

DECEMBER 4, 2023 REORGANIZATION MEETING (CONTINUED):

The newly elected President, Mr. David Lengel, takes over the meeting and calls for nominations for Vice-president.

Shane Nugent was nominated by Arthur Amos, second by David Lengel.

A motion to close nominations was made by J. Jarrett Whalen, second by Rodney Bobby. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

As there was only one name placed in nomination, a motion to instruct the Board Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Vice-president to Mr. Shane Nugent. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

APPROVE MINUTES:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Shane Nugent, the Board approved the minutes of the regular board meeting November 20, 2023. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT, FINANCIALS, ALL BILLS:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Rodney Bobby, the Board approved the financial statements and all bills as listed. *The treasurer's report was tabled.* On a voice vote, members Bobby, Hazi, Lengel, Nugent, VanWoert, Whalen, and Amos voted yes. Member Stotsky abstained.

Motion: *Passed*

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

David Lengel left all committees as previously assigned. If any members are interested in being on a different committee, they are to let Dr. Rowe or Mr. Lengel know.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE POLICY COUNCIL:

The president appointed J. Jarrett Whalen to the PSBA Legislative Policy Council and Matthew Hazi as an alternate.

MERCER COUNTY CAREER CENTER REPRESENTATIVE:

The president appoints himself, David Lengel, as Career Center Representative and Rodney Bobby as an alternate.

SET REGULAR BOARD MEETING TIMES:

On a motion by Arthur Amos, second by Shane Nugent, the Board set the following times and dates for regular meetings for the coming year: Regular meetings will be held at 7:30 PM on the third Monday of the month and the fourth Monday of the month when school is not in session on the third Monday. Work sessions will generally be held at **7:00** p.m. on the day of board meeting. Committee meetings will be held the Thursday prior to the regular board meeting, or as requested by the President or committee chair, at 6:00 p.m. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

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PERSONNEL:

Hire:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Rodney Bobby, the Board approved the following hires, pending clearances. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

Hired Mrs. Brittany Milliren as a 10-month (205 days) Administrative Assistant, beginning January 3, 2024. Mrs. Milliren's wages will be \$24,284.30, prorated, based on the remaining days in the 2023-24 school year.

Hired Mr. Dylan Hetrick as a weekend boiler person at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

STUDENT TRAVEL:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by J. Jarrett Whalen, the Board approved the following student travel requests. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

Approved Mrs. Michalee Christy to accompany approximately 16 show choir students to perform at Lake Latonka on December 6, 2023 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. There is no expense to the school district.

Approved students to participate in Teens2Work Job Shadowing experience with Laurel Technical Institute (LTI) and West Central Job Partnership at Laurel Technical Institute (LTI) on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. There is no cost to the district as this is sponsored by the United Way.

FACILITIES REQUEST:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Matthew Hazi, the Board approved the following facilities requests. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

Approved Mr. Buck Baldwin to use the Mercer Elementary Gym to host a 14U Mercer Club Volleyball scrimmage on December 5, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Approved the Mercer Wrestling Boosters to host an elementary wrestling fundraiser tournament at the elementary school on December 30 and 31, 2023. The gymnasium, cafeteria and locker rooms are requested for both dates. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Approved MAYSA (Mercer Area Youth Soccer Association) to use the elementary gymnasium for practice on Saturdays or Sundays between January 2024 – March 2024, as availability will be determined by the athletic director.

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FACILITIES (Continued):

Approved Mercer Area Little League to use the elementary cafeteria/ gymnasium for baseball practice and drill sessions between January 2024 – March 2024. The group requests the use of the batting cage net during these practices. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed. Availability of the facility will be determined and scheduled by the athletic director.

RESOLUTION FOR TAX INDEX:

On a motion by Arthur Amos, second by Steven VanWoert, the Board approved a resolution indicating that Mercer Area School Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the **2024-25** fiscal year, by more than the index established by the Dept. of Education, for the district of **7.1%**. On a roll call vote, members Hazi, Lengel, Nugent, Stotsky, VanWoert, Whalen, Amos and Bobby voted yes.

Motion: Passed

WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY:

On a motion by Arthur Amos, second by Matthew Hazi, the Board approved a Clinical Experience Agreement between Mercer Area School District and Western Governors University, effective December 5, 2023, as attached. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business, Shane Nugent motioned to adjourn the meeting, Arthur Amos seconded. On a voice vote, all members voted yes.

Michael H. Stabile, Board Secretary

David R. Lengel, Board President