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AGENDA
MAY BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2024
High School Library
7:30 PM

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Restaurant Review
Work Session – Immediately following @ 6:30 p.m.

Work Session 6:30 P.M.: *Closed – Personnel, litigation and student discipline*
 Open – Agenda, general questions and comments

1. Call to order and flag salute by the President.
2. Recommend approval of the following minutes:
 - Regular Board Meeting on April 15, 2024
 - Budget/Special Board Meeting April 17, 2024
 - Curriculum & Extracurricular Committee Meeting on May 16, 2024
3. Approve the Treasurer's Report, financial report, and all bills as listed.
4. Communications.
5. Board committee reports.
6. Administrative reports.
7. Public comments.

Ten minute recess

8. **Student Discipline:**

Recommend approval of the student discipline as determined by the discipline committee.

9. **Personnel:**

Resignations:

Accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Samantha Hong as Chemistry Teacher at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

Accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Kelsey Rose as $\frac{3}{4}$ time speech therapist, effective June 7, 2024. (Mrs. Rose will continue extended school year through the summer months)

Accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Kayla Johnson as Flagline Advisor, effective immediately.

Hires:

Recommend approval to hire Miss Allison Thomas as an elementary teacher on Step 1 of the Bachelor's scale at an annual salary of \$54,350, with full benefits, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Ms. Renee Masson as a 10 month (205 day) administrative assistant at a salary of \$22,472.10, with full benefits, beginning July 1, 2024, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to add Mr. Michael Eakman to the Girls softball volunteer coach list for the 2024 season, pending clearances.

Recommend approval of Mr. Ryan Shaw as a volunteer percussion instructor, pending clearances, for the upcoming 2024-25 school year.

Recommend approval to hire summer maintenance employees, per the attached list, pending clearances. Wages listed accordingly and there are no benefits with these positions.

10. **Facilities:**

Recommend approval for the Mercer Ministerium to use the middle/high school auditorium for a baccalaureate service at 7:30 p.m. on June 5, 2024.

Recommend approval for the Mercer Midget and PeeWee Football program to host a flag football tournament at the stadium on June 1, 2024. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Recommend approval for TADA to use the auditorium on July 12, 2024 for a Musical Theater Showcase. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Facilities (Continued):

Recommend approval for TADA to use the auditorium, LGI, Choir and Band Rooms on May 2, 3, and 4, 2025 for their Dance Recital. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Recommend approval for Community Counseling Center of Mercer County to use a designated space and time, as approved by high school administration, during the summer months.

11. **Student Travel:**

Recommend approval for the Mercer High School Speech Team Qualifiers to attend the National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL) Grand Championship Tournament in Chicago, IL, May 24 – 27, 2024. The use of two (2) School district vans are requested and is the only expense to the school district.

Recommend approval for the Mercer High Speech Team Qualifiers to attend the National Speech and Debate Assoc., (NSDA) National Tournament in West Des Moines, Iowa, June 16 - 22, 2024. The use of two (2) School district vans are requested and is the only expense to the school district.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Michalee Christy to accompany the 8th grade choir students to Kennywood Park on Monday, June 3, 2024. The only cost to the district is a substitute teacher for the day. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Eric Mausser to accompany the RYLA students to the Rotary Luncheon on May 22, 2024. The only cost to the district is the use of a school van.

Recommend approval for Jeff Lockard to accompany five football players to Commodore Perry School District on May 22, 2024. The only cost to the district is the use of a school van.

Recommend approval for Michalee Christy to accompany the Chamber Choir to Munnell Run Farm to perform for the Liberty Tree Planting Ceremony on May 30, 2024. The only cost to the district is the use of a school van and a substitute for half a day. (\$50)

12. Elect the Board Treasurer for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. (Arthur Amos is currently serving as Board Treasurer)
13. Recommend approval of the *proposed final budget* for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of **\$19,977,910**
14. Recommend approval of the list of 2024 Mercer Area Senior High School graduates pending satisfactory completion of required courses, number of credits, and the high school principal's approval (list attached).

15. Recommend the following Per Capita and Act 511 Taxes be re-enacted for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - \$5.00 Per Capita under Section 679 of the School Code of 1949
 - \$5.00 Per Capita under Act 511
 - One percent (1%) Earned Income Tax*
 - \$5.00 Occupation Privilege Tax
 - One Percent (1%) Real Estate Transfer Tax
 - *Shared with municipalities
16. Recommend approval of an agreement between the Mercer Area School District and the Mercer County Career Center for Certified School Nurse Services, for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, as attached.
17. Recommend approval of the renewal of the semi-annual generator maintenance agreement, in the amount of \$1,044.52
18. Recommend approval of a cooperative agreement between Saint Francis University and the Mercer Area School District for the “College in High School Program” for the 2024-2025 school year. St. Francis’ courses will include FREN 112 & 201, SPAN 112 & 201, MATH 110, MATH 112, and PHYS 104.
19. Recommend approval of three (3) addendums to the agreement with Educational Staffing Solutions (ESS) for the 2024-2025 school year.
20. Recommend approval for the purchase of eight (8) additional exterior door alarms from ASCC in the amount \$20,854.51. Funds from the PCCD Meritorious grant will be used to fund the purchase.
21. Recommend approval for the purchase of two (2) NAS servers in the amount of \$9,240.00 for use with the school district’s security cameras. Funds from the PCCD Meritorious grant will be used to fund the purchase.
22. Recommend approval of an agreement with Longmore Academy for Extended School Year (ESY) services for one (1) student from June 10 – July 12, 2024.
23. Recommend approval of an agreement between Glade Run Lutheran Services (Day Student Education Program) and Mercer Area School District for the 2024-2025 school year.
24. Recommend approval of a three (3) year renewal agreement with VelocityEHS for chemical management solution software for the school district.

25. Recommend approval to permit one second grade student to attend Mercer Elementary as a tuition student at the rate of \$5000.00 per year for 2024-2025 school year.
26. Recommend approval to set the millage for the 2024-2025 school year at _____.
(The current millage is 66.0)
27. Recommend approval of the 2024 Homestead and Farmstead exclusion resolution, setting the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion amount at \$_____.
28. Other Business
29. Adjournment.

FYI:

May 27	NO School – Memorial Day
June 5	Baccalaureate @ 7:30 p.m. in high school auditorium
"	Junior Class Trip to Cedar Point
June 6	Last Day for Students
"	Senior Awards Ceremony in high school auditorium @ 8:45 am
"	Grade 6 Promotion @ <u>10:00 a.m.</u>
"	K-6 Report Card Distribution
"	Early Dismissal 12:00 and 12:15
June 7	<u>Commencement @ 7:30 p.m.</u>
	Teacher In-Service Day