

# **MERCER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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# AGENDA OCTOBER BOARD MEETING October 21, 2024 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**

- Call to order and flag salute by the President.
- 2. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2024.
- 3. Approve the Treasurer's Report, all bills as listed and financial statements.
- Communications.
- 5. Board committee reports.
- 6. Administrative reports.
- Public comments.

#### 8. Personnel:

#### Resignation:

Accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Kerry VanWoert as a middle school assistant track coach, effective immediately.

#### <u>Hire:</u>

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Allison Shealy as a van driver at a rate of \$75/day, pending clearances.

The Mercer Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, creed, age, handicaps, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational or employment policies.

#### Personnel (Continued):

Recommend approval to hire the following weekend boiler operators.

- Mark Shoemaker at \$10.00/hour
- Dylan Hetrick at \$10.00/hour

Recommend approval of the 2024-25 Winter Coaches, per the attached list, pending clearances.

#### **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.

#### 9. **Staff Development:**

Recommend approval for Mr. Tyler Hile and Mrs. Michelle Santom to attend a Health and PE Workshop on Friday, November 22, 2024 at MIU4. The only cost to the district is two substitute teachers for the day. (\$200)

Recommend approval for Mr. Michael Stabile to attend the PASBO Conference in Hershey, PA on March 11 - 14, 2025. Total cost to the district is \$881.00.

#### 10. **Student Travel:**

Recommend approval for Mr. Doug Schmid to accompany the Tech Ed club to Baird Brothers and East Coast Chair and Barstool on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. The only cost to the district is the use of a school van and a substitute teacher for the day. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Mr. Eric Mausser or Mrs. Amanda Simpson to accompany the RYLA students to the Rotary Luncheon on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. The only cost to the district is the use of a school van.

#### 11. Facilities:

Recommend approval for Mr. Buck Baldwin to use the Mercer Elementary Gymnasium and Mercer Elementary Cafeteria to host 14U and 15U Mercer Club Volleyball practices, scrimmages, and open gym sessions for Mercer Elementary, middle, JV and varsity players between December 2024 and March 2025. Availability will be determined by the athletic director.

Recommend approval for Mr. Buck Baldwin to use the Mercer Elementary Gymnasium and Mercer Elementary Cafeteria to host a 14U and 17U Volleyball Tournament from 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. on March 8 & 9, 2025. Visitors will be charged \$5.00 for admission. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

#### Facilities (Continued):

Recommend approval for Mercer Midget Football to use the high school cafeteria for their banquet on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Recommend approval for the Mercer Elementary Student Council and the Positivity and Kindness Krew (PAKK) to host a holiday feast dinner for elementary families, in the elementary cafeteria, on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Recommend approval for the Shenango Valley Chapter of Wrestling Officials to use the LGI on the following dates: (November 3, December 8 & 15, 2024, January 5 & 19, and February 22, 2025) All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Recommend approval for Student Council to hold a 5K color run on the middle/high school campus on Sunday, April 13, 2025. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

- 12. Recommend approval of an agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for speech & language services from October 15, 2024 to November 26, 2024, as attached.
- 13. Recommend approval of a continuation of the cooperative agreement with the Grove City Area School District for boys' & girls' swimming & diving for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, per the attached.
- 14. Recommend approval of an agreement between Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV and Mercer Area School District, for the use, reporting and audit of Pass Through Funds, associated with IDEA-B Section 611, in the amount of \$277,923.65.
- 15. Recommend approval of an agreement between Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV and Mercer Area School District, for IDEA-Section 619, in the amount of \$1,185.00 for the 2024-25 school year.
- 16. Recommend approval for Mrs. Kimberly Paglia, MIU4 employee, to use a school van to transport one (1) Mercer student, once each quarter, to receive services provided by MIU4 during the 2024-2025 school year (dates & times TBD). Mrs. Paglia has provided all required documentation to the school district to utilize a school van.
- 17. Recommend approval for Mr. Eric Mausser, Mrs. Shelley Rowe, and Dr. Ronald Rowe to attend the NBRS (National Blue Ribbon School) Awards Ceremony in Washington D.C. on November 7 & 8, 2024. Total cost to the district will include lodging, meals and transportation.
- 18. Recommend approval of the purchase of a utility trailer from TrailersPlus Pittsburgh North, in the amount of \$3,831.15

- 19. Recommend approval of a five-year renewal with Tri-County Industries, Inc., for waste and recycling removal services. The contract begins December 31, 2024. Tri-County, our current vendor, was the only company to submit an RFP.
- 20. Recommend approval of the attached 2025 TCC (Tax Collection Committee) Delegate Appointment Resolution, effective January 1, 2025.
- Set the date for the December reorganization meeting. 21.
- Other Business 22.
- Adjournment 23.

#### FYI:

October 23	M/HS Fall Choral Concert @ 7:30 p.m HS Aud. (Please note the time change)
October 25	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Begins</u>
November 1	K-12 Report Cards
November 3	Daylight saving time ends – fall back one hour!
November 5	Election Day
November 8	Veteran's Day Program @ 9:30 a.m Elementary gym
November 14	School Board Committee Meetings (tentative)
November 15	First Day for Winter Sports Practice

November 15 & 16 Madrigal Dinner - HS cafeteria @ 6:00 p.m.

**Board Meeting** November 18