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AGENDA
MAY BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2025
High School Library
7:30 PM

Work Session 6:45 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 minutes from the April 28, 2025 regular board meeting.
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.
8. **Personnel:**
Hires:
Recommend approval to hire Ms. Kelly Heffern as an instrumental music teacher on Step 3 of the Masters salary scale, \$58,153, with full benefits, beginning with the 2025-26 school year, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Mr. Vito Pilosi IV as a part-time (1/2 time) social studies teacher on Step 1 of the Bachelors salary scale, \$27,775, with no benefits, beginning with the 2025-26 school year, 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):

Promotion:

Recommend approval to promote Mrs. Cassie Washil to a full time secondary social studies teacher, beginning with the 2025-26 school year, on Step 4 of the Master's salary scale, \$58,460, with full benefits

Recommend approval to hire summer maintenance employees, as follows, pending clearances. Wages listed accordingly and there are no benefits with these positions.

➤ Pressley Washil @ \$9.25/hour

9. Recommend approval to add Mrs. Erin Ellis and Mrs. Anna Cook as substitute chaperones (only if needed) for the Junior Class trip to Cedar Point on May 29, 2025. Total additional cost to the district is \$100.00 for one sub.
10. Elect the Board Treasurer for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. (Arthur Amos is currently serving as Board Treasurer)
11. Recommend approval of the *proposed final budget* for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of **\$21,008,086**
12. Recommend approval of the list of 2025 Mercer Area Senior High School graduates pending satisfactory completion of required courses, number of credits, and the high school principal's approval (list attached).
13. Recommend the following Per Capita and Act 511 Taxes be re-enacted for the 2025-2026 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
14. Recommend approval of the costars bid from SportFloors to sand, repaint, and finish the Middle/High School gym floor for \$40,630. The contracted work will take place in the summer of 2025.
15. Recommend approval for Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall & Sennett, P.C. (Knox Law) to continue as the Mercer Area School District solicitor for the 2025-26 school year, at billing rates specified on the attached rate schedule.

16. Recommend approval of a three (3) year subscription, June 1, 2025-June 30, 2028, with Satchel Pulse for social emotional learning (SEL) screening software.
17. Recommend approval of an agreement between the Mercer Area School District and MHY Services to provide special education services and programming for two (2) students at Longmore Academy for the 2025-2026 school year.
18. Recommend approval of an agreement between Glade Run Lutheran Services and Mercer Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year.
19. Recommend approval to permit one fourth grade student to attend Mercer Elementary as a tuition student at the rate of \$5000.00 per year for 2025-2026 school year.
20. Recommend approval to waive penalties and interest due for delinquent school taxes associated with the following tax parcels. (Previously Mercer Forge Properties)

Control Numbers:	65-2530	65-8120
	65-4130	65-607577
	65-5110	65-607625
	65-5910	

21. Recommend approval of the following maintenance supplies bids for the 2025-26 school year as follows:

DeSantis Janitor Supply Co.	\$ 35.00
The Hearn Paper Co.	1,290.00
Mon-D-Aid Cleanit Co.	8,941.60
United Sales USA Corp.	<u>154.76</u>
Total	\$10,421.36

22. Recommend approval to award the coal bid for the 2025-26 school year to Penn Keystone Coal Co., LLC in the amount of \$169.80 per delivered ton. This is a one (1) year agreement with two (2), one-year renewals.
23. Recommend approval to award the sealcoating bid for the 2025-26 school year to J & T Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$24,723.00 for sealcoating at Mercer Elementary and crack sealing at both buildings.
24. Recommend approval of two (2) agreements with SERVPRO for emergency response & mitigation services and for the cleaning of football and all other athletic uniforms for the 2025-2026 school year.
25. Determine athletic ticket prices beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

26. Recommend approval to set the millage for the 2025-2026 school year at _____.
(The current millage is 67.75)
27. Recommend approval of the 2025 Homestead and Farmstead exclusion resolution, and setting of the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion credit amount.
28. Recommend approval to purchase books for the middle/high school library, per the attached list.
29. Recommend approval of Policy# 915 (*Booster/Parent Organization*), as presented at the April 28, 2025 board meeting.
30. Other Business.
31. Adjournment

FYI:

May 23	Middle/High School Band Concert
May 26	NO School – Memorial Day
May 28	Baccalaureate @ 7:30 p.m. in high school auditorium
May 29	Junior Class Trip to Cedar Point
May 30	Last Day for Students
"	Senior Awards Ceremony in high school auditorium @ 8:45 am
"	Grade 6 Promotion @ 10:00 a.m. in elementary gym
"	K-6 Report Card Distribution
"	Early Dismissal 12:00 (Elem) and 12:15 (Middle/High School)
"	Commencement @ 7:30 p.m. in high school auditorium
June 2	Teacher In-Service Day