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## AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING APRIL 15, 2024

7:30 PM

High School Library

**Work Session (7:00):** *Closed* – Personnel, litigation and student discipline  
*Open* – Agenda, general

### Agenda

1. Call to order and flag salute by the President.
2. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2024, the special meeting on April 3, 2024 and the Curriculum and Extra Curricular Committee meeting held on April 11, 2024.
3. Approve the Treasurer's Report, all bills as listed and financial reports.
4. Communications.
5. Board committee reports.
6. Administrative reports.
7. Presentation by AmeriCorps teacher.
8. Public comments.

Ten minute recess

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9. **PERSONNEL:**

**Hires:**

Recommend approval to hire summer maintenance workers, per the attached list.

Recommend approval for Andrew Burk and Kelsey Rose to provide Extended School Year (ESY) services, for both academic goals and speech/language goals instruction, as scheduled June-July 2024 at a rate of \$31.50 per hour.

**Educational Staffing Solutions:**

Recommend approval to hire substitute teachers and/or aides & paraprofessionals and/or accept, with regret, the resignation of such employees submitted by Educational Staffing Solutions (ESS), as attached.

10. **STUDENT TRAVEL:**

Recommend approval for the students in the Mercer Area Elementary and Middle High School Life Skills/Autistics Support Classrooms to attend the Shenango Valley Special Games on Wednesday, May 8 at Ten Pin Alley and Thursday, May 9, 2024 at the Hickory High School Track. The only cost to the district is for two (2) buses for transportation.

Recommend approval for Meghan Glass to accompany the Art Club to the Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History on May 2, 2024. The only cost to the district is a substitute teacher and nurse for the day. (\$200)

Recommend approval for Anna Cook to accompany the Physiology Club to Allegheny Health Network in Pittsburgh to observe an open-heart surgery on May 10, 2024. The cost to the district is the use of a school van and a substitute for the day. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Marlena Priester to accompany the Culinary II students to the Strip District in Pittsburgh to explore the international food markets for their countries project. The cost to the district is the use of a school van and a substitute for the day. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Jonathan Freidhoff to accompany 4 students to Commodore Perry School District on April 26, 2024 to speak with Commodore Perry students about the band program. The only cost to the district is the use of a school van and a substitute for one half the day. (\$50)

Recommend approval for two (2) chaperones (TBD) to accompany three (3) students to Keystone Safari on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 to attend the Spring HOMES Program event sponsored by Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV. Cost for the trip is one (1) van for transportation.

11. **FACILITIES REQUESTS:**

Recommend approval for the elementary Student Council and Positivity and Kindness Krew (PAKK) to host a Parent's Night Out student activity on Friday, April 19, 2024 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the elementary school. Cost for the students to participate in a variety of activities is \$10.00, with proceeds being used for elementary field day.

**FACILITIES REQUESTS: (CONTINUED)**

Recommend approval for Reverend Brian Keller and Mercer United Methodist Church to complete a youth group service project at the elementary school that would involve artwork/cleanup projects. This two-hour venture would take place on April 20, 2024 and would involve approximately 10 children and adult supervisors.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Michelle Santom to use the middle-high school or elementary gymnasium (when available) to supervise & participate in practices in preparation for the Senior Olympics of Western Pennsylvania Basketball tournament. All aspects of the district's facilities policy will be followed.

12. Recommend approval of a Federal Programs Consortium Agreement between Mercer Area School District and Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, which will commence on July 1, 2024 and continue through the three year fiscal cycle, ending September 30, 2026.
13. Recommend approval of the purchase of science workbooks for grades 6, 7, & 8 from SAVVAS in the amount of \$6,699.88 for the 2024-2025 school year.
14. Recommend approval of an agreement and contract with Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5 for Language Instructional Education Program (LIEP) Services for the 2024-2025 school year.
15. Recommend approval of a renewal agreement with NWEA to provide MAP Growth Assessments for students in grades K-12 for the 2024-2025 school year, in the amount of \$12,880.00.
16. Recommend approval of a Certificate of Secretary confirming that the original resolution, approved February 28, 2022, with Northwest Pennsylvania Incubator Association (Municipal Revenue Services) has not been modified, amended or rescinded. This is the final year of a three year agreement to sell the district's delinquent real estate taxes.
17. Recommend approval of a School Based ACCESS Program Billing Agreement between Northwest Tri-County IU 5 and Mercer Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year, as attached. IU5 does ACCESS billing for Mercer students attending IU5 classes. This agreement was prepared after IU5 completed the 2021-2022 ACCESS reconciliation report for all Districts that have students attending IU5 classes.
18. Recommend approval of the PSBA dues for the 2024-2025 school year, in the amount of \$7,792.87, as attached.
19. Recommend approval of a two year Linkage Agreement between Mercer Area School District and Community Counseling Center of Mercer County for counseling/mental health services, per the attached.
20. Recommend approval of a renewal agreement with Cintas for five (5) years, from April 1, 2024 – April 30, 2029, as attached.



21. Recommend approval of a renewal of the subscription with Edmentum for the Study Island Program license (elementary & middle/high school) and the Reading Eggs Program license (elementary school) for the 2024-2025 school year, per the attached. Total cost to the district is \$9,768.40.
22. Other Business.
23. Adjournment.

***FYI:***

<b><i>April 17</i></b>	<b><i>Budget Meeting/Special Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.</i></b>
April 24	IU4 Convention
April 26 & 27	Speech Dessert Show @ 7:00 p.m. in HS auditorium
May 1	M/HS Spring Choral Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
May 3	No School
May 7	National Teacher Day!
May 17	Elem Spring Choral/Band Concert 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Elem LGI
<b><i>May 20</i></b>	<b><i>Next School Board Meeting</i></b>