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AGENDA NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING November 20, 2023

High School Library

7:30 p.m.

7:00 PM Executive Session: *Student discipline, personnel, litigation (closed);
Agenda items: Finances, facilities, and other business (open).*

Agenda

1. Call to order and flag salute by the President.
2. Approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 16, 2023.
3. Approve the Treasurer's Report, all bills as listed and financial statements.
4. Communications.
5. Board committee reports.
6. Administrative reports.
7. Public comments.

Ten minute recess

8. Recommend approval for an early dismissal for teachers, staff and students on December 19, 2023 at 11:35 a.m. for elementary and 11:50 a.m. for middle/high school students.

9. Recommend approval to accept one grade twelve tuition student to participate in two MAVA classes (cyber) at a cost of \$900.00, for the 2023-24 school year.

10. **Personnel:**

Hires:

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Julianne Ryland as a substitute van driver at a rate of \$65 per day, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Cindy Green as a cafeteria monitor in the middle/high school at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Leah (Chamberlain) Graziani as middle school basketball cheer advisor, for the 2023-24 school year, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to add the following *volunteer* coaches to the 2023-24 winter coach list, pending clearances.

<u>Elementary Wrestling Volunteers</u>	
Doug Lumley	Zack Swartz
Curtis Esquibel	Jake Priester
Micah Wilpula	Matt Spragale
Tom Swartz	Allison Kelly

<u>Boys Basketball Volunteers</u>
Ed Berti
<u>Elementary Girls Basketball Volunteers</u>
Erin Hallberg
Aimee Peters

Recommend the approval of Dahlia Jacks to fill the Elementary AmeriCorps opening beginning November 21, 2023 at a cost of \$13, 000.

Change in Status:

Recommend approval to change the status of the following coaches, previously approved in October 2023.

Rachael Algoe: From a paid position to volunteer status

Shelah Guenther: From a volunteer position to paid status

EDUCATIONAL STAFFING SOLUTIONS (ESS):

Hires/Resignations:

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

11. **Staff Development:**

Recommend approval for Mrs. Dana Rowe to attend CCIU PIMS Workshop on November 14, 2023. Cost to the district is \$125.00.

Recommend that Mrs. Allyson Rust attend Safety Care recertification all-day training at the MIU IV on December 15, 2023 at a cost of \$65.00.

Recommend Mrs. Jamie Heckman to attend the whole day Initial Safety Care two-day training on December 11 -12, 2023 provided through the MIU IV at a cost of \$130.00.

12. Student Travel:

Recommend approval for third grade, approximately 65 students and 9 chaperones, to travel to the Mercer County Courthouse on December 7, 2023. The PEP Association is covering the cost of one bus for transportation. One handicap van is also requested.

Recommend approval for third grade, approximately 65 students and 9 chaperones, to travel to the Youngstown Playhouse on January 19, 2024 to view *Alice in Wonderland: The musical*. The PEP Association is covering \$5.00 per student as well as two buses for transportation. One handicap van is also requested.

Recommend approval for first grade, approximately 90 students and 10 chaperones, to travel to the Youngstown Playhouse on March 8, 2024 to view a performance of *Shrek: The Musical*. The PEP Association is covering \$5.00 per student as well as two buses for transportation. One handicap van is also requested.

Recommend approval for third grade, approximately 65 students and 12 chaperones, to travel to the Munnell Run Farm, Mercer, PA on May 23, 2024. The PEP Association is covering \$3.00 per student as well as one bus for transportation. One handicap van and one substitute nurse are requested for the day, which is the only expenses to the school district. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Mr. Kevin Reese to accompany 8 to 10 students to Shenango High School on November 21, 2023 for a Special Olympics preview. The cost to the district is for two school vans for transportation.

Recommend approval for Mr. Jonathan Freidhoff to accompany five Wind Ensemble students to Slippery Rock University on December 7 through 9, 2023 to participate in Honors Band. The only cost to the district is the use of a school van and a substitute for two days. (\$200)

Recommend approval for Mrs. Marlena Priester to accompany approximately 40 culinary students on December 18, 2023 to the Historic City County Building in Pittsburgh, PA to see their gingerbread houses on display and to visit PPG Place for ice skating. One bus is requested for transportation which is being paid for by the culinary club and the students. One substitute teacher is needed, which is the only expense to the school district. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Mr. Jonathan Freidhoff to accompany three band students to Hopewell High School on January 11 through 13, 2024 to participate in the PMEA District Band Festival. The cost to the district is the use of a school van for three days, a substitute for two days (\$200) and lodging for two days. (\$275)

Recommend approval for Mr. Jonathan Freidhoff to accompany 20 band students to Grove City College on January 17 and 18, 2024 to participate in the Mercer County Band Festival. The only cost to the district is bussing for two days and a substitute teacher for two days. (\$200)

Recommend approval for Mr. Jonathan Freidhoff to accompany one student to Hickory High School on February 7 through 9, 2024 to participate in the PMEA Orchestra Festival. The only cost to the district is the use of a school van for three days and a substitute teacher for three days. (\$300)

Student Travel (Continued):

Recommend approval for Mrs. Danielle Ross to accompany two students to Youngtown State University on April 17, 2024 for the YSU English Festival to compete and attend writing seminars. The cost to the district is registration for the two students (\$20), a substitute teacher for the day (\$100), and the use of a school van.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Michalee Christy to accompany approximately 50 choral students on April 25 through 27, 2024 to Williamsburg, VA to perform at Colonial Williamsburg. One substitute teacher is needed for two days (\$200), which is the only expense to the school district.

Recommend approval for the Teens2Career program (United Way) to attend a career day at Slippery Rock University on December 5, 2023. There's no cost to the school district.

13. Facilities:

Recommend approval for Mr. Doug Edney and the Conservation Club to use the High School Cafeteria on March 2, 2024 for the Game Dinner Fundraiser. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Recommend approval for the Twirling Angels to use the elementary gymnasium on Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a baton recital. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Open agenda item from October 2023 board meeting.

Recommend approval for *The Chapel at Mercer* to use the elementary LGI, entrance, hallway, cafeteria/old gym and a projector, to conduct worship service during their sanctuary roof and wall repairs. This request is for every Sunday beginning January 7 through March 31, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All aspects of the facility agreement and fees will be applicable.

14. Recommend approval for the musical *Hello, Dolly!* to be held April 11 – 13, 2024.
15. Recommend approval to accept the copier and printer bid from Toshiba Business Solutions for \$3,599.31/month.
16. Recommend approval of an annual telescopic bleacher inspection performed by Eichenlaub Co., for both the elementary and middle/high school buildings, in the amount of \$1,750.00 per year. This is a three-year agreement.
17. Recommend approval to accept the attached Field Placement Agreement between Mercer Area School District and Youngstown State University.
18. Recommend approval to purchase a 10-passenger van from Bill McCandless Ford, Mercer, PA for \$59,898.00.
19. Recommend approval for the Superintendent to pursue an agreement with the State Constables to provide security/peacekeeping within Mercer Area School District, during school hours.

20. Recommend approval of Policy# 823, Naloxone. (The first read was October 2023.)
21. Discussion to set the date and time of the re-organizational board meeting.
22. Other Business
23. Adjournment

FYI

Nov. 22	Early Dismissal (1:00 & 1:15 p.m.)
Nov. 23 – Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
November 30	School Board Committee Meetings (Tentative)
Dec. 2	Breakfast with Santa @ 9:00 a.m. high school café
Dec. 5	HS Band Winter Concert
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Dec. 15	<i>Re-organization meeting</i>
Dec. 17	Elem Band/Chorus Holiday Concert @ 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 18	M/HS Choral Concert @ p.m.
Dec. 19	Mercer Elementary Holiday Feast @ 5:00 p.m. elementary café.
Dec. 20 – Jan. 2, 2024	Christmas Staff Luncheon
	Christmas Break (No School)