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AGENDA
OCTOBER BOARD MEETING
October 16, 2023
High School Library
7:30 p.m.

Executive Session (7:00 p.m.): 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 meeting of September 16, 2023, the Transportation Committee and Curricular/Extra-Curricular Committee Meetings on October 12, 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. **Student Discipline:**
Approval of student discipline as recommended by the Discipline Committee.

9. **Personnel:**

Resignations:

Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Vicki Reed as a middle/high school cafeteria monitor and a door monitor (through ESS), effective October 1, 2023.

Hire:

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Christine Rowe as a substitute van driver at a rate of \$65/day, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire the following weekend boiler operators.

- Mark Shoemaker at \$10.00/hour
- Barry Gosnell at \$10.00/hour

Recommend approval of the 2023-24 Winter Coaches, per the attached list, pending clearances.

Recommend approval of the 2023-24 advisors, per the attached list.

FMLA:

Recommend approval of a 12 week Family Medical Leave for Mrs. Emilie Mulneix, to begin approximately Dec. 16, 2023. Mrs. Mulneix will use 30 sick days and 30 FMLA days.

EDUCATIONAL STAFFING SOLUTIONS (ESS):

Hire/Resignations:

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

10. **Staff Development:**

Recommend approval for Mrs. Wendy McClure, Mr. Tyler Hile and Mrs. Michelle Santom to attend Health/Physical Education Network Training with PDE at MIU4 on December 4, 2023. There is no cost for registration. One substitute teacher for each is the only expense for the day. (\$300)

11. **Student Travel:**

Recommend approval for Mrs. Maggie Ference to accompany six (6) Mercer Elementary Student Council members to PBIS Student Leadership Summit at MIU4 on October 24, 2023. There is no cost for the registration. The only expense to the school district is for one van and one substitute that is requested for the day. (\$100)

Student Travel (Continued)

Recommend approval for Mrs. Michalee Christy to accompany Advanced Chamber Choir students, approximately three, to Westminster College October 26-28, 2023. One substitute and the use of one school van is requested for the day. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Mr. Jonathan Freidhoff to accompany band students to Slippery Rock University on November 7, 2023 for Honors Band auditions. The total cost to the district is for one substitute teacher for the day (\$100) and one bus for transportation.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Michalee Christy to accompany approximately 20 Show Choir students to the following events:

- Dec. 1, 2023 at 1:15 p.m. – Quality of Life, Mercer, PA. One substitute is requested (\$100) and one bus for transportation.
- Dec. 1, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. – Mercer Light Up Night. No substitute and no transportation needed. There is no expense to the school district.
- Dec. 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Buhl Park Light Up Night, Sharon, PA and Rotary Christmas Gala at Mehard Manor, Mercer, PA. No substitute is needed. One bus is requested for transportation and is the only expense to the school district.
- Dec. 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. – Lion's Club, Fredonia PA. No substitute is needed. One bus is requested for transportation and is the only expense to the school district.
- Dec. 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. – Cottage Gardens, Hermitage, PA (Saturday) No substitute or transportation is requested. There is no expense to the school district.
- Dec. 11, 2023 at 5:45 p.m. – Shenango on the Green, New Wilmington, PA. No substitute is needed. One bus is requested for transportation and is the only expense to the school district.
- Dec. 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. – Brandy Springs Park, Mercer, PA. There is no expense to the school district.
- Dec. 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. – The Lakes at Jefferson, Mercer, PA. There is no expense to the school district.
- Dec. 18, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. – Courthouse and Avalon Springs, Mercer. One substitute teacher (\$100) and one bus is requested for transportation, and is the expense to the school district. (This trip will include 10 Chamber Choir students)
- Dec. 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. – Big Brothers, Big Sisters, at First Presbyterian Church, New Castle, PA. No substitute teacher requested. One bus is requested for transportation and is the only expense to the school district.
- Dec. 19, 2023 at 7:45 a.m. – Mercer Elementary School. One substitute teacher is requested (\$100) and is the only expense to the school district. No transportation is needed.

12. Facilities:

Recommend approval for *The Chapel at Mercer* to use the elementary school on Sunday, October 22, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., for worship service and to have a meal to celebrate their mortgage payoff. Use of the LGI, cafeteria/old gym, kitchen, projector, tables and chairs are requested. All aspects of the facility agreement and fees will be applicable.

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.

Recommend approval for Mercer Midget Football to use the high school cafeteria for their banquet on November 13, 2023.

13. Recommend approval to accept one fourth grade tuition student to Mercer Elementary School, at a rate of \$5000.00 per year, which will be pro-rated for the 2023-24 school year.
14. Recommend approval for Mercer Area School District to participate as plaintiffs in a nationwide multidistrict litigation against social media companies in federal court in the Northern District of California.
15. Recommend approval to grant authorization to Ronald R. Rowe, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, to sign any fee agreement related to the multidistrict litigation against social media companies.
16. Recommend approval of the attached 2024 TCC (Tax Collection Committee) Delegate Appointment Resolution, effective January 1, 2024.
17. Recommend approval to purchase books for the elementary library, per the attached list.
18. Recommend approval of the contract between Mercer Area School District and Woodring Detective Agency & Security Service LLC., Guys Mills, PA, for school security for the remainder of 2023.
19. Recommend approval to terminate the Police Agreement between Mercer Area School District and Mercer Borough, effective immediately. All agreement termination requirements have been met.

20. Recommend approval to accept the maintenance truck bid from McCandless Ford, Mercer, PA in the amount of \$45,375.00, as attached.
21. Recommend approval for a cooperative agreement between Mercer Area School District and Hermitage School District to form a girls' wrestling team. Mercer girls would wrestle for Hermitage. The cost of the co-op to Mercer would be the cost associated with van transportation of the team to scheduled meets/tournaments.
22. Other Business
23. Adjournment

****First read of Policy# 823 - Naloxone***

FYI:

October 18	M/HS Fall Choral Concert @ 7 p.m. - HS Auditorium
October 20	5 th Grade Career Day
October 24	In-Review Band Concert @ 7 p.m. - HS gym
October 28	Honors Chorus Concert @ 2:00 p.m. @ Westminster College
<u>November 2</u>	<u>2nd Quarter Begins</u>
November 5	Daylight saving time ends – fall back one hour!
November 7	<u>Election Day</u>
November 8	K-12 Report Cards
November 11	Veteran's Day Program @ <u>9:30 a.m.</u> - Elementary gym
November 16	School Board Committee Meetings (tentative)
November 17	First Day for Winter Sports Practice
November 17 & 18	Madrigal Dinner - HS cafeteria @ 6:00 p.m.
<u>November 20</u>	<u>Board Meeting</u>