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**AGENDA
JUNE BOARD MEETING
June 16, 2025**

**High School Library
7:30 PM**

Work Session 7:00 P.M.:

Closed – Personnel, litigation, student discipline and Annual School District Safety Report

Open – Agenda, general questions and comments

Agenda

1. Call to order and flag salute by the President.
2. Approve the following minutes:
 - The regular board meeting of May 19, 2025
 - Community Relations meeting on June 12, 2025
 - Curricular and Extra Curricular meeting on June 12, 2025
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.

8. **Personnel:**

Resignation:

Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Dalton Stoops as Asst. Band Director, effective immediately.

Hire:

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Kristen Sansone for the supplemental position of Dean of Students, in the elementary school. This position will pay the amount of \$7,500 for 15 additional days, beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Recommend approval to hire Ms. Kaitlyn Schmidt as a full-time mathematics teacher on step 1 of the Bachelor's scale, in the amount of \$55,550 and full benefits.

Recommend approval to hire Mr. Charles Bigelow as a full time Assistant Middle/High School Principal. This is a 260-day position with a salary of \$88,000 and full benefits, beginning July 1, 2025.

Recommend approval of the coaches list for fall 2025, as attached.

Recommend approval for the following band advisors, pending clearances.

- Amelia Taylor – Dance Line
- Lacey Weaver – Majorettes
- Samantha Daniels – Assistant Director

Recommend approval of the additional summer maintenance employees, pending clearances and paperwork, as attached.

Logan Nugent	Jayden Amos
Hailey Doolin	Derrick King
Makayla Crossland	Daphne Fox

Recommend approval of Mr. Dustin Snyder as a volunteer Girls Basketball Coach beginning with summer conditioning, pending clearances.

FMLA:

Recommend approval of an unpaid 30 day family medical leave for Mrs. Erica Mild beginning August 27, 2025 through October 8, 2025.

9. **Student Travel:**

Recommend approval for Mr. Jeff Lockard and his staff to use 3 to 4 vans to transport football players to Slippery Rock High School for 7 on 7 and linemen competitions on July 15, 2025.

Student Travel (Continued):

Recommend approval for the Junior Class (Class of 2027) to host the Jr.-Sr. Prom at The Avalon at Buhl, on May 8, 2026. There is no cost to the district.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Erin Ellis and Mrs. Anna Cook to accompany the junior class to Cedar Point on June 4, 2026. The only cost to the district is two substitutes for the day. (\$200)

Recommend approval for Ms. Kelly Heffern to accompany the 5M band to Kennywood on August 9, 2025 to march in the Fall Fantasy Parade. The only cost to the school district is transportation.

Recommend approval for Miss Emily Peffer to accompany two students to participate in Extreme Leadership at MIU IV on September 29 and December 2, 2025, February 24 and April 8, 2026.

Recommend approval for Mr. Nate Crooks to use a school van to accompany golfers to Mount Hope Golf Course in Guys Mills. Dates and times to be determined.

10. **Facilities Request:**

Recommend approval for Mercer Midget and PeeWee Youth Football to use the practice field from June 17, 2025 through November 15, 2025. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Recommend approval for Mercer Midget and PeeWee Youth Football to use the Football Field for two home games. The game dates will be coordinated with the Athletic Director based on field availability.

Recommend approval for The Academy of Dance Anatomy (TADA) to use the auditorium for their dance recital on May 1, 2, and 3, 2026. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

11. **Professional Development:**

Recommend approval for Mrs. Meghan Glass to attend *The 2025 Pennsylvania Art Education Association Conference* on October 10 and 11, 2025. The cost to the district is a substitute for one day (\$100) and registration fee (\$185).

12. Request approval for the business manager to make any final budgetary transfers necessary to close the books for the 2024-25 school year.

13. Recommend approval of the Mercer Area School District General Fund Budget of **\$21,008,086** for the 2025-2026 school year.

14. Recommend approval of the food service management company bid to AVI Food Systems, Inc. and Mercer Area School District beginning with the 2025-26 school year. This is a one (1) year agreement with four (4) – one year renewals.
15. Recommend approval of the following depositories for the 2025-26 fiscal year:
 - First National Bank** – General Fund, Payroll, Revolving Account, Cafeteria Fund and Yearbook, Flexible Spending Account, Real Estate Tax and Escrow Tax, and Organization Fund
 - Huntington** – Vending Account
 - PLGIT** – General Fund (Debt Service, Capital Projects, Employee Benefit and Cafeteria Accounts)
 - Black Rock** – Capital Reserve Account
 - Mercer County State Bank** – Revolving Account, Cafeteria Fund, Yearbook, Organization Fund and Mercer Area School District Foundation
16. Recommend approval for Mercer County Food Bank and Bethany Church to establish a food pantry for students at the middle-high school.
17. Discussion to appoint voting delegates(s) who will represent Mercer Area School District at the 2025 PSBA Delegate Assembly on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.
18. Recommend approval, in accordance with Section 1121 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, that the following teachers be granted tenure based on the successful completion of three years of satisfactory service in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as recommended by the superintendent, Dr. Ronald R. Rowe, Jr.
 - ❖ Mrs. Anna Cook
 - ❖ Mrs. Erin Ellis
 - ❖ Mrs. Cassie Washil
19. Recommend approval of a renewal of the agreement with Custom Computer Specialists for the use of Infinite Campus as the school district’s student information system for the 2025-2026 school year.
20. Recommend approval of a renewal with NWEA in the amount of \$14,440 for diagnostic assessment software for the 2025-2026 school year.
21. Recommend approval of a renewal with CharacterStrong in the amount of \$8,588.60 for a three (3) year subscription for social emotional (SEL) curriculum.
22. Recommend approval to purchase a new science curriculum series from SAVVAS for grades 5-8 in the amount of \$90,874.55.

23. Recommend approval of EVS (AVI Foodsystems, Inc.) budget for custodial services for the 2025-26 school year, in the amount of \$417,869.
24. Recommend approval of the following athletic ticket prices beginning in the 2025-26 school year. Adults (all sports) \$5.00. Students (all sports) \$3.00. Attached, please find discounted season pass information.
25. Recommend approval of the following Parent Booster/Support Organization(s) for the 2025-26 school year, as they meet the requirements set forth by the Mercer Area School Board in Policy 915, as follows:

Football Boosters
Elementary Cross-Country Boosters
26. Recommend approval to award the Chromebook and Tablet bid to Ford Office Technologies, as attached.
27. Recommend approval of a Judicial Tax Sale for property located at 8 Clintonville Road, Mercer PA, Map No. 2025- 1559, in Findley Twp.
28. Other Business
29. Adjournment.

FYI:

July 4

July 21

Independence Day – School offices closed

Next School Board Meeting