	Custer	\$16,543.69
Tara	D'Andrea	\$58,330.98
Nicholas	D'Eletto	\$79,925.50
Erin	Dailey	\$35,712.64
Linda	Dansereau	\$84,977.38
Debra	Davidge	\$20,563.62
Melissa	Day Pelletier	\$3,226.36
Jason	DeFalco	\$176,991.28
Brittany	Degrooth	\$18,015.44
Cassandra	DeMotte	\$4,450.00
Diane	Dery	\$19,671.02
Lisa	Deschamps	\$27,897.41
Stefanie	Descoteaux	\$81,730.40
Susan	Desilets	\$24,522.71
Kim	Desjardins	\$74,357.19
Mark	Dewolf	\$76,577.18
Michelle	Dextraze	\$66,684.30
Dawn	DiCecco	\$79,311.30
Kristie	DiCecco	\$83,319.50
Maura	DiCecco	\$23,930.58
Amy	DiFabio	\$3,000.00
Jacquelyn	Diogo	\$30,401.92
Sarah	Dorfman	\$16,229.60
Cecilia	Doyle	\$79,526.10

Grace	Giacin	\$58,513.46
Felicia	Gilchrest	\$2,362.50
Faith	Gill	\$10,807.50
Kerri	Gilligan	\$5,627.00
Michael	Girard	\$195.00
Maureen	Gonsalves	\$109,972.66
Peter	Goulet	\$43,030.67
Caroline	Grace	\$73,738.48
Lynnell	Grube	\$62,699.88
Ethan	Guevremont	\$54,445.53
Holly	Guilbeault	\$25,169.32
Lindsay	Hadfield	\$32,663.14
David	Hagerman	\$33,089.26
Lory	Haggas	\$28,211.96
Nicole	Haggerty	\$19,827.50
Kate	Hardenbergh	\$270.00
Rebecca	Harpin	\$87,531.40
Julie	Harrison	\$5,445.00
Angela	Hart	\$17,146.28
Angela	Hartz	\$28,321.41
Melanie	Hauer	\$68,292.34
Brendan	Healy	\$66,729.98
Debra	Hebert	\$22,961.73
Ethan	Hebert	\$48,517.80
Scott	Hebert	\$60,556.48
Jennifer	Hernandez	\$54,516.34
Patrick	Hickey	\$51,587.00
Dawn	Highcove	\$84,718.07
Madison	Highcove	\$10,192.50
Amy	Holihen	\$81,126.08
David	Hook	\$68,416.31
Hannah	Howard	\$1,737.57
Ursula	Hunt	\$54,231.28
David	Isenberg	\$87,990.88
Lynnea	Jackson	\$24,567.80
Rebecca	Jackson	\$15,491.19
Richard	Johnson	\$45,251.17
Kathleen	Jones	\$80,066.57
Mark	Juba	\$86,575.28

Jacob	Matthews	\$4,849.60
Jamie	Maurice	\$77,624.86
Lisa	Maxwell-Rounds	\$73,687.82
Thomas	Mayer	\$34,654.44
Robert	McAnulty	\$36,865.76
W John	McCormick	\$82,645.40
Kevin	McCourt	\$92,276.94
Kelly	McCrum	\$62,978.54
Sarah	McKiel	\$17,270.76
Kerry	McLaughlin	\$2,040.00
Jessica	Medeiros	\$72,074.26
Katlyn	Melanson	\$165.00
Mary-Beth	Melanson	\$25,336.84
Jacqueline	Menard	\$21,336.42
Megan	Menard	\$65,994.82
Kiara	Mercado	\$1,665.85
Grace	Merten	\$49,657.90
Ann Marie	Metz	\$2,100.09
Barbara	Mignanelli	\$82,219.24
Emily	Minihane	\$12,723.53
Stephanie	Moniz	\$28,890.69
Enid	Morales	\$3,300.00
Linda	Moreau	\$81,393.18
Joseph	Mullaly	\$17,327.58
William	Munns	\$42,897.70
Eileen	Murphy	\$18,059.29
Meghan	Murray	\$59,843.35
Robin	Najarian	\$76,717.27
Jacob	Northup	\$57,237.50
Andrew	Nowak	\$23,525.75
Maria	Olbrys	\$82,945.85
Rachel	Oliveira	\$35,962.75
Callie	Ostrowski	\$16,652.35
Taralee	Pacheco	\$5,362.50
Ashley	Paine	\$53,155.67
Jennifer	Parenteau	\$61,200.10
Rebecca	Pasceri	\$23,650.28
Madison	Pawela	\$900.00
Maria	Pedorella	\$11,159.93

Danielle	Rotella	\$330.00
Renee	Rousselle	\$87,065.00
Brian	Rutt	\$3,917.03
Paula	Ryan	\$74,576.22
Mikayla	Rypkema	\$1,957.50
Nicole	Sacco	\$59,122.01
Linda	Salome	\$52,321.58
Kathryn	Sanders	\$14,512.22
Dorothy	Santoro	\$7,200.00
Lauren	Savage	\$47,220.55
Christina	Savini	\$19,965.42
Christine	Scoggins	\$17,157.60
Lynne	Scott	\$82,622.18
Christina	Shafer	\$99,840.89
Todd	Shafer	\$99,199.75
Kristine	Shanahan	\$22,093.43
Nicole	Shaughnessy	\$41,874.10
Debra	Shea	\$1,578.10
Angela	Sheerin	\$33,522.86
Amanda	Sheppard	\$660.00
Emily	Sheridan	\$25,089.03
Monique	Simard	\$62,835.59
Nicholas	Simollardes	\$18,981.28
Marie	Smith	\$11,211.67
Noreen	Smith	\$38,780.17
Shyanne	Smith-Lizotte	\$29,622.24
Jennifer	Solari	\$83,551.94
Andrew	St. Gelais	\$3,148.80
Janet	Staples	\$2,783.93
Abigail	Starnes	\$7,247.50
William	Starz	\$29,022.67
Kathy	Stearman	\$37,547.68
Karen	Stefanik	\$25,102.64
Meagan	Sulham	\$51,909.50
Allison	Sullivan	\$63,916.17
Christine	Sullivan	\$1,320.00
Timothy	Sullivan	\$66,947.18
Francine	Swanson	\$12,388.41
Samantha	Swerdlow	\$18,006.24

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

A Message from our Superintendent Director:

It's become our custom to go beyond simply sharing financial and statistical data with you in our annual report. While it is a fundamental part of our operation, our student achievements and District successes truly exemplify the very essence of our mission. Therefore, you will find a variety of those stories in the pages that follow.

Thanks to you and our dedicated District School Committee and our instructional team's harmonious and consistent work, our students receive an outstanding vocational-technical education. We value and appreciate your continued support and investment in your regional vocational-technical school system.

In FY21, we carried out our mission in innovative ways while following all protocols. Despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, we never stopped striving to achieve our best. Therefore, we have chosen to share with you how our school system worked to return to school and accomplish in-person learning.

Our students, administrators, and staff didn't miss a beat during a year that presented all educators with unprecedented change and challenges beyond expectation. Instead, we embraced the seasons of change by allowing ourselves to grow in all the places we thought we never would. In the process, our students excelled. They even exceeded the statewide average for attendance during the pandemic.

Demonstrating what is achievable with their high-quality education, our students are our best ambassadors for vocational-technical education. With an open mind and skilled hands, they shape our future workforce. I encourage you to read on to learn more.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

our freshmen, a transition week, and a six-tiered operational model. It successfully addressed the message from the Massachusetts Commissioner of Education, Jeffrey C. Riley, to safely bring back as many students as possible to in-person learning.

The six-tiered operational model would allow our school to move from tier to tier as needed, which empowered our BVT families with the ability to plan with predictability regardless of the tier status. And by design, it was meant to increase the rigor and expectations of our students to return to a pre-March 2020 system of grading and assessment and focus on "live instruction" utilizing a daily schedule of classes for both academics and shop.

Our Tier Levels

Our six operational tier levels were determined by the most current information from the State of Massachusetts on phased reopening guidelines and by our administration, who continuously monitored the health and safety of our students and staff within our daily operations.

Tiers	BVT	Distance Learning (DL)	Level Notes
Tier 1	No Students at BVT	All Students in DL	
Tier 2	One Grade at BVT	Three Grades in DL	One Grade in Shop
Tier 3	Two Grades at BVT	Two Grades in DL	One Grade in Shop One Grade in Academic
Tier 4	Three Grades at BVT	One Grade in DL	Two Grades in Shop One Grade in Academic
Tier 5	Four Grades at BVT	No Students in DL	Heavy Restrictions on non-classroom activities
Tier 6	All Students at BVT	No Students in DL	Rolling Back Restrictions

Our 'Beavers' Head Back-to-School

After a summer of strategic planning to design our Return to School Plan, our administrators, teachers, instructors, and support staff had to mask their excitement as the new school year began. The mandatory face coverings and hand sanitizing stations at our school entrances were the more noticeable precautions in place as we kicked off the school year with our Freshman Orientation Days on August 27th and 28th.

The in-person orientation was held over two days to reduce capacity, with only half of our freshman class scheduled to attend a full day of school on each of their assigned dates. That allowed students and staff to get to know each other while practicing our Return to School COVID-19 Guidelines and reviewing our transportation procedures as buses ran their scheduled routes. In addition, students met their academic and vocational teachers, enjoyed a complimentary lunch, familiarized themselves with our campus, walked through their academic schedules, and visited their exploratory shops.

The week of August 31st was an in-person transition week designed to help all of our students and staff focus on the latest standards of operations, health procedures, and learning expectations required to attend school during a pandemic. The week began with

Annual Superintendent's Dinner

A Taste of Moscow, A Taste of Success

Each year, our Culinary Arts students look forward to the Annual Superintendent's Gourmet Dinner. Last year, we were excited to host the dinner in March of 2020, but it was just not possible with the state-imposed school closure due to COVID-19.

At the beginning of this school year, we did not know if it would be allowable or even possible to have the annual dinner in 2021 with the ongoing pandemic. But our administrative team and instructors remained committed to exploring all options and finding a way to hold the dinner.

The planning and production of the gourmet dinner give students a taste of what skills are necessary for success in the food, beverage, and hospitality industry. During the pandemic, that also meant learning to follow industry standards and COVID-19 protocols.

From researching themes to planning a menu and testing recipes to plating and serving expertly prepared cuisine - our students and staff demonstrated their adaptability to making modifications that allowed for a smooth, safe, and professional presentation of our 27th Annual Superintendent's Gourmet Dinner on May 12th. Check out all the tasty details that went into making this annual event successful:
www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/superintendentsdinner.

Get Social with Us!

As part of our continuous commitment to bring school news and time-sensitive information to our community, we enjoy connecting, engaging, and sharing mindfully through BVT's official Twitter and Instagram sites.

We've enjoyed thousands of comments and connections with our students, parents, alumni, and community through our social media channels. We like that you enjoy sharing with us across our social media platforms too.

Whether we are sharing a student success story, posting our Quote of the Day (#QOTD), addressing a concern, or accepting a compliment, we are always pleased to have an opportunity to get social with you.

Follow Us!

www.twitter.com/BVTHighSchool

Share with Us!

www.instagram.com/bvt_highschool

Here are a couple of our social media posts that were liked by our growing community of followers:

high-skill, high-wage employment. Our Career Signing Day celebrated future career plans. See where some of our students are going to work at www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/careersigningday.

Class of 2021: Millville Graduates

NHS: National Honor Society

NTHS: National Technical Honor Society

Trent Alexander Allan, Drafting & Design Technology; Ryan John Caddell, Engineering & Robotics; Aaron Paul Canali (NHS/NTHS), Electrical; Tyler Edward Crenshaw, Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing; Zachary Thomas Desrosiers, Multimedia Communications;

Joshua Steven Harpin, Electrical; Jacob Timothy Irons, Automotive Technology; Nicholas Michael Kirby (NHS/NTHS), Engineering & Robotics; Bethany Lynn McLaughlin, Automotive Technology; Jillian Elizabeth Newcomb, Automotive Technology; and Hayley Lynn Vecchione (NHS/NTHS), Health Services.

Career, College & Life Ready

College is a continuation of learning. Many of our students simultaneously pursue a post-secondary education while working in their vocations.

Class of 2021

300 Graduates

Girls: 48 percent (143)

Boys: 52 percent (157)

Apprenticeship Program: 7.00 percent (21)

Military: 1.67 percent (5)

Year off: 2.67 percent (8)

Workforce: 6.33 percent (19)

4 Year College/Tech College: 72.67 percent (218)

2 Year College/Certificate Program: 9.67 percent (29)

Class of 2020

298 Graduates

Girls: 51 percent (152)

Boys: 49 percent (146)

Apprenticeship Program: 9.06 percent (27)

Military: 1.34 percent (4)

Year off: 2.35 percent (7)

Workforce: 8.39 percent (25)

4 Year College/Tech College: 67.45 percent (201)

2 Year College/ Certificate Program: 10.07 percent (30)

Unknown: 1.34 percent (4), due to the pandemic some 2020 data is missing.

Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Human Geography, Psychology, Physics 1, Physics C: Mechanics, and Spanish Language & Culture.

For the past **22 years**, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams have played an important role in the achievement level of students in the state. Spring 2019, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) instituted the Next-Gen MCAS, an updated, more rigorous, computer-based exam to determine a student's readiness for career and college. This system of tests also incorporates altered scoring tiers.

As schools throughout Massachusetts struggled to keep student learning on task using hybrid models of remote and in-person instruction, DESE had to alter its fall and spring standardized testing schedule with all MCAS tests administered in person, following COVID-19 restrictions and protocols. In May, our sophomores participated in the Next-Gen MCAS in ELA and Mathematics, and our advanced freshmen took the Legacy MCAS in Science. Also, DESE offered juniors an optional computer-based Legacy MCAS for college admissions and scholarship opportunities, and nearly 100 of our juniors opted to take the ELA and Math tests.

Students are required to achieve a Competency Determination, a graduation requirement, on the Next-Gen MCAS test. Although in FY21, the Massachusetts Board of Education voted to waive some of those requirements. Our students, who have a 22-year history of exemplary achievement on the MCAS exams, remained vigilant in their participation and will have an opportunity to continue that trend during the 2021-22 school year as the DESE works to reschedule MCAS for those who still need to meet mandates.

Looking Ahead...

As educators and DESE aim to return to a more traditional classroom learning environment during the 2021-22 school year, students will have to concentrate on meeting standardized testing requirements. Unfortunately, there has been a significant interruption in gathering valid assessment data on Massachusetts enrolled students. However, state officials are confident that because of the dedicated administrators and staff in MA school districts, students will continue to be near the top levels compared to other K-12 students nationally and internationally. BVT is proud to have an enviable history of high student growth and achievement that most certainly will be evident when the new data is available.

Art Heals

Creativity for a Cause

Our Visual Arts Department hosted Arts Heals: The Senior Perspective on May 7th. The sidewalk outside of our school was transformed with color, creativity, and meaning during the event as our senior artists created unique chalk murals on the theme of resilience and showcasing how art heals. The weather cooperated, and our students and faculty were also able to view the finished artwork.

The creative event was open to all seniors, not just those taking an art class. It served as

National Leadership & Skills Conference

8 GOLD

- **Gabriel Chaves-Silva of Hopedale**
- **Myra Dehestani of Millville**
- **Logan Hampson of Douglas**
- **Cullen Jacene of Northbridge**
- **Maggie McCann of Grafton**
- **Khushi Patel of Uxbridge**
- **Adam Pratt of Uxbridge**
- **Mandolin Simpson of Blackstone**

2 SILVER

- **Catherine Rozanas of Grafton**
- **Madison Gannon of Uxbridge**

8 BRONZE

- **Julia Drapeau of Millbury**
- **Casey Goyette of Uxbridge**
- **Benjamin Judson of Sutton**
- **Ashley King of Hopedale**
- **Andrew Konicki of Blackstone**
- **Christopher Mason of Milford**
- **Kyle Penta of Blackstone**
- **Chloe Terrell of Upton**

NATIONAL VOTING DELEGATES

Carter Beard of Hopedale, Jessica Brown of Douglas, Hunter Claflin of Douglas, Kirsten Dinsmore of Upton, Abby Kelly of Hopedale, Aysia Parent of Douglas, Madeleine Poitras of Hopedale, and Samantha Stephens of Mendon.

STATE OFFICER

Elected to serve in the 2021-2022 school year:

- **Hunter Claflin**

Activities & Clubs

Lions and Beavers, Oh My!

With numerous extracurricular activities and clubs to choose from, our students get to follow their passions, have fun with their classmates, and flex their creative muscles. By joining groups like the LEO Club, National and Technical Honor Societies, Art Club, and Student Council, our students can serve their community and lend their neighbors a helping hand.

Academic Growth & Student Leadership Award

Meghan Griggs of Northbridge, a senior in our Engineering & Robotics program, and Rohit Kaushik of Hopedale, a senior in our Information Technology program, earned the National School Development Council's Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership. This commendation acknowledges the positive contributions students make to their schools as well as their admirable character and academic accomplishment.

Nationally Recognized Student Council

Our student council was recognized for the third consecutive year as a 2021 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Student Council for an exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve their school and community. Even with distance learning, they adapted their efforts to display the highest standards of leadership successfully.

A Perfect Score Earned

Assessments are a powerful tool when used to evaluate and strengthen student learning. The End-of-Course (EoC) Assessment offers our Project Lead the Way students a way to prove their strengths and showcase their potential to teachers, higher education institutions, and employers. The following students earned a perfect score on their EoC exams:

Principles of Engineering Exam

- Katelyn Steele of Upton, a sophomore in Engineering & Robotics

AP Computer Science Principles Exam

- Nathan Dynko of Bellingham, a senior in Information Technology

Civil Engineering and Architecture Exam

- Madison Gannon of Uxbridge, a senior in Engineering & Robotics
- Casey Goyette of Uxbridge, a senior in Engineering & Robotics
- Matthew Trenholm of Northbridge, a senior in in Engineering & Robotics

Digital Electronics Exam

- Riley Holt of Uxbridge, a junior in Engineering & Robotics
- Cullen Jacene of Northbridge, a junior in Engineering & Robotics

MAVA/MVA Outstanding Vocational Student of the Year

Each year, this award is presented by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA) to one student from each vocational-technical high school in Massachusetts. The award recognizes students who have made significant contributions to their local school district and the statewide vocational education system. Recipients must have excellent attendance, a minimum of a 3.5 GPA, and vocational-related work experience. In addition, the students must demonstrate leadership qualities, technical competence, involvement in the community, and extracurricular activities. Madeleine Poitras of Hopedale, a senior in Multimedia Communications, a well-rounded and dedicated

Return on Investment

Our Budget Maximizes Federal and State Funds to Enhance Student-Focused Learning

Our School Committee crafted the District's FY21 budget in a manner that provided diverse skill development opportunities for our students through relationships with local businesses and industry while also adhering to strict state requirements. This year, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to present unique challenges for our administration, faculty, and support staff to find creative ways to deliver education through a combination of distance and hybrid learning. With the assistance of gifts, grants, private funding, and a minor increase in state aid, the District kept the operating budget to a 3.90% increase. Additionally, to mitigate the state's continued increase of our member town's minimum contributions (5.59% for FY21), our School Committee authorized the use of \$225,000 in available reserve funds to help offset the impact.

Our administration, faculty, and students continuously search out ways to streamline processes, reduce waste by recycling, and reduce energy consumption while delivering quality education. Through targeted professional development opportunities, we strive for teacher excellence and continue to promote the importance of a healthy lifestyle with our students and staff alike, which continues to enhance our positive learning environment.

The FY21 operating budget of \$25,602,950 was funded primarily by \$9,415,987 in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and \$15,744,963 in Member Assessments. A dedicated and fiscally responsible partner, BVT remains committed to assisting our District towns through fiscal management, austerity, and planning to present a single, consolidated annual request to operate within the dollars requested regardless of any unforeseen variables within anticipated revenue streams.

Complementing Community Support

BVT complements community support by pursuing non-taxpayer resources through the aggressive pursuit of available public and private grants or donations to enhance learning and support programs and services for its students. In FY21, local assessments were complemented by nearly \$2 million in grants, private sector support, and efficiencies.

With the support of a two-year MA Skills Capital Grant, BVT planned to implement a new Biotech Chapter 74 Program utilizing its Biotech/Chemistry Labs for the academic sciences to enhance and expand student career education opportunities. To date, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded BVT six out of the seven Workforce Skills Capital Grants offered. In total, this administration has awarded over \$2.46 million to our school through this program.

The District received much needed COVID-19 support in FY21 to prepare and respond to student, faculty, and staff needs related to distance, hybrid, and in-person learning. For example, BVT received a \$279,450 Coronavirus Relief Fund School Reopening (CvRF) grant, which helped provide essential personal protective equipment and supplies to sanitize facilities and fund innovative efforts within academic classrooms and vocational

With sincere appreciation, we thank Mr. Lavin and Mr. Braun for their years of service and dedication as District School Committee members. We offer warm wishes and congratulations on their retirement. On May 20, 2021, the School Committee appointed and welcomed two new members: Mark J. Potter, Douglas, and Edward D. Cray, III, Mendon.

Thank You for Your Support

The success of our mission wouldn't be possible without the ongoing support of the residents and business partners of our District. Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, based in Upton, Massachusetts, proudly serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge.

Thanks to support from District towns, advisory committees, business partners, and local stakeholders, Blackstone Valley Tech offers expert training in the following vocational programs:

- Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication
- Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing
- Automotive Technology
- Biotechnology
- Business & Entrepreneurship*
- Construction Technology
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assisting
- Drafting & Design Technology
- Electrical
- Electronics & Engineering Technology
- Engineering & Robotics
- Health Services
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Information Technology
- Multimedia Communications
- Painting & Design Technology
- Plumbing

**Closing spring of 2022, no longer taking enrollment.*

We also offer Moonlight Programs for adult learners:

- Advanced Manufacturing Foundational Skills
- Practical Nursing (Post-Secondary)